



## **Salt Lake Express Transportation Coordination Plan**

### **Montana Connections**

**Update Approved Feb 23, 2024**

#### **I. Introduction:**

##### **a.) FTA Guidance**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is developing guidance in the form of circulars to assist grantees in implementing the 5311 (Rural Program) Draft guidance was released in the Federal Register on 3/15/06. Excerpts from this guidance are included below:

Federal guidance on participation in the planning process emphasizes: (1) Ensuring adequate outreach efforts; (2) recognition of outreach efforts; and (3) participation from non-DOT funded partner agencies and organizations. FTA offers potential outreach strategies:

- Notice or flyers in centers of community activities
- Newspaper or radio announcements
- Email lists
- Web-postings
- Invitation letter to other government agencies, transportation providers, and advocacy groups.

FTA further proposes that recipients demonstrate a good faith effort to reach out to specific targeted partners by maintaining copies of notices, newspaper ads, etc., to document their outreach efforts.

FTA also proposes that the lead agency include the following groups and organizations in the coordinated planning process:

- Area transportation planning agencies;
- Transit riders and potential riders, including both general and targeted populations; those individuals with lower incomes, a representational cross-section of individuals with disabilities and older Americans;
- Public transportation providers;
- Private transportation providers, including School bus, taxi services, charter bus operators, etc.;
- Non-profit transportation providers;
- Human service agencies funding and/or supporting access for transportation services;
- Other government agencies that administer health, employment, or other support programs; examples of such programs include Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Workforce

Investment Act (WIA), Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Medicaid, Community Action Programs (CAP), Independent Living Centers (ILC) and Council on Aging (COA) programs.

## **II. Organization Description**

### **Salt Lake Express**

P.O. Box 566  
785 So. Railroad Ave.  
Rexburg, ID. 83440  
800-356-9796

Salt Lake Express is an intercity private for profit Transportation Company that provides intercity fixed route bus services in six states, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and Arizona. SLE currently is a member of the National Bus and Transportation Administration (NBTA) and has greatly benefited from the association. NBTA posts and sells SLE's empty bus seats worldwide. In addition, SLE is currently the contracted Greyhound Connection between Salt Lake City and Great Falls, MT and between Pocatello and Boise, ID., Idaho Falls and Jackson, WY, West Yellowstone, MT and Rexburg, ID. SLE interlines with Greyhound and sells Greyhound tickets out of these locations, provides the transportation for the passengers and receives a percentage back from Greyhound, which is reconciled monthly. SLE has and maintains a positive working relationship with Greyhound and Jefferson Lines. Jefferson Lines is the Greyhound provider we coordinate with in Montana at the Butte Bus Terminal.

#### **SLE Montana Connections Boarding Locations**

##### **Great Falls-Butte**

#### **Great Falls**

Great Falls Transit center  
326 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S  
800-356-9796

#### **Ulm Junction, MT**

Quigley's Quick Stop  
2 Millegan Rd. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave  
406-866-2030

#### **Cascade, MT**

Tom's Market  
130 1<sup>st</sup> St NW  
406-468-2252

#### **Craig, MT**

Trout Shop Exit # 234  
110 Bridge Street  
800-337-8528

#### **Wolf Creek, MT**

Canyon Exxon & Store Exit #226  
175 Recreation Rd.  
406-235-4111

#### **Helena, MT**

Capital Transit  
1415 N. Montana Ave  
406-447-8078

#### **Boulder, MT**

Exxon Station  
701 N. Main Street  
406-225-4330

#### **Basin, MT**

Silver Saddle Bar and Cafe exit # 156  
109 Basin Street  
406-225-9995

#### **Butte, MT**

Greyhound Depot  
1324 Harrison Ave  
406-723-3287

# Timestable

Great Falls Schedule			
<b>Southbound</b>			
	<b>0073</b>		
<b>Departures</b>	<b>GF10A</b>	Travel Time	
Great Falls, MT	9:15 PM	12:15 AM	
Ulm Junction, MT	9:30 PM	12:20 AM	
Cascade, MT	9:50 PM	12:25 AM	
Craig Junction, MT	10:15 PM	12:10 AM	
Wolf Creek, MT	10:25 PM	12:35 AM	
Helena, MT	11:00 PM	12:30 AM	
Boulder, MT	11:30 PM	12:10 AM	
Basin, MT	11:40 PM	12:35 AM	
Butte, MT	12:15 AM		
Idaho Falls	9:15 AM		
Salt Lake City	1:40 PM		
St George	9:45 PM		
Las Vegas	11:05 PM		
<b>Northbound</b>			
	<b>0074</b>		
<b>Departures</b>	<b>GF10D</b>	Travel Time	
Las Vegas	6:35 AM		
St George	9:45 AM		
Salt Lake City	4:00 PM		
Idaho Falls	9:25 PM		
Butte, MT	5:30 AM	12:35 AM	
Basin, MT	6:05 AM	12:10 AM	
Boulder, MT	6:15 AM	12:40 AM	
Helena, MT	6:55 AM	12:30 AM	
Wolf Creek, MT	7:25 AM	12:10 AM	
Craig Junction, MT	7:35 AM	12:10 AM	
Cascade, MT	7:45 AM	12:25 AM	
Ulm Junction, MT	8:10 AM	12:20 AM	
Great Falls, MT	8:30 AM		

**Butte-Idaho Falls**

**Butte, MT**

Greyhound Depot  
1324 Harrison Ave  
406-723-3287

**Dillon, MT**

Safeway  
570 N Montana St  
406-683-5002

**Lima, MT**

Jan's Café  
108 Bailey St  
406-276-3484

**Dubois, ID**

Ike's 66  
424 Main St.  
208-374-5381

**Idaho Falls, ID**

SLE Greyhound Depot(Shaka's)  
1520 Grandview Ave.  
208-522-3345

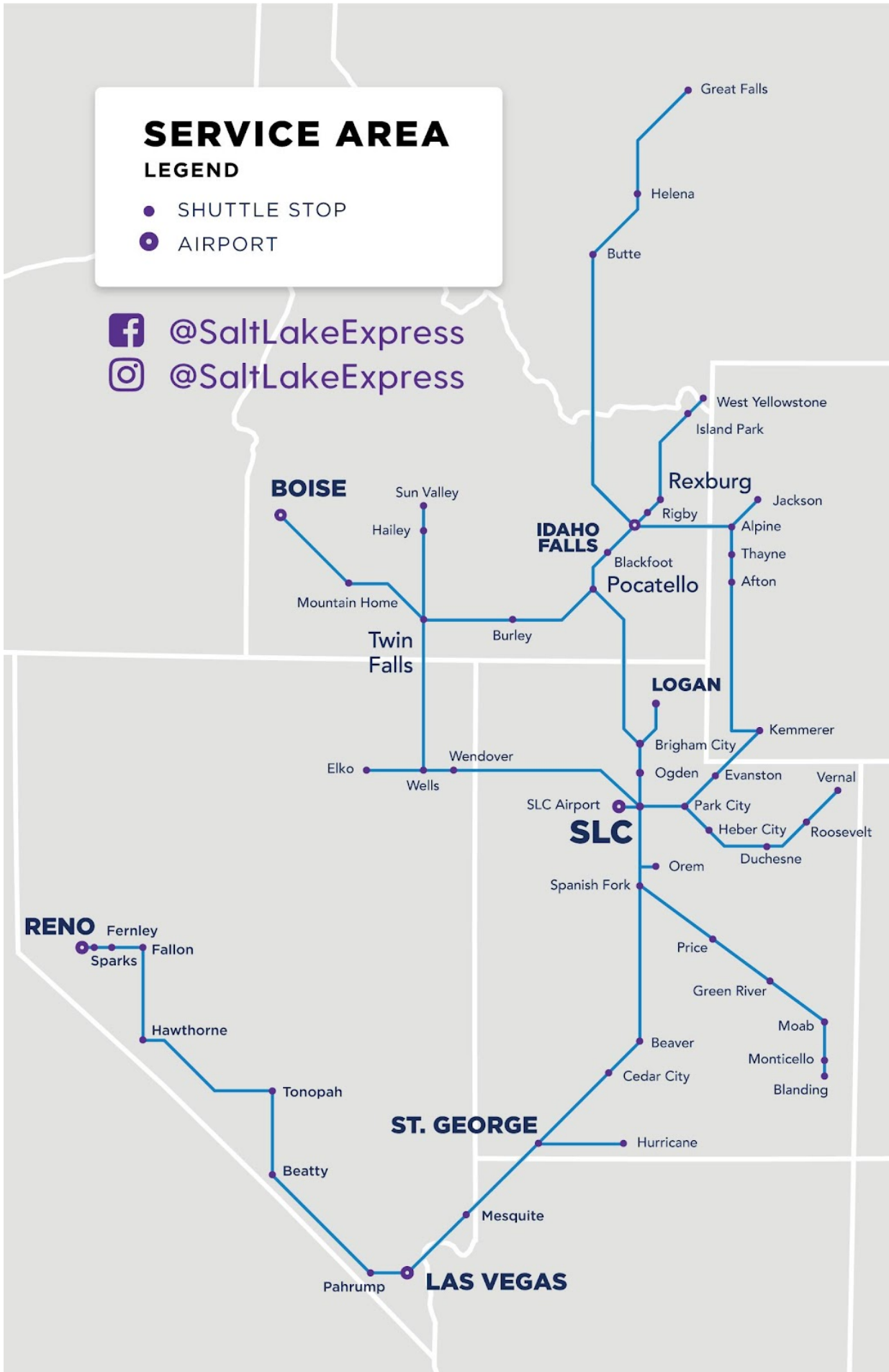
Idaho Falls-Butte Schedule		
<b>Northbound</b>		
	<b>0002</b>	
<b>Departures</b>	<b>BS10D</b>	Travel Time
Las Vegas	6:35 AM	
St George	9:45 AM	
Salt Lake City	4:00 PM	
Idaho Falls	9:00 PM	12:40 AM
Dubois	9:40 PM	12:50 AM
Lima	10:30 PM	12:40 AM
Dillon	11:10 PM	12:30 AM
Melrose	11:40 PM	12:35 AM
Butte	12:15 AM	
Great Falls	8:30 AM	
<b>Southbound</b>		
	<b>0001</b>	
<b>Departures</b>	<b>BS10A</b>	
Great Falls	9:45 PM	
Butte	5:30 AM	12:30 AM
Melrose	6:00 AM	12:40 AM
Dillon	6:40 AM	1:00 AM
Lima	7:40 AM	12:45 AM
Dubois	8:25 AM	12:50 AM
Idaho Falls	9:15 AM	
Salt Lake City	1:40 PM	
St George	9:45 PM	
Las Vegas	11:05 PM	

