



Public Hearings/Meetings on Proposed Elimination of Route 7 Bus Service

Lack of Local Financial Support Cited

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Dover, NH – On March 5 COAST announced, the proposed elimination of COAST Route 7 bus service, and all associated ADA paratransit service, due to a lack of political and financial support in multiple communities along the route.

In order to inform the public of the basis for the proposed actions, as well as solicit public comment, COAST has established a number of public hearings/meetings within the service corridor. These meetings will be held as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, March 31, 2015	11:00am	Great Bay Community College (Pease Campus)
Tuesday, March 31, 2015	3:00pm	Newmarket Town Hall
Wednesday, April 1, 2015	6:30pm	Exeter Public Library
Thursday, April 2, 2015	3:30pm	Exeter Public Library

The locations and times have been chosen to ensure riders could use COAST services to attend the meetings.

COAST is the designated recipient of Federal funds apportioned to the Rochester-Dover and Portsmouth urbanized areas. As required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), COAST is holding these public hearings/meetings to solicit public input on the consideration of eliminating of Route 7 bus service and associated ADA paratransit service.

Accommodations for those individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please call the COAST Call Center, at (603) 743-5777, extension 107, to arrange rides to and from the meeting.

Written comments should be forwarded to: Executive Director, COAST, 42 Sumner Drive, Dover, NH 03820, and postmarked no later than April 16, 2015. COAST will also accept written comments via email at info@coastbus.org.

Information outlining the proposed action will be available for public review at the public hearing or at the COAST office after March 31. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to make comments, call COAST at (603) 743-5777. Please leave a voicemail if no one is available to speak to you personally.

The Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST) has provided public transit service to the Seacoast New Hampshire region since 1982. Nearly 13 million passengers have boarded COAST buses in that time. COAST is a public, non-profit transit system that relies primarily on federal and local government support to operate.