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# NEWS RELEASE

## Durango Transit Service Changes Effective May 7th

**Durango, CO:** Durango Transit received a reduction in transit grant funding this year as a result of a policy change at the state level. Facing an approximate \$1.5 million annual deficit over the next few years, Durango Transit has been working on modifications to the routes that will meet City Council's goal of a sustainable transit budget while considering the transportation needs of the community.

The final service changes are a result of an extensive public process, ridership data, operational costs, and opportunities to partner with other agencies to mitigate the impact of service reduction. The service changes will go into effect Monday, May 7, 2018.

The key changes to Durango Transit service are:

- Elimination of the Crestview/160 West Route
- Elimination of the Three Springs/Mercy Route
- Partnership with Road Runner Transit to provide service to Three Springs/Mercy at no additional cost to Durango Transit pass holders
- Reconfiguration of the FLC Route on 30 minute headways
- Addition of FLC Morning Commuter Shuttle during academic calendar year
- Main Avenue Trolley service on 30 minute headways
- South Wal-Mart Route on 30 minute headways
- All routes extended to 7 day a week service, year round
- All routes extended to 7:00 am – 9:00 pm service, year round
- Extended Opportunity Bus service (7: 00 am – 9:00 pm, 7 days a week year round)
- No service days on City holidays

Durango Transit entered into an agreement with the Southern Ute Action Community Action Program (SUCAP) Road Runner Transit to offer rides to Durango Transit pass holders to and from Mercy Regional Medical Center and the Durango Transit Center at no additional cost to riders.

Using a Durango Transit pass, riders can board the Road Runner at the Mercy transit stop heading to the Durango Transit Center, Monday through Friday, at 6:30 am, 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 9:05 am, 12:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:55 pm, 5:25 pm. Riders heading from the Transit Center to Mercy can pick up the bus, Monday through Friday, at 7:08 am, 7:48 am, 9:35 am, 10:08 am, 1:08 pm, 3:35 pm, 5:28 pm and 6:03 pm. Durango Transit passes are not eligible for a free ride on the Road Runner Stage Lines service to Grand Junction. For more information about Road Runner Transit, visit [Sucap.org/road-runner-transit](http://Sucap.org/road-runner-transit) or call (970) 563-4545.

For new Durango Transit route maps and more information, please visit [www.durangotransit.com](http://www.durangotransit.com) or call (970) 375-4901.

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