# SERVICE AREA

## LEGEND

- SHUTTLE STOP
- AIRPORT

 @SaltLakeExpress  
 @SaltLakeExpress



BOOK EARLY AND SAVE!

# SALT LAKE *Express*

## GET OUT OF TOWN!

Whether you are traveling for business, visiting family or planning a weekend getaway, we can help you get there.



EXPRESS DEALS  
**\$38**  
FARE  
GREAT FALLS - HELENA

EXPRESS DEALS  
**\$48**  
FARE  
BUTTE - GREAT FALLS

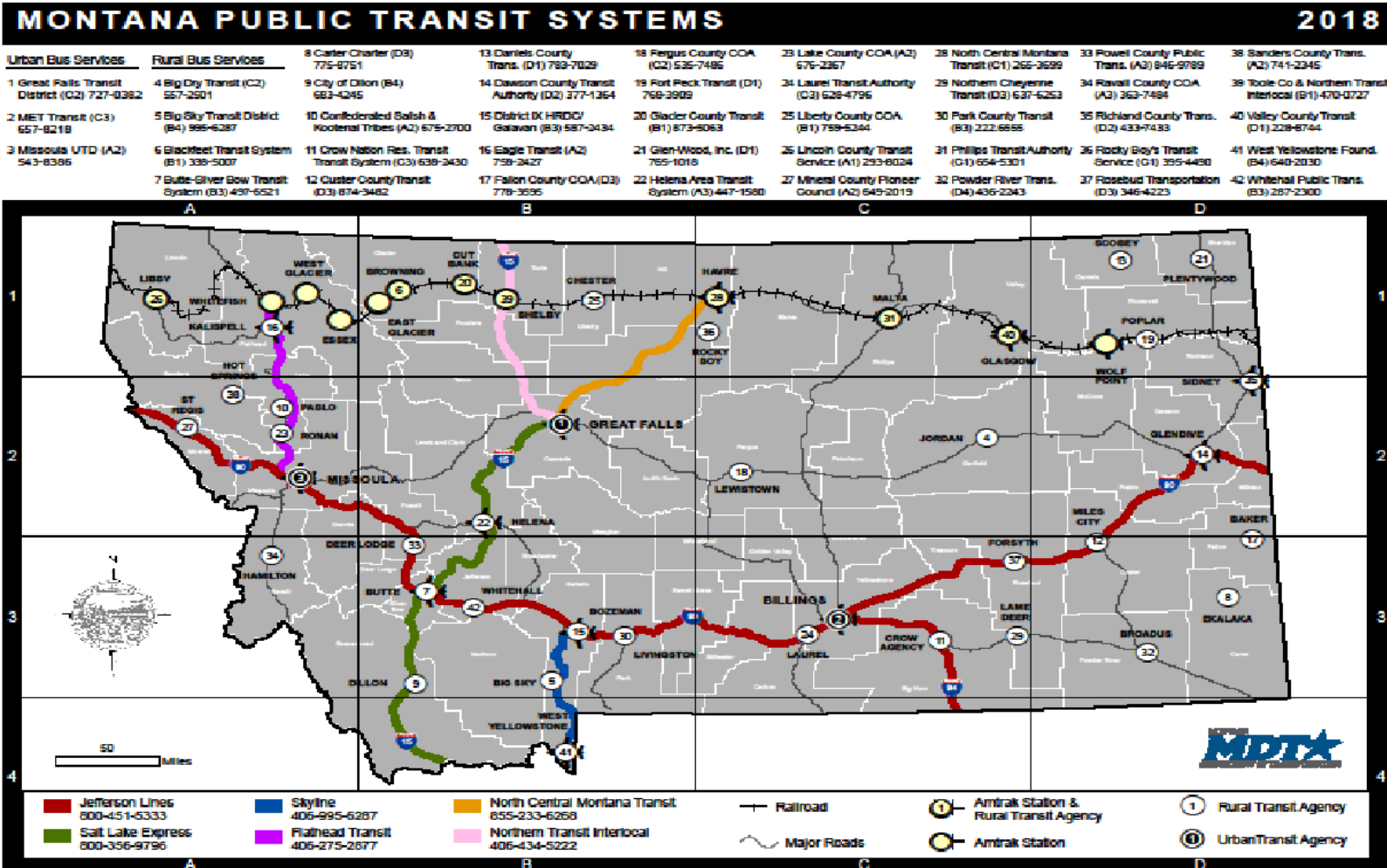
EXPRESS DEALS  
**\$43**  
FARE  
GREAT FALLS - BOULDER



Book Now: [SaltLakeExpress.com](http://SaltLakeExpress.com) • (208) 656-8824

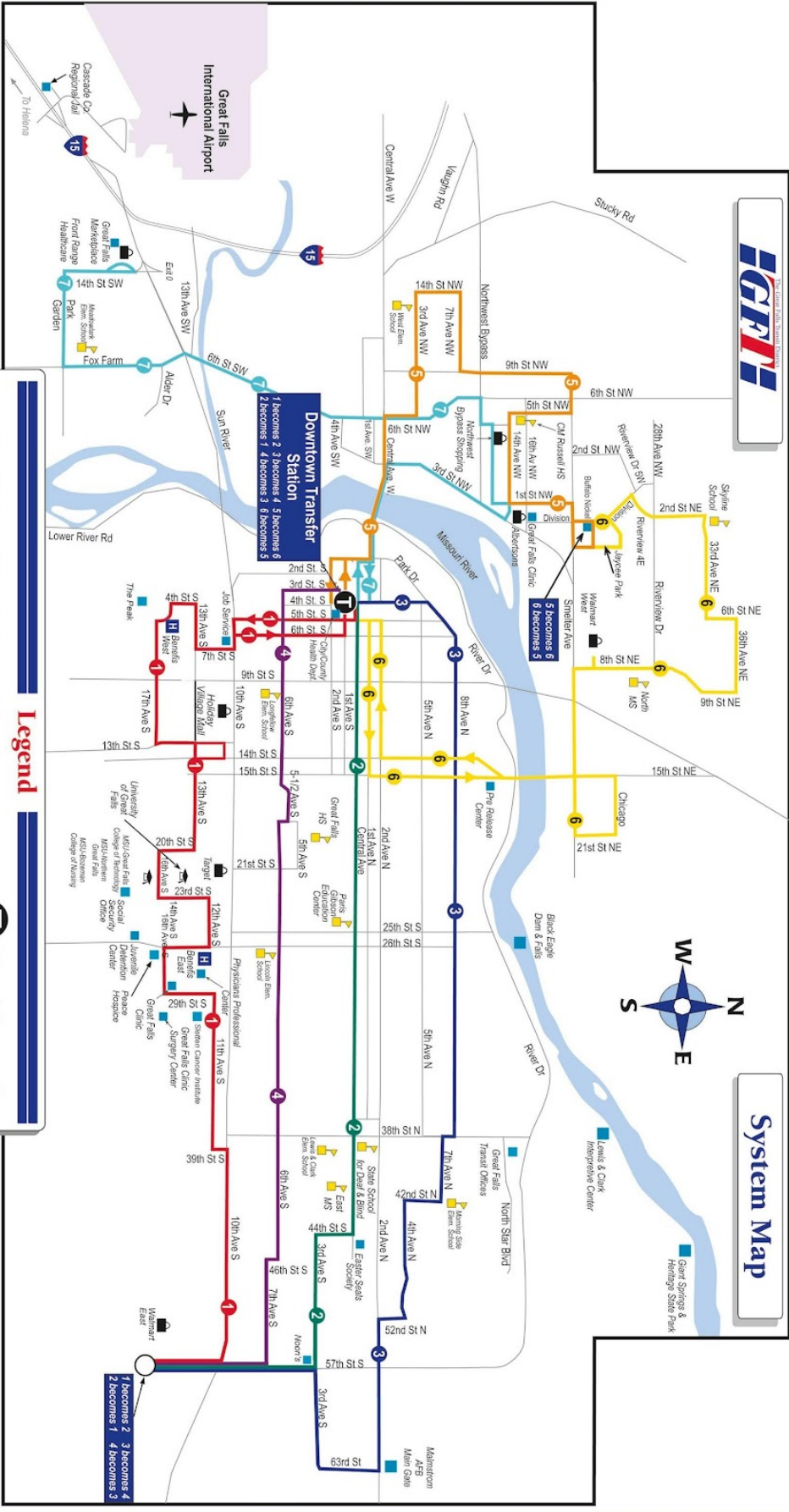
### III. COMMUNITY AGENCY/ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT

