

City of Saskatoon Transit Updates



- **New Buses** - Saskatoon Transit has started to receive some of our new buses. We are expecting 10 new 40' buses to arrive this September. We are also expecting 10 new 60' articulating buses near the end of September. These new buses will greatly improve our service reliability and ensure that we do not need to cut any high school routes going into the winter months.
- **Introduction of Routes 339 Meadows and 340 Rosewood** – Route 339 was not expected to launch until later in October. However, with our new buses arriving, we have introduced both routes. As of September 8th, Route 339 will service Rosewood Meadows once in the AM and once in the PM.
- **Full Service** – As of September 8th, we are back to full service levels, which includes Routes 325, 336, 339 and 340. With the new additions to our fleet, our hope is that there will be no need for service cuts over the fall and winter terms.
- **Full Buses** – Saskatoon Transit has been actively monitoring its Full Buses via a button push in the bus (at time of a full bus) and through Customer feedback. With additional frequency on several routes such as Route 8, Route 17, and the routes 4/40s we are seeing much fewer full buses this fall in comparison to last year.
- **60' articulating buses and additional capacity** – These larger buses are very useful in providing additional capacity on routes where it isn't feasible

to add more frequency or an additional trip. Using our Full Bus data, Saskatoon Transit will be able to add a 60' articulating bus to those routes (ie: Route 340 Rosewood) where students are boarding all at the same time and where the bus is nearing full capacity.

- **Regular frequency & alternative trip plans** – we continue to encourage students to adjust their schedules or try a different route or trip plan if they are finding that their bus is full or not arriving on time. In addition to our high school extras, we continue to support the high schools with regular 30-minute service. In some cases, this frequency is as frequent as 10 minutes.
- **Boarding & Moving to the back of bus** – we always encourage students to have their fare ready, remove backpacks, and to move to the back of the bus to ensure that everyone has a place to sit or stand when boarding.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, Saskatoon Transit is implementing several service changes to better support high school students on routes where we experienced full buses last fall. These changes are designed to improve reliability, reduce overcrowding and align more closely with school bell times.

What's Changing – Effective August 31, 2025

- **Overall improvements:** (impacted high schools in italics)
 - **Route 4/43 City Centre/Evergreen , Route 4/44 City Centre/Willowgrove, Route 4/45 City Centre/Arbour Creek and Route 4/46 City Centre/115th Street**
 - Increased frequency (*Centennial High School, St Joseph High School*)

- **Route 8 City Centre/Centre Mall**
 - Improved frequency between 8th Street between the City Centre and Centre Mall (*Evan Hardy, Aden Bowman*)
- **Route 10 University/Centre Mall**
 - new route (replacing Routes 81 and 82) with increased frequency and will use articulated buses on some trips to increase capacity (*Holy Cross, Walter Murray, Aden Bowman, Bishop Murray*)
- **Route 16 Eastview/City Centre**
 - local route changes for more efficient schedule and routing (*Holy Cross, Walter Murray*)
- **Route 17 Lawson Heights Stonebridge**
 - Replaces Route 13, new evening and weekend service for Lawson Heights Mall terminal; added frequency between Stonebridge and USask (*Aden Bowman, Bishop Mahoney*)
- **Routes 18 College Park/University & 83 Stonebridge**
 - Are now interlined with route and schedule changes (*Holy Cross, Walter Murray, Evan Hardy*)
- **Route 84 Briarwood, 86 Rosewood and 87 Meadows**
 - routes are interlined, with routing and schedule changes to improve on-time performance (*Holy Cross, Walter Murray, Evan Hardy, Aden Bowman*)
- **Route 340 Rosewood**
 - replaces the south portion of Route 338 (*Holy Cross, Walter Murray*)
- **Route 339 Meadows**
 - replaces the north portion of Route 338, coming in October (*Holy Cross, Walter Murray*)

- **New High School Routes:**
 - **Route 340 Rosewood** will serve students in Rosewood, Lakeview and Lakeridge, replacing the south portion of Route 338. It connects to Holy Cross High School and Walter Murray Collegiate.
 - **Route 339 Meadows** (coming in October) will serve The Meadows, Lakeview, and Lakeridge, replacing the north portion of Route 338 and also connecting to Holy Cross High School and Walter Murray Collegiate.
- **Temporary Service cuts:** The previous portion of the High School Extra Route 338 through Lakeview along Taylor Street>McKercher Drive>Stillwater Crescent>Weyakwin Cres is cancelled. The new High School Extra Route 339 will service this area and extend to The Meadows later in September.
 - **Regular routes & other trip options still available:** All our regular routes provide regular daytime frequency throughout the day. These are busy areas, so there's a chance the High School extras will be near capacity or full. Students have several trip options for local routes on Preston Avenue (Route 83 Centre Mall/Stonebridge), Taylor Street (Route 10 Centre Mall/University), and at Centre Mall terminal for transfers to other routes.
- **Alignment with bell times**

- Routes 339 and 340 will arrive at Holy Cross and Walter Murray at approximately 8:20 a.m. In the PM, these routes will depart from Walter Murray Collegiate at 3:32 p.m. and Holy Cross shortly after.

- **Increased Capacity:**

- Longer, articulated buses will be added to Routes 10 and 43 during peak hours.
- Route 17 will operate with improved frequency and reliability between Stonebridge and USask, with consistent 10-minute service during peak times by October.
- Increased frequency on Routes 4, 43, 44, 45 and 46 serving Evergreen, Willowgrove, Arbor Creek and 115th Street will provide increased capacity to Centennial & St Joseph High Schools, USask and City Centre.

- **Temporary Reductions:**

- Some routes will see short-term reductions while we await the arrival of new buses by October.. Affected routes include:
- Route 2 Meadowgreen (afternoon)
- Route 22 Confederation
- Route 55 Lakeridge/University, Route 325 (morning) and Route 336 (morning).
- Route 339 Meadows – this High School extra will be introduced in October.
- Routes will have a service notice attached to them in the mobile apps; please check each morning to confirm the status of these routes

- **Trip Planning and updated Maps & Schedules**

- Service changes for both June 29th and August 31st are posted on our website with PDF copies of our newest maps and schedules available at <https://transit.saskatoon.ca/plan-my-trip/routes-schedules>
- For high school route maps, schedules, and updates, visit: <https://transit.saskatoon.ca/plan-my-trip/routes-schedules/high-school-routes>.
- These routes will be available on the Transit app and Google Maps for your trip planning purposes.
- Customers can also visit our Customer Service Centre at 226 23rd Street E in person or call 306.975.3100 and talk with a Customer Service Representative