



Final Approved System Changes

After an extensive public outreach process over the course of 18 months, during which public comments were incorporated after each of the four (4) rounds of soliciting input, the following are the final system changes that were approved by the COAST Board of Directors. These changes will be implemented on Monday, June 29, 2020.

Service Design

The approved system map and schedules can be found at <https://www.coastbus.org/ourfuture>.

The final approved system design includes 3 regional bus routes connecting the cities of Rochester, Somersworth, Dover and Portsmouth and 10 local bus routes operating within/between a community or neighboring community.

Fares & Fare Media

No changes were proposed to the base cash fare to ride (\$1.50). There will be no free transfers, except between Routes 13, 14 & 43. There will continue to be discounted fare media, including a \$20 15-ride punch ticket and a \$52 monthly pass.

Additionally, based on feedback during the 3rd round of public forums, a new \$20 24-ride Half Fare punch ticket will be made available. Eligibility will be limited to registered COAST half-fare pass holders.

Additional New No Service Holidays

Two additional proposed no service holidays, a cost saving measure, will be Christmas Eve and Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day.

Temporary Extension of Service to Current ADA Clients No Longer Within the New Service Area

Current ADA clients whose homes no longer fall within the service area (as a result of fixed route modifications), will be temporarily eligible to still receive service to/from their home residences through the end of calendar year 2020.