This section provides an overview of various transportation providers in Montana, whether they are public, private or non-profit. Some entities would not be classified as transit agencies, but provide some type of passenger transportation. Find out information about regional transportation systems by selecting a district at the MDT website found at <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/publictransit/>





# System Map



**Legend**

**Bus Routes Color Coded and Numbered**

- 1 Southeast
- 2 Central
- 3 Northwestern
- 4 Southcentral
- 5 Northwest
- 6 Northeast
- 7 Southwest

**Timed Connections Between Routes**

- T

**Point of Interest**

- H Hospital
- S School



**Great Falls International Airport**

15

To Heberla

**Downtown Transfer Station**

1 becomes 2 2 becomes 4 5 becomes 6  
2 becomes 1 4 becomes 3 6 becomes 5

1 becomes 2 2 becomes 4  
2 becomes 1 4 becomes 3



See their website for schedules at [www.gftransit.com](http://www.gftransit.com). Many social service organizations purchase passes for their consumers. We have a kiosk and waiting room in their facility at Great Falls Transit and sell Greyhound and Salt Lake Express tickets on the kiosk. This is our boarding location in Great Falls.

**Quality Life Concepts**

215 Smelter Ave NE #1,  
Great Falls, Mt 59404  
(406) 452-9531

Established in 1977, Quality Life Concepts is a private, non-profit agency that is dedicated to providing specialized and individualized services and supports to individuals with developmental needs and their families. We seek to protect the sanctity of home life, and to promote personal independence and choice to the fullest extent possible. Quality Life Concepts is funded in part under an agreement with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Transportation—all group home and supported living residents are assisted with travel to community activities, day programs and appointments. Many residents are transported to the Salt Lake Express bus at the Great Falls Albertsons 2250 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

For more information about any of the services they provide or how contributions help people with developmental needs, please visit their website at <https://qlc-gtf.org/>

**Area VIII Agency on Aging (Aging Services)**

1801 Benefis Court  
Great Falls, MT. 59405  
406-454-6990

Aging Services operates transportation services for their clients; most of them are over the age of 60 and participating in one of their programs. Many clients throughout the year are transported to the Great Falls intercity Bus Stop at Albertsons located at 2250 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The Foster Grandparent Program has 70 working grannies with one half of them needing transportation on a daily basis. Their transportation system starts picking them up at 6:45 am and the last are dropped off at their home at 4:00 pm. The rush is between 7:00 am and 9:30 am and from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program volunteers and Great Falls Senior Center cliental are transported on a daily basis between 10:00 am and 11:00 am and are returned to their home after 3:00 pm. Monday, Wednesday and Friday shoppers are intermingled into the mix and Medical Transportation is Monday through Thursday.

Special outings are arranged with outlying senior centers and other Cascade County Aging groups. Arrangements are made for assisted living centers, within Great Falls. Those who can access it use the Great Falls Transit District fixed route bus service and when it goes where they need to go. Those who qualify for the service use Great Falls Paratransit Services. Aging Services Transportation runs from 6:45 am through 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. No weekend services are available. The lack of

weekend transportation seems to be a problem with disabled individuals, but not with able-bodied seniors. The lack of Sunday transportation services seems to be more of a problem for nonambulatory clients who would like to access church services. There are no wheelchair lift equipped vehicles operating on Sunday in Great Falls with the exception of privately owned ones.

**Northern Transit Interlocal**

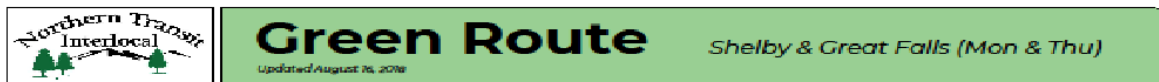
226 1st Street South Suite 101

Shelby, MT 59474

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: 406-470-0727 or 406-873-2207

Northern Transit Interlocal (NTI), a partnership of Toole County Transit, Glacier County Transit, and Pondera County Transit, was born in 2007 and has provided over 75,000 rides since its inception, including a record 16,123 rides in 2019. NTI and its partners are a local government organization that is funded primarily by annual grants from the Montana Department of Transportation. Local governments, corporate donations, and passenger donations fund our no-cost transportation to the general public. NTI has grown considerably since 2007 and continues to improve upon the service it provides our local communities.



**DEPARTURES TO GREAT FALLS - MONDAYS & THURSDAYS**

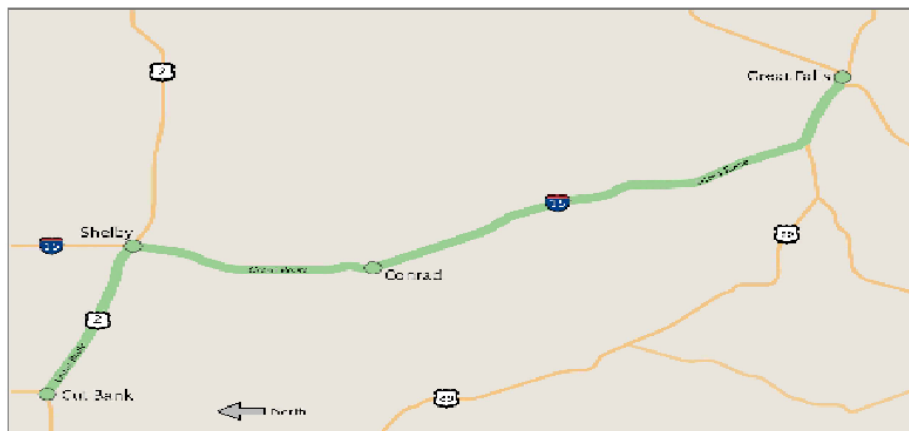
West End Town Pump - Cut Bank	7:40a	11:40a
Parkview Senior Center - Cut Bank	7:45a	11:45a
Shelby Senior Center	8:15a	12:15p
Shelby Amtrak Station	8:25a	12:25p
Shelby Transit Center	8:35a	12:35p
14 Mile Corner	(upon request)	(upon request)
Conrad Town Pump	9:10a	1:10p
Pondera Center - Conrad	9:15a	1:15p
Pondera Shopping Center - Conrad	9:20a	1:20p
Great Falls Transfer Center	10:35a	2:35p
Great Falls International Airport and medical providers	(upon request)	(upon request)

**DEPARTURES TO CUT BANK - MONDAYS & THURSDAYS**

Great Falls International Airport and medical providers	(upon request)	(upon request)
Great Falls Transfer Center	1:15p	5:10p
Pondera Shopping Center - Conrad	2:10p	6:05p
Pondera Center - Conrad	2:15p*	6:10p
Conrad Town Pump	2:20p	6:15p
14 Mile Corner	(upon request)	(upon request)
Shelby Transit Center	3:00p**	7:00p
Shelby Amtrak Station	3:05p	7:05p
Shelby Senior Center	3:10p	7:10p
Parkview Senior Center - Cut Bank	3:40p	7:40p
West End Town Pump - Cut Bank	3:45p	7:45p***

All times represent departures from the listed location.  
 NOTE: The Red Route, Orange Route, and Purple Route also serve portions of the Green Route line. For additional service, please consult those timetables or this regional map.

\*This bus connects to the Brown Route to Valier.  
 \*\*This bus connects to the Blue Route to Sweet Grass.  
 \*\*\*This bus continues to Browning as the Orange Route.



