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Collier Area Transit (CAT) Route Changes

Approved by Board of County Commissioners to Begin Jan. 2, 2011

Collier Area Transit (CAT) route changes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their Dec. 14 meeting. The route changes were reviewed at a public information meeting on Oct. 5. Subsequently they were approved by the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) after being reviewed and endorsed by the MPO's Citizens, Technical and Pathways Advisory Committees. Current bus route information along with the new route changes can be found on the county's Web site which can be reached through the link: <http://colliergov.net/CAT>

The route changes will provide needed service connections to Pine Ridge Road, Golden Gate Parkway and Goodlette-Frank Road and were recommended as part of the Transit Development Plan (TDP). In addition, the route enhancements include the establishment of a secondary transfer station at the CAT Operations Transfer Facility, 8300 Radio Road to provide transfer connections for routes 3, 5, 6 and 10 (please refer to explanations of routes below).

Route Modifications

CAT Operations Transfer Facility at 8300 Radio Road

Routes 3, 5, 6 and 10 (modified 1A) will connect at the CAT Operations Transfer Facility located at 8300 Radio Road allowing riders to travel directly to the west side of the county along Golden Gate Parkway, Goodlette-Frank Road and Pine Ridge Road without needing to go to the Main Government Transfer Center located at 3331 Tamiami Trail East in order to transfer.

Route 3B – Route Modification

The modifications to Route 3B involve starting at the CAT Operations Transfer Facility, 8300 Radio Road, heading east on Radio Road to Radio Lane; then west on Radio Road to Santa Barbara Blvd.; south on Santa Barbara Blvd. to Davis Boulevard; west on Davis Blvd. to Airport Road; south on Airport Road to the Government Center; then west on US 41; north on Airport Road; east on Davis Blvd., north on Santa Barbara Blvd. then east on Radio Road to make transfers at the CAT Operations Transfer Facility. Then it leaves the CAT transfer facility heading east on Radio Road to Radio Lane; west on Radio Road to Santa Barbara Blvd. north on Santa Barbara Blvd.; east on Golden Gate Parkway; North on Sunshine Blvd.; west on Green Blvd.; south on Santa Barbara Blvd.; west on Davis Blvd.; south on Airport Road to the Government Center. This route will no longer service Radio Road; instead Route 3A will continue to service Radio Road and the frequency (headway) will continue to be 90 minutes.

Route 5 – Route Modification

The modifications to Route 5 involve starting at the CAT Operations Transfer Facility, 8300 Radio Road; east on Radio Road; north on Davis Blvd. to Collier Blvd. (CR 951); north on Collier Blvd. (CR 951); east on Golden Gate Blvd; north on Wilson Blvd; east on Immokalee Road; to Immokalee; then this route will travel back in the reverse order.

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This route will provide additional service to the rural area of Collier County which will provide riders additional frequency at peak times (three more loops) in the morning, at noon and in the afternoon. This route will no longer service Davis Blvd.; instead Route 3B will continue to service Davis Blvd. and the frequency (headway) will continue to be 60 minutes.

Route 6 – Route Modification

The modifications to Route 6 involve starting at the CAT Operations Transfer Facility, 8300 Radio Road east on Radio Road to Davis Blvd.; west on Davis Blvd.; north on Santa Barbara Blvd.; west on Pine Ridge Road; continue servicing Physicians' Regional Medical Center (Napa Blvd.); to Goodlette-Frank Road connecting with Route 10 at the Sweet Bay Plaza; then this route will travel back in the reverse order with the exception that it will not go to Napa Blvd. on the return trip. The frequency will continue to be 90 minutes.

New Route 10 (Former Route 1A) –Route Revisions

The modification to Route 10 involves starting at the CAT Operations Transfer Facility at 8300 Radio Road east on Radio Road to Davis Blvd.; east on Davis Blvd. to Market Street; continue servicing Super Wal-Mart; north on Collier Blvd. (CR 951); west on Golden Gate Parkway; south on US 41; east on Fleishman Blvd. (Coastland Mall) connecting with routes 1B, 2A and 2B; north on Goodlette-Frank Road to Pine Ridge Road connecting with Route 6 at the Sweet Bay Plaza; then this route will travel back in the reverse order with the exception that it will not go to the mall on the return trip. The frequency will be 90 minutes.

Routes 8A and 8B

These routes will provide an additional stop at 2050 Commerce Ave., off Tradeport Parkway making a variety of services available to Immokalee riders including the Salvation Army, the Training & Manufacturing Institute, Child Care Resources, Collier Retreading, and more.

Route 1A – This route will be converted into the new Route 10 (see above).

Current route maps are available at area libraries, employment agencies, government office buildings, hospitals, Naples Area Chamber of Commerce locations and various area businesses and shopping centers. New route maps will soon be available at these locations as well.

CAT operates seven days a week, except for major holidays. CAT's primary passenger transfer location is situated at the Collier County Government Complex at Airport-Pulling Road and U.S. 41 (East Tamiami Trail).

A ride on most CAT routes costs only \$1.50. Transfers are 75 cents, 35 cents for reduced fare passengers with proper identification. Transfers may be used only on connecting routes and may not be used as a return or round trip. Reduced fares are available to senior citizens 65 years and older, people with disabilities, and children under 17 years-old. CAT is the least expensive way to get across Collier County. Reduced fares of 75 cents are available to those who qualify. Children 5 years of age and younger ride for free. All day CAT passes are \$4. Reduced all day passes are \$2. Monthly full fare passes are \$35 and reduced fare monthly passes are \$17.50.

The Marco Express, which is a specialized service that travels a direct route between Immokalee and Marco Island, has a daily use fare of \$2.50 and \$1.50 reduced fare for those who qualify. Monthly bus passes for Marco Express Service are \$70 or \$35 for reduced fare. The Marco Circulator route is the same \$1.50 fare as other regular bus routes.

Bicycle carrier racks are available on the front of the CAT buses so anyone wishing to ride their bike to the bus stop can then take it along and continue riding to their destination.

For more information, contact the Collier Area Transit Operations Transfer Facility at 239-596-7777.

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