

Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Public Transit Routes

The Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM or soon thereafter on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 to receive public comments regarding proposed modifications, including hours of operation, to Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 20, 30, 32, and 33 of the County public transportation system. Following the close of the public comments, the Board of County Commissioners may modify any or all of these routes. The meeting will be held at Crestview City Hall located at 198 North Wilson Street Crestview, FL 32536. This public transportation service is funded, in part, through the Federal Transit Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners.

The specific changes proposed for each route may be viewed Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the County Transit Building at 600 Transit Way in Fort Walton Beach or 198 S. Wilson Street in Crestview. Written comments sent via fax or email will be received up to 5:00 PM on the close of business on May 27, 2016; written comments sent via mail must be postmarked no later than May 27, 2016. Written comments shall be sent as follows: by mail to Janet Willis, Transit Coordinator & Grants Manager 600 Transit Way, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547; via fax at (850) 833-9286; and via email at ECRider@co.okaloosa.fl.us. Comments must include first and last name, address and phone number to be included as part of the official record.

If the Board of County Commissioners approves the fixed route reductions, the changes will be implemented no earlier than 30 (thirty) days following the date of approval.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and, for such purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

Okaloosa County adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Please call Okaloosa County Growth Management Department, Janet Willis at (850) 833-9173 to make a request. For hearing impaired, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), and 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in order to provide the requested service.

Maps:

<http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/sites/default/files/Maps%20of%20Proposed%20Route%20Changes.pdf>

(May 12, 2016)