Northern Transit Interlocal  
 Phone: 406-470-0727 or 406-873-2207  
 Our location: 226 1st Street South Suite 101 - Shelby, MT 59474  
 Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Web: northern.transit.com  
 Fares: Donation

## North Central Montana Transit

3152 Us Highway 2 E

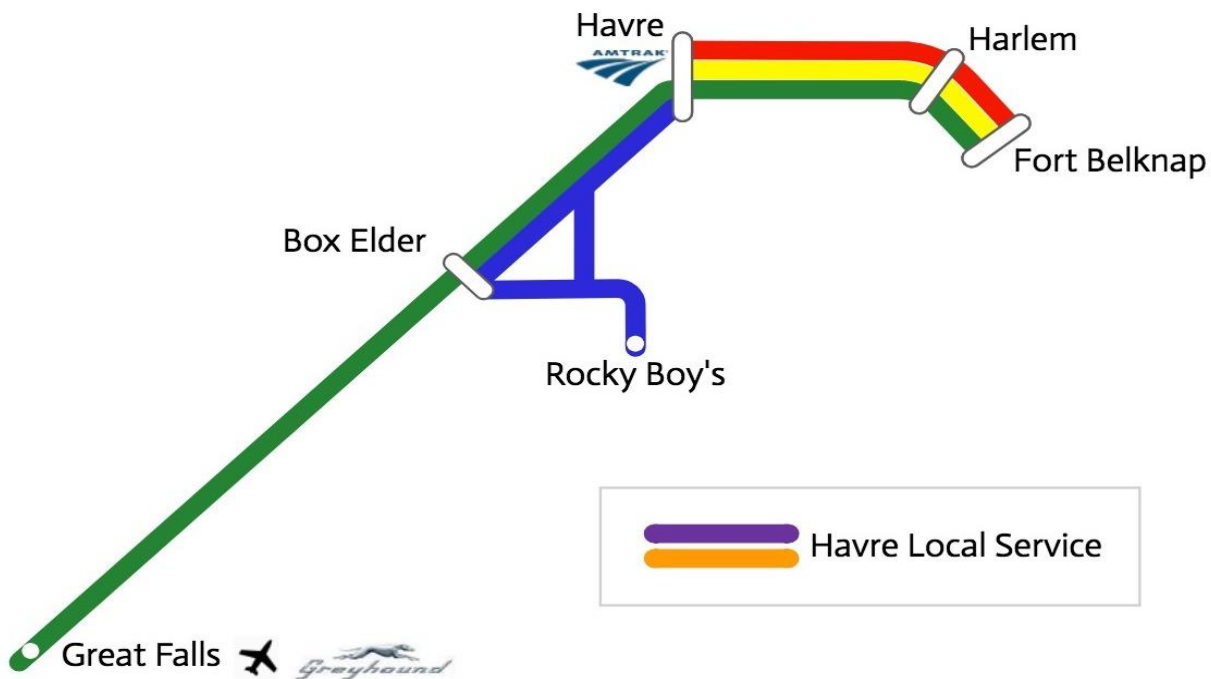
Havre, MT

(406) 265-4762

North Central Montana Transit is a public transportation system designed to serve the Hi-Line communities of Hill and Blaine counties and surrounding communities as well as to provide coordinated services with Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy's Transit systems. NCM Transit is operated by Opportunity Link, Inc. and was established in partnership with North Central Montana area organizations including local and tribal government agencies, social service organizations and educational institutions.

### Route Guide

---



### *Regional Routes:*

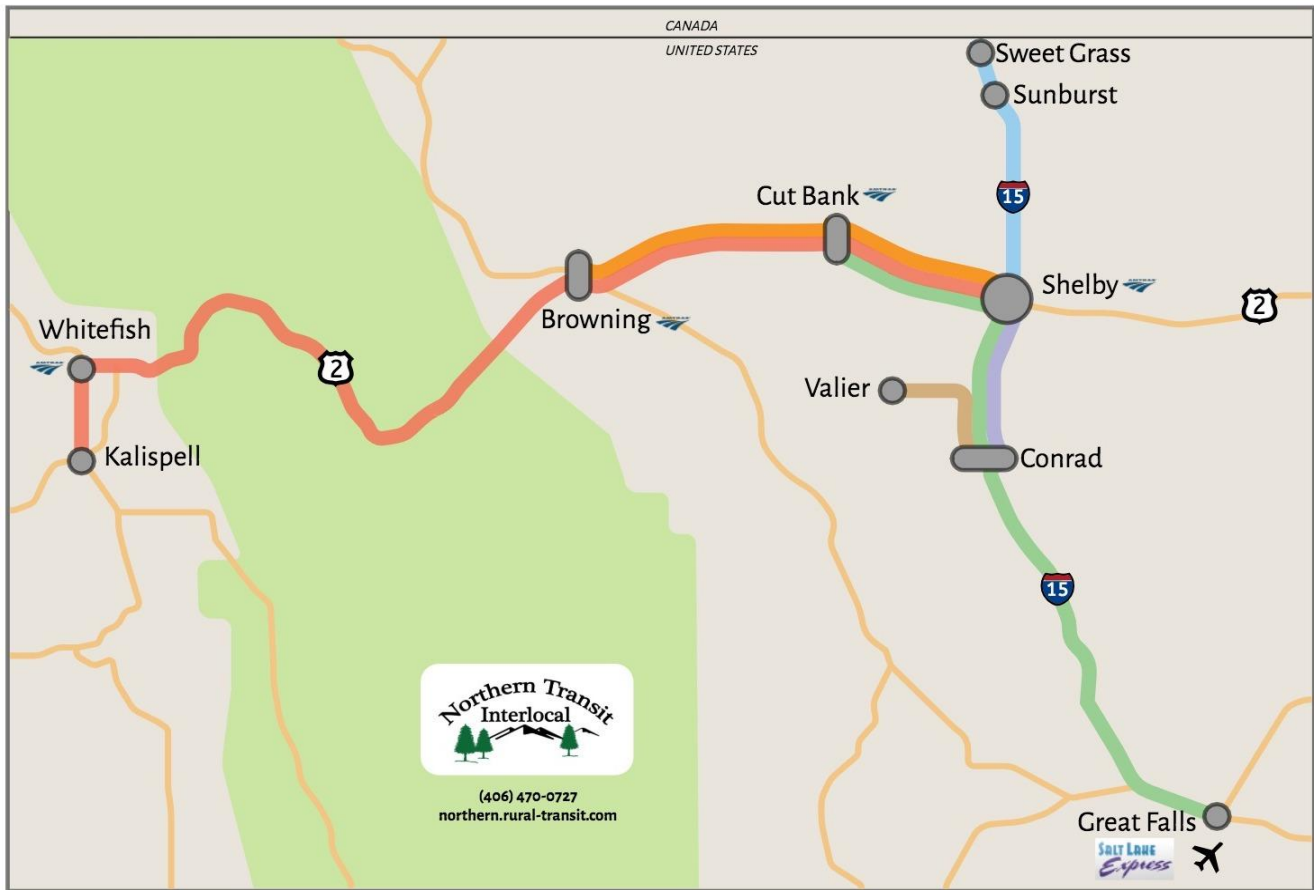
**RED LINE: Fort Belknap – Havre (M-F)**

**YELLOW LINE: Fort Belknap – Havre (M, W, F)**

**GREEN LINE: Great Falls – Havre – Fort Belknap (Tue & Thu)**

**BLUE LINE: Havre – Rocky Boy – Box Elder (M-F)**

**PURPLE LINE: Oakwood Village, Park and Ride (M-F)**



### **Capital Transit**

1415 N. Montana Ave  
 Helena, MT  
 406-447-8078

Capital Transit, formally HATS is an agency within the Public Works Department of the City of Helena. The Helena Bus is one of the few city agencies physically located outside the city/county building. Its operation offices are located at 1415 North Montana Ave. As mentioned, Capital Transit offers a variety of transportation options discussed briefly in the following section. The fleet consists of twelve buses which are equipped with wheelchair lifts, two-way radios, and all meet ADA regulations, and three Head Start school buses, which are not equipped with wheelchair lifts, but do have two way radios, and meet regulations. There is no service on Saturday or Sunday. Fare Schedule for all bus services.

Salt Lake Express has a kiosk in the Capital Transit Bus Station. Passengers can purchase a ticket and pay for it on the kiosk. Many of the Salt Lake Express passengers that board at this location are transferred from the Capital Bus Transit routes.

# FARE, TOKENS & PASSES

**ADA Origin to Destination Para-Transit Service:**

Age 6 and Under: No charge  
 Rider Attendance: No charge  
 ADA Para-Transit (in advance): \$0.85  
 ADA Para-Transit (same day, if available): \$0.85

**Fixed Route Service:**

Fixed Rate: \$0.85  
 ADA Para-Transit eligible customers can ride the fixed route using ADA eligibility card \$0.50

**NO FARE TRANSFER TOKENS ARE AVAILABLE.**

**PASSES:**

All Day Fixed Route Pass:	\$2.60
10 Pouch Pass:	\$8.00
20 Pouch Pass:	\$15.00
30 Pouch Pass:	\$21.00

**TOKENS:**

1 Token:	\$0.85
10 Tokens:	\$8.00
20 Tokens:	\$15.00
30 Tokens:	\$21.00

**NOTE:** Drivers do not carry change. Please have the correct change when boarding or purchasing tokens or passes. Please make checks payable to Capital Transit Service.

All fixed route buses are equipped with bike racks that fit up to 2 bicycles at one time.

Rates are subject to change.

## BLUE ROUTE WEST

Fuller & Placer	7:00	8:08	9:00	10:00	11:30	1:00	2:30	4:00	5:30
480 Jackson St	7:04	8:12	9:04	10:04	11:34	1:04	2:34	4:04	5:34
Carrill College	7:10	8:18	9:10	10:10	11:40	1:10	2:40	4:10	5:40
1300 Blk Allison St	7:15	8:23	9:15	10:15	11:45	1:15	2:45	4:15	5:45
Waukesha Ave & Glendale St	7:17	8:25	9:17	10:17	11:47	1:17	2:47	4:17	5:47
Glendale & Euclid St North	7:24	8:32	9:24	10:24	11:54	1:24	2:54	4:24	5:54

## BLUE ROUTE EAST

Glendale & Euclid St North	7:24	8:32	9:24	10:24	11:54	1:24	2:54	4:24	5:54
Glendale & Euclid St South	7:24	8:32	9:24	10:24	11:54	1:24	2:54	4:24	5:54
1200 Blk Grant St	7:28	8:36	9:28	10:28	11:58	1:28	2:58	4:28	5:58
Unit Blk 14th St	7:33	8:41	9:33	10:33	12:03	1:33	3:03	4:33	6:03
Fuller & Placer	7:37	8:45	9:37	10:37	12:07	1:37	3:07	4:37	6:07
Capital Transit Center	7:48	8:56	9:48	10:48	12:18	1:48	3:18	4:48	6:18
Roberts & Butte	7:52	9:00	9:52	10:52	12:22	1:52	3:22	4:52	6:22
PureView Health Center	8:07	9:15	10:07	11:07	12:37	2:07	3:37	5:07	6:37
Wal-Mart	8:09	9:17	10:09	11:09	12:39	2:09	3:39	5:09	6:39

## BLUE ROUTE WEST

Butte & Pee St	8:11	9:41	11:11	12:41	2:11	3:41	5:11
Roberts & Missoula	8:14	9:44	11:14	12:44	2:14	3:44	5:14
Capital Transit Center	8:23	9:53	11:23	12:53	2:23	3:53	5:23
Fuller & Placer	8:30	10:00	11:30	1:00	2:30	4:00	5:30

**PLEASE USE ROUTE SHOUT 2.0 APP FOR REAL TIME LOCATION OF YOUR BUS.**

ADA Para-Transit service is available to all eligible para-transit riders. The Transit Functional Needs Application is available on-line, at our transit office or on each bus. The on-line form can be submitted directly to your medical professional. For additional information please call 447-8080.

**ALL BUSES ADA ACCESSIBLE**

**CAPITAL TRANSIT SERVICE**  
 1415 N. Montana Ave.  
 Helena, MT 59601

**406.447.8080**  
[www.RidetheCapital.org](http://www.RidetheCapital.org)

November 2019 Edition



Capital Transit provides accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person using our service. A Braille map is available for download. For further information, call (406) 447-8080. For Dispatch: Option 1 To Schedule a Ride: Option 1 To Cancel a Ride: Option 2

Text telephone or TTY is available at (800) 335-7592, or by calling Montana Relay at 711

**RIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

We strive to provide a safe and comfortable ride for all of our passengers. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with our rider's rules and responsibilities. We have these posted on our website and each bus.

## RED ROUTE NORTH

Fuller & Placer	7:00	8:08	9:00	10:00	11:30	1:00	2:30	4:00	5:30
Capital Transit Center	7:08	8:16	9:08	10:08	11:38	1:08	2:38	4:08	5:38
2000 Blk National St	7:15	8:23	9:15	10:15	11:45	1:15	2:45	4:15	5:45
Good Samaritan	7:19	8:27	9:19	10:19	11:49	1:19	2:49	4:19	5:49
Target	7:24	8:32	9:24	10:24	11:54	1:24	2:54	4:24	5:54

## RED ROUTE SOUTH

Target	7:24	8:32	9:24	10:24	11:54	1:24	2:54	4:24	5:54
3300 Blk Parmigan Ln	7:28	8:36	9:28	10:28	11:58	1:28	2:58	4:28	5:58
800 Blk Tara Ct	7:34	8:42	9:34	10:34	12:04	1:34	3:04	4:34	6:04
Aspen St & National St	7:39	8:47	9:39	10:39	12:09	1:39	3:09	4:39	6:09
Capital Transit Center	7:48	8:56	9:48	10:48	12:18	1:48	3:18	4:48	6:18
Fuller & Placer	7:55	9:03	9:55	10:55	12:25	1:55	3:25	4:55	6:25
Womens Mural	7:59	9:07	9:59	10:59	12:29	1:59	3:29	4:59	6:29
100 Blk Rodney St	8:03	9:11	10:03	11:03	12:33	2:03	3:33	5:03	6:33
MT State Capitol	8:09	9:17	10:09	11:09	12:39	2:09	3:39	5:09	6:39
St Peters Hospital	8:17	9:25	10:17	11:17	12:47	2:17	3:47	5:17	6:47

## RED ROUTE NORTH

St Peters Hospital Depart	8:17	9:47	11:17	12:47	2:17	3:47	5:17
MT State Capitol	8:21	9:51	11:21	12:51	2:21	3:51	5:21
100 Blk Rodney St	8:24	9:54	11:24	12:54	2:24	3:54	5:24
Womens Mural	8:29	9:59	11:29	12:59	2:29	3:59	5:29
Fuller & Placer	8:38	10:08	11:38	1:08	2:38	4:08	5:38





#### Rider Information

[How to Ride](#)  
[Policies](#)  
[Fares](#)  
[Links](#)

#### Capital Transit

[Contact Us](#)  
[About Us](#)  
[Advisory Committee](#)

Contact: 406-447-8080

Capital Transit is Helena, Montana's public bus system. We strive to provide excellent, timely service to every resident of and visitor to our beautiful town. "Ride the Capital T!"

Currently, fares are established at the following rates:

\$0.85 general public on scheduled checkpoint route, East Valley scheduled fixed route,

\$0.50 seniors 55 years or older, person with a disability on any service

\$2.60 all day pass

Children age 6 and under ride free

Monthly and other passes available

Capital Transit operation is Monday through Friday excluding weekends and holidays. They offer a Checkpoint bus, an East Valley bus, and Curb-to-Curb buses. Refer to bus scheduling for times and locations of the buses.

The **Curb-to-Curb Bus** runs every hour and half hour starting as early as 6:30 a.m. and ending at the Capital Transit office at 5:30 p.m. Those with special needs, or riders not by a checkpoint bus stop, are picked up at the closest curb to their location, and delivered to the closest curb location. They request next day service or the ride will be subject to availability.

The **Check Point Bus** is a set route bus with approximately 18 stops. No call in is required. The Check Point runs every hour starting at 7 a.m. with the last run beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at the Capital Transit office at 6:00 p.m.

The **East Valley Bus** is a curb-to-curb bus that services the East Valley, Eastgate, and East Helena with stops in Helena at Wal-Mart, City County Health, Capital Hill Mall, Capital T office North Gate and Shop-Ko. To access other drop off locations in Helena other than these stops they request that you call and connect with either the Checkpoint or the Curb-to-Curb buses. The East Valley Bus operates

from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the last run leaving Helena at 5:00 p.m. We request next day service or the ride will be subject to availability.

Salt Lake Express uses the Capital transit center as their boarding location in Helena. We also sell Greyhound and SLE tickets out of that facility on a kiosk.

**Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC)**

200 South Cruse Avenue  
PO Box 1717 Helena, MT 59624  
(406) 447-1680

Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc. (RMDC) is one of the original Community Action Agencies created under the Economic Opportunity Act. The agency started as a nonprofit 501(c) (3), became a public agency under county government in 1974, and is currently operating as a nonprofit. RMDC is the sponsoring agency of numerous community programs primarily geared to helping low-income seniors, individuals, and families meet their needs. Senior programs (many of which also serve people with disabilities regardless of age), include Senior Transportation, Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, Retired and Senior Volunteers, a Senior Center, the Daily Dinner Club, Home Delivered Meals, Senior Commodities, Area Agency on Aging, Spirit of Service, and others. Participation in the Low Income Energy Assistance and Weatherization programs is predicated on income, but locally, approximately 36.5 percent of participants are seniors aged 62+, and more than half (56.3 percent) have a disability to the extent that they qualify for participation in SSI (Supplemental Security Income), a Social Security entitlement program for those with a disability too severe to work. Virtually all of those served by RMDC's low-income housing programs are seniors who also exhibit an extremely high prevalence of age-related disability.

**Spring Meadow Resources**

2850 Broadwater Ave  
Helena, MT  
(406) 443-2376

Spring Meadow Resources (SMR) is an agency devoted to serving the needs of adults with developmental disabilities. Transportation is one component of the overall operations which provide its clients with access to basic services such as shopping, recreation, social, and medical needs. Transportation is available for clients on a demand responsive basis 24 hours each day, seven days a week. The organization currently has 104 clients, approximately 100 staff members, and a fleet of ten vehicles. The primary use of this transportation system involves daily trips to the clients' day services located throughout the Helena community. The service is also used to take clients to the Capital Transit Center to meet the Salt Lake Express.

**Butte-Silver Bow Transit Division (The Bus)**


1324 Harrison Ave  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 723-3287



The Bus provides service throughout the Butte urban area including Walkerville and both Montana Tech campuses. Buses run on five routes Monday through Friday from 6:45 am to 6:15 pm, and one route on Saturdays operating between 8:45 am and 4:45 pm.

The Bus is operated by Butte-Silver Bow Transit (BSBT), a public transit agency. BSBT is a division of the Butte Silver-Bow City and County Public Works Department. Curb-to-curb, ADA paratransit service is operated by AWARE, Inc. through a transportation services contract with BSBT.

Service is not provided on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Presidents Day, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, General Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the following day, and Christmas Day.



## RIDING INFORMATION

### Catching The Bus

- Buses will only stop at locations listed on the schedule.
- Wait next to the bus stop sign and signal the driver.
- If there is no signal, the driver from the location before the intersection where the bus can stop safely.

### What You Need

- Please have exact fare, a bus pass or a Montana Tech. ID when you board The Bus. Our drivers do not carry change.
- Montana Tech students and faculty ride free with a Montana Tech ID.

### Transfers


- All buses meet at the Transfer Station on Harrison Ave. Every 30 minutes with the exception of the Around Town bus (please consult schedule).
- As you exit the driver will give you a transfer pass to use when you board the next bus. There is no charge if you transfer within 30 minutes.
- In Purple and Orange routes there routes with the Orange route. Some special routes every half hour serve Transfer Station as included by the orange route symbols on the schedule.

### To Get Off The Bus

- At locations, the bus will stop unless people are waiting to board or a rider signals the driver.
- Please call the stop request code at least one block before your stop. If you are not familiar with the area, ask the driver to call out your street.

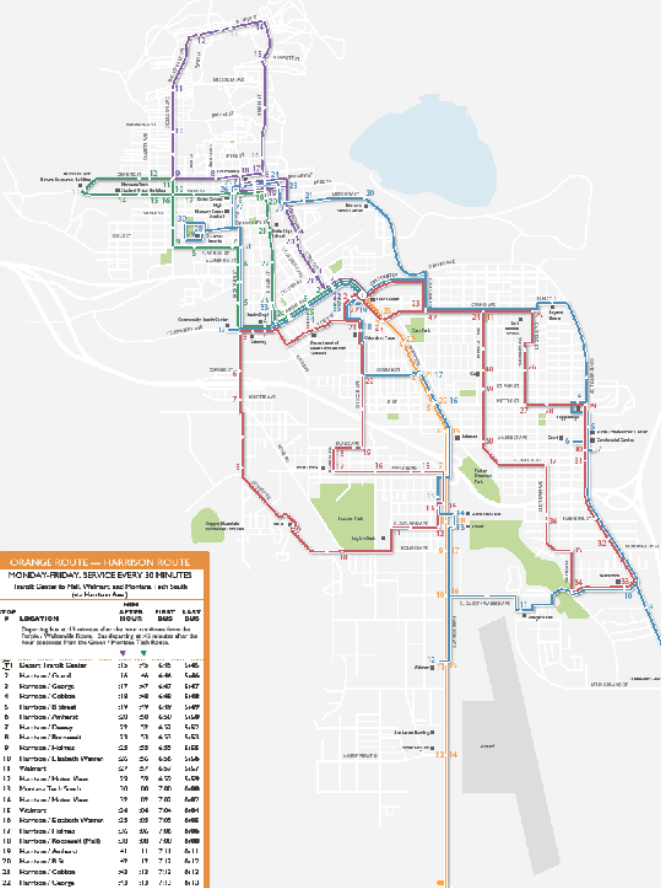
### Bikes on The Bus

- Buses not equipped with bicycle racks.
- Drivers will assist front-side users only when it is safe for the driver to exit the bus.



(406) 497-6515 • www.buttebus.org  
Dept. of Public Works Transit Division  
126 W. Granite Street, Butte, MT 59701

# MONDAY - FRIDAY ROUTES



**ORANGE ROUTE — HARRISON ROUTE**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY, SERVICE EVERY 30 MINUTES  
Transfer Center to Hill, Veterans and Montana Tech South (see Montana Tech)

STOP #	LOCATION	MIN AFTER HOUR	FIRST BUS	LAST BUS
1	Mount St. Joseph Center	15	6:45	5:45
2	Blue Hill Plaza	16	6:46	5:46
3	Harrison - George	17	6:47	5:47
4	Harrison - Cobble	18	6:48	5:48
5	Harrison - St. Joseph	19	6:49	5:49
6	Harrison - Vermont	20	6:50	5:50
7	Montana Tech	21	6:51	5:51
8	Montana Tech - Veterans	22	6:52	5:52
9	Harrison - Indiana	23	6:53	5:53
10	Harrison - Elizabeth Warren	24	6:54	5:54
11	Veteran	25	6:55	5:55
12	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	26	6:56	5:56
13	Blue Hill - Tea Garden	27	6:57	5:57
14	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	28	6:58	5:58
15	Veteran	29	6:59	5:59
16	Harrison - Elizabeth Warren	30	7:00	6:00
17	Harrison - Indiana	31	7:01	6:01
18	Harrison - Vermont	32	7:02	6:02
19	Blue Hill - Tea Garden	33	7:03	6:03
20	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	34	7:04	6:04
21	Harrison - Cobble	35	7:05	6:05
22	Harrison - George	36	7:06	6:06
23	Harrison - Vermont	37	7:07	6:07
24	Harrison - Indiana	38	7:08	6:08
25	Harrison - Vermont	39	7:09	6:09
26	Harrison - Vermont	40	7:10	6:10

Route not active on Transfer Center as well as Veterans and Montana Tech South (see Montana Tech) on Saturdays. Transfer Station as included by the orange route symbols on the schedule. \*See Routes for more information on the schedule.

**PURPLE ROUTE — WALKERVILLE ROUTE**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY, SERVICE EVERY HOUR  
Transfer Center to Blue Hill School (see Walkerville, Veterans and Veterans)

STOP #	LOCATION	MIN AFTER HOUR	FIRST BUS	LAST BUS
1	Mount St. Joseph Center	15	6:45	5:45
2	Blue Hill Plaza	16	6:46	5:46
3	Blue Hill - Tea Garden	17	6:47	5:47
4	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	18	6:48	5:48
5	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	19	6:49	5:49
6	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	20	6:50	5:50
7	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	21	6:51	5:51
8	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	22	6:52	5:52
9	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	23	6:53	5:53
10	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	24	6:54	5:54
11	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	25	6:55	5:55
12	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	26	6:56	5:56
13	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	27	6:57	5:57
14	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	28	6:58	5:58
15	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	29	6:59	5:59
16	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	30	7:00	6:00
17	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	31	7:01	6:01
18	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	32	7:02	6:02
19	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	33	7:03	6:03
20	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	34	7:04	6:04
21	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	35	7:05	6:05
22	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	36	7:06	6:06
23	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	37	7:07	6:07
24	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	38	7:08	6:08
25	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	39	7:09	6:09
26	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	40	7:10	6:10

**RED ROUTE — OREGON / BUCKEYE ROUTE**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY, SERVICE EVERY HOUR  
West / Dempsey Transfer Center to TRCA, Hill, Post Office, Oregon Ave

STOP #	LOCATION	MIN AFTER HOUR	FIRST BUS	LAST BUS
1	Post Office Transfer Center	15	6:45	5:45
2	Blue Hill Plaza	16	6:46	5:46
3	Blue Hill - Tea Garden	17	6:47	5:47
4	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	18	6:48	5:48
5	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	19	6:49	5:49
6	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	20	6:50	5:50
7	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	21	6:51	5:51
8	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	22	6:52	5:52
9	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	23	6:53	5:53
10	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	24	6:54	5:54
11	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	25	6:55	5:55
12	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	26	6:56	5:56
13	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	27	6:57	5:57
14	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	28	6:58	5:58
15	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	29	6:59	5:59
16	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	30	7:00	6:00
17	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	31	7:01	6:01
18	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	32	7:02	6:02
19	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	33	7:03	6:03
20	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	34	7:04	6:04
21	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	35	7:05	6:05
22	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	36	7:06	6:06
23	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	37	7:07	6:07
24	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	38	7:08	6:08
25	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	39	7:09	6:09
26	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	40	7:10	6:10

**GREEN ROUTE — MONTANA TECH ROUTE**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY, SERVICE EVERY 15 MINUTES  
Transfer Center to Montana Tech (see Montana Tech)

STOP #	LOCATION	MIN AFTER HOUR	FIRST BUS	LAST BUS
1	Mount St. Joseph Center	15	6:45	5:45
2	Blue Hill Plaza	16	6:46	5:46
3	Blue Hill - Tea Garden	17	6:47	5:47
4	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	18	6:48	5:48
5	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	19	6:49	5:49
6	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	20	6:50	5:50
7	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	21	6:51	5:51
8	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	22	6:52	5:52
9	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	23	6:53	5:53
10	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	24	6:54	5:54
11	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	25	6:55	5:55
12	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	26	6:56	5:56
13	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	27	6:57	5:57
14	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	28	6:58	5:58
15	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	29	6:59	5:59
16	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	30	7:00	6:00
17	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	31	7:01	6:01
18	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	32	7:02	6:02
19	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	33	7:03	6:03
20	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	34	7:04	6:04
21	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	35	7:05	6:05
22	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	36	7:06	6:06
23	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	37	7:07	6:07
24	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	38	7:08	6:08
25	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	39	7:09	6:09
26	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	40	7:10	6:10

**BLUE ROUTE — AROUND TOWN ROUTE**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY, SERVICE EVERY 15 MINUTES  
Transfer Center to Hill, Veterans and Montana Tech

STOP #	LOCATION	MIN AFTER HOUR	FIRST BUS	LAST BUS
1	Mount St. Joseph Center	15	6:45	5:45
2	Blue Hill Plaza	16	6:46	5:46
3	Blue Hill - Tea Garden	17	6:47	5:47
4	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	18	6:48	5:48
5	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	19	6:49	5:49
6	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	20	6:50	5:50
7	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	21	6:51	5:51
8	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	22	6:52	5:52
9	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	23	6:53	5:53
10	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	24	6:54	5:54
11	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	25	6:55	5:55
12	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	26	6:56	5:56
13	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	27	6:57	5:57
14	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	28	6:58	5:58
15	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	29	6:59	5:59
16	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	30	7:00	6:00
17	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	31	7:01	6:01
18	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	32	7:02	6:02
19	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	33	7:03	6:03
20	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	34	7:04	6:04
21	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	35	7:05	6:05
22	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	36	7:06	6:06
23	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	37	7:07	6:07
24	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	38	7:08	6:08
25	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	39	7:09	6:09
26	Blue Hill - Museum Plaza	40	7:10	6:10

## SATURDAY ROUTE

### SATURDAY: SERVICE EVERY 90 MINUTES

Transit Center to Racetrack, Harrison Ave, Walmart, Mall

STOP #	LOCATION	TIME				
☎ Phone symbol indicates call-ahead is required						
Ⓣ	Depart Transit Center	8:45	10:15	11:45	1:15	2:45
2	Grand / Texas	8:46	10:16	11:46	1:16	2:46
3	Grand / Farragut	8:47	10:17	11:47	1:17	2:47
4	Garfield / Grand (East Jr. High)	8:48	10:18	11:48	1:18	2:48
5	Beyond Home	8:49	10:19	11:49	1:19	2:49
6	☎ Copperidge	8:53	10:23	11:53	1:23	2:53
7	☎ Butte Convalescent Center	8:55	10:25	11:55	1:25	2:55
8	☎ Crest	8:58	10:28	11:58	1:28	2:58
9	☎ Continental Garden	9:03	10:33	12:03	1:33	3:03
10	Continental / Bayard	9:04	10:34	12:04	1:34	3:04
11	Continental / Floral	9:05	10:35	12:05	1:35	3:05
12	Continental / Quincy	9:06	10:36	12:06	1:36	3:06
13	☎ Three Bears Grocery	9:08	10:38	12:08	1:38	3:08
14	☎ Meadowlands / Atherton	9:11	10:41	12:11	1:41	3:11
15	Continental / Elizabeth Warren (Waterford)	9:12	10:42	12:12	1:42	3:12
16	Elizabeth Warren / Blacktail	9:13	10:43	12:13	1:43	3:13
17	☎ Vintage Suites	9:16	10:46	12:16	1:46	3:16
18	Harrison / Elizabeth Warren	9:17	10:47	12:17	1:47	3:17
19	Walmart front door	9:21	10:51	12:21	1:51	3:21
20	Harrison / Elizabeth Warren	9:23	10:53	12:23	1:53	3:23
21	Harrison / Holmes	9:25	10:55	12:25	1:55	3:25
22	Butte Plaza Mall S / K Mart	9:26	10:56	12:26	1:56	3:26
23	Butte Plaza Mall N / Herbergers	9:27	10:57	12:27	1:57	3:27
24	☎ Highland View Manor	9:29	10:59	12:29	1:59	3:29
25	Harrison / Amherst	9:30	11:00	12:30	2:00	3:30
26	Harrison / B St	9:36	11:06	12:36	2:06	3:36
27	Harrison / Cobban	9:37	11:07	12:37	2:07	3:37
28	Oregon / Cobban	9:38	11:08	12:38	2:08	3:38
29	Columbus Plaza	9:39	11:09	12:39	2:09	3:39
30	Albertsons / CVS	9:41	11:11	12:41	2:11	3:41
Ⓣ	Arrive Transit Center	9:35	11:05	12:35	2:05	3:35

Transit Center to Uptown, Hospital, Walkerville

STOP #	LOCATION	TIME				
Ⓣ	Depart Transit Center	9:45	11:15	12:45	2:15	3:45
31	Front / Arizona	9:46	11:16	12:46	2:16	3:46
32	Front / California	9:47	11:17	12:47	2:17	3:47
33	Front / Main (Health Department)	9:48	11:18	12:48	2:18	3:48
34	Montana / Second	9:49	11:19	12:49	2:19	3:49
35	Montana / Aluminum	9:50	11:20	12:50	2:20	3:50
36	Montana / Platinum	9:51	11:21	12:51	2:21	3:51
37	St. James Hospital	9:52	11:22	12:52	2:22	3:52
38	Platinum / Clark	9:53	11:23	12:53	2:23	3:53
39	Platinum / Excelsior	9:54	11:24	12:54	2:24	3:54
40	Excelsior / Park	9:55	11:25	12:55	2:25	3:55
41	Excelsior / Granite	9:56	11:26	12:56	2:26	3:56
42	Excelsior / Waukesha	9:57	11:27	12:57	2:27	3:57
43	Excelsior / Missoula	9:58	11:28	12:58	2:28	3:58
44	Daly / 5th	9:59	11:29	12:59	2:29	3:59
45	Daly / 2nd	10:00	11:30	1:00	2:30	4:00
46	Daly / Main Bypass	10:01	11:31	1:01	2:31	4:01
47	Main / Bennett	10:03	11:33	1:03	2:33	4:03
48	Main / Copper	10:06	11:36	1:06	2:36	4:06
49	Main / Granite	10:07	11:37	1:07	2:37	4:07
50	Park / Main	10:08	11:38	1:08	2:38	4:08
51	Arizona / Mercury	10:09	11:39	1:09	2:39	4:09
52	Utah / Platinum (Butte High)	10:10	11:40	1:10	2:40	4:10
53	Utah / Second	10:11	11:41	1:11	2:41	4:11
54	Front / Arizona	10:12	11:42	1:12	2:42	4:12
Ⓣ	Arrive Transit Center	10:13	11:43	1:13	2:43	4:13

### **Belmont Senior Center**

615 E Mercury St  
Butte, MT  
(406) 723-7773

The Belmont Senior Center provides a door through door service with some riders requiring special transportation and the Belmont provides the most cost effective transportation in the community at \$5.00 per roundtrip. The Belmont Senior Center also provides rides five days a week for Senior citizens to the center using two buses. One bus leaves from the Belmont at 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday picking up senior citizens at their homes, apartments, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The other bus starts at 9:00 in the morning and some days earlier to take senior citizens to their medical appointments. At 11:00 a.m. the bus for medical appointments picks up a short route of seniors from their home and brings them to the center for lunch. After getting the seniors to the center the driver finishes taking the medical appointments home.

On Tuesdays there are a small number of people who get dropped off at Safeway or Wal-Mart for shopping and then continue taking the lunch group home. After the last person is dropped off for lunch the bus goes back to Safeway and takes them home.

On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays there is bingo at the center and after the first group of seniors is taken home after lunch the bus comes back to take the Bingo players home.

Many seniors of Belmont Senior Center utilize Salt Lake Express each year.

### **BSW**

845 So Wyoming  
Butte, MT  
(406) 723-6501

BSW provides private services to developmentally disabled individuals. Funding for the agency is based mainly from Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Vocational Rehabilitation, and Developmental Disabilities Program.

BSW provides transportation and employment services for disabled persons within the Butte-Silver Bow area. BSW produces clothing and apparel, laundry textiles and supplies, traffic markers, reflective sign material, sewing supplies, park equipment, textiles, fibers, household linens, and piece goods, picnic tables, and survey stakes.

BSW provides transportation services for the residents of group homes and for persons with disabilities. Approximately 55,800 trips are provided each year for clients.

### **AWARE, Inc.**

600 6th St NW # 4  
Great Falls, MT.  
(406) 563-8117

AWARE helps people live independent lives, birth through adulthood. **Founded in 1976** as a nonprofit corporation, AWARE delivers services for children and families as well as people with challenging mental health, emotional, and in some instances, physical disabilities.

AWARE works to ensure the people we serve achieve maximum independence, productivity, and integration into the community.

They provide services that help individuals and families succeed in their communities, make sound life choices – where they will live and who they will interact with – and determine what they want out of life. It seems like a simple idea, but many of the people we work with have been left out of these

From modest beginnings, AWARE has grown into an organization that helps thousands of people achieve their potential in communities across Montana. Their main office is located in downtown Anaconda, Montana.

Improving lifestyles and opportunities for Montanan families and children and people with developmental disabilities or mental challenges is a constant need. They offer a variety of services including transportation of clients.

#### **Silver Bow Developmental Disabilities Council**

305 W Mercury Rm 105,  
Butte, MT 59701-1659  
(406) 723-2070

Silver Bow Developmental Disabilities Council (SBDDC) is a private non-profit agency formed in 1977. The agency funding comes from the Department of Public Health and Human Services. SBDDC has a goal to assist people with disabilities so they can complete their goals to be independent within the community. SBDDC provides transportation to constituents to different events including work, medical appointments, recreational outings, and basic life needs. SBDDC has done travel training with clients so that they are able to ride the fixed route system. SBDDC is currently working with the local public library to offer transportation to anyone that is need of a ride when the library is having educational training. These trainings are usually in the evening when no public transit is being offered. SBDDC has heard from a variety of people in the community that they are unable to find cost effective rides however these services have helped but wish there were additional transportation options for other activities as well as rides to work and church. The director of SBDDC sits on the ADA Para-Transit Committee, TAC, and local ADA committee.

#### **DPHHS Blind and Low Vision Services**

111 North Sanders Street  
Helena, MT.  
(406) 444-5690

Blind and Low Vision Services (BLVS) have been working with clients on travel training. This training allows these riders to independently go to medical appointments, shopping and gain access to

services in the community which in turns allows them to stay in their homes. BLVS staff are members of the TAC, and ADA Para-Transit Committee.

**West Yellowstone Foundation**

124 Yellowstone St  
Gardiner, MT  
(406) 646-1158

West Yellowstone Foundations provides weekly round trips between Bozeman and West Yellowstone Montana, for any purpose with advance reservation, first come first served basis. Service to people with medical appointments has priority. The bus has lift-equipment for people with disabilities.

Traveling to: Bozeman, Big Sky, West Yellowstone. For more information, to schedule a pick up, cancel a ride call:  
406.640.0244

West Yellowstone Foundation Transit Policy and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states:  
"...no person in the United States shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance based on race, color or national origin."

West Yellowstone Foundation provides weekly round trips between Bozeman and West Yellowstone Montana, for any purpose with advance reservation, first come first served basis. Service to people with medical appointments has priority. The bus has lift-equipment for people with disabilities. The cost is \$15 - Seniors (60+) \$20 - Non-Seniors. Airport Transfers \$25

**For Profit Taxi and Transit services**

**Helena Transportation**

1025 Phoenix Ave  
Helena, MT 59601  
(406) 449-5525

**BlackedOut 406 Taxi & Limo**

427 Central Ave W.  
Great Falls, MT 59404  
(406) 781-5218

**Greater Valley Taxi LLC Taxis Transportation Services**

20950 Frontage Rd.  
Belgrade, MT 59714  
(406) 388-9999 Belgrade  
(406) 587-6303 Bozeman

**Shuttle to Big Sky and Taxi**

11 Lone Peak Dr suite 207  
Big Sky, MT 59716  
(888) 454-5667

**Great Falls Limousine Service**

1720 10th Ave S  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
(406) 315-4047

**Treasure State Transit**

2721 US 93 S  
Kalispell, MT 59901  
(406) 755-8101

**Tucker Transportation**

503 Centennial Ave,  
Butte, Mt 59701  
(406) 723-4623

**Karst Stages**

PO Box 1127  
511 N. Wallace  
Bozeman, MT 59715  
(406) 556-3500

Karst Stages provides private charter service for the Montana/Wyoming/Idaho Region. They also provide airport shuttle transportation directly from the Bozeman Airport to the most popular destinations in Big Sky, West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs.

During the winter season we offer a daily scheduled service to all major hotels in the city of West Yellowstone, all hotels in Gardiner, and the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

They also offer a daily scheduled service to Big Sky. We provide transportation to all hotels in the Big Sky Resort, along with Moonlight Basin, and condos, cabins, town homes, and private residences in the greater Big Sky area. Locations other than The Huntley Lodge, Shoshone Condos, Summit Hotel & River Rock Lodge, may require you to be transferred to a van upon reaching Big Sky to reach your final destination. Karst Stage offers a daily shuttle to West Yellowstone with van pick-ups at condos, private homes and cabins at 6:30am. A transfer to their motorcoach at the Huntley for a 7:00am departure. The return shuttle will pick-up between 5:00-5:30pm for a return to Big Sky.

You can make a reservation for this service using their online reservation system at [KarstStage.com](http://KarstStage.com).

**Jefferson Bus Lines**

333 6th St, #7  
Rapid City, SD. 57701  
(800) 451-5333

Jefferson Lines is an intercity bus system that has been in operation since 1919. Since it was founded, Jefferson Lines has maintained a commitment to safety, service, and meeting the mobility needs of the customers it serves. Jefferson Lines operates over fourteen states; from as far south as Texas to as far west as Spokane, WA. Jefferson Lines prides itself on its ability to work cooperatively with other bus systems including local and/or regional services as well as major intercity systems such as Greyhound, Trailways, Salt Lake Express and Flat Head Transit. Salt Lake Express and Jefferson Lines both meet at the Butte Bus Terminal. See bus schedules and more information at [www.JeffersonLines.com](http://www.JeffersonLines.com).

**Choose Your Route**

- Destinations en Route
- Prime Transfer Points
- Jefferson Lines Locations

**JEFFERSON LINES**  
Your #1 Bus Experience in Montana  
[www.jeffersonlines.com](http://www.jeffersonlines.com) | (800) 451-5333 | [info@jeffersonlines.com](mailto:info@jeffersonlines.com)

- Jefferson Lines runs one round trip a day between Missoula on I-90 to Butte and connections beyond.
- Salt Lake Express is running one round trip a day on I-15 between Great Falls and Butte, with Jefferson Bus Lines connections in Butte to Missoula, Bozeman, Billings, and points beyond. Salt Lake Express also connects in Butte to their Idaho Connections on I-15.
- North Central Transit travels between Fort Belknap and Great Falls via Havre on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Northern Transit Interlocal runs one round trip a day between Shelby and Kalispell on

Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

- Northern Transit Interlocal operates two round trips a day between Shelby and Great Falls on Monday and Thursday
- Karst Stage operates intercity service between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Salt Lake Express operates between West Yellowstone and Idaho Falls with connections to Boise, Salt Lake and Butte, MT which also interlines with Greyhound.
- Salt Lake Express and Jefferson operate 365 days a year and are both are interlined with Greyhound.

#### **IV. Opportunities for Public Involvement**

Throughout the coordination planning process, public involvement was a key to success of the Community Transportation Coordination Plan for Salt Lake Express. During the process, public comment was solicited through a legal notice stating citizen participation is always openly welcomed and appreciated. Many providers and users also participated in the planning process through personal phone calls and visits.

- a.) Public comment was solicited through a legal notice, though no one called or contacted Salt Lake Express expressing any comment.
- b.) Personal visits to several of the organizations listed above were made throughout 2022. The visits were made to bring awareness of the service Salt Lake Express provides as well as to coordinate the schedules of these organizations.
- c.) Salt Lake Express also visited several stakeholders in the region ie; Visitor Centers, commercial airports, universities and colleges, senior citizen's centers, city offices and chambers of commerce in this corridor we serve. Over 4,500 flyers have been distributed to these stakeholders and transit organizations.
- d.) Salt Lake Express met March 7, 2023 to approve the updated Transportation Coordination Plan.

#### **V. Short and long term goals**

- On a monthly basis personnel will monitor transit services that have been coordinated to make sure we are meeting the needs of our customers.
- The Montana Transit Association meets bi-annual basis to assess and encourage coordination efforts among members in dealing with public transportation issues. Salt Lake Express will continue to attend these meetings to stay informed. By meeting on a continual basis we hope to identify the weak and strong points of our transportation services. This analysis should provide us with information on what is working and to determine where we need to improve our services. This will help the Salt Lake Express develop the future coordination plans.



- Plan to continue to expand the transit coordination to identify nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other agencies that could benefit from a well-organized transit plan.
- Through the development of this coordination plan we anticipate to enhance transportation access, and provide the most appropriate cost effective transportation possible with available resources.
- Expand marketing efforts to increase ridership.

## **VI. Unmet needs and looking to the future**

The unmet intercity needs seem to be lack of service on a few corridors in Montana as well as lack of awareness. We are still working on getting the word out about the transit options available on the Salt Lake Express service from/to Great Falls and Idaho, Utah, Wyoming Montana and Nevada. Continued outreach by the previously identified transit organizations as well as considering additional days of service would help to grow general public ridership of these available connections.

Looking to the future, as ridership continues to grow, Salt Lake Express will look forward to adding another timetable to their current one increasing to twice a day service to/from Great Falls and Butte, MT. This would make better connections to our I-15 corridor shuttle Expanded Services with connections to Boise and Salt Lake City, UT. and points beyond.

## **FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE SALT LAKE EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN**

This transportation coordination plan has been approved by the Salt Lake Express Board of Directors/Administration

Date of Approval Update \_\_\_\_\_ Feb 23, 2024

*Jacob Price*

*Kathy Pope*

Jacob Price (owner)

Kathy Pope (Grant Administration)