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EXTRA MATA BUSES ADDED TO LESSEN WAIT TIMES AT BUS STOPS AND BUS SHELTERS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Since the Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) began operating reduced levels of service on Monday, March 30, extra buses have been added on key routes to address the issue of frequency and to serve customers who may have to wait longer at bus stops and bus shelters due to the 10-person limit that was instituted to comply with local Executive Orders and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Effective immediately, MATA will begin posting new schedules on matatransit.com that reflects additional buses operating between scheduled trips.

In addition, beginning on Wednesday, April 1, MATA will begin staging buses at the William Hudson, Airways, and American Transit Centers in order to be able to respond quickly that additional buses are needed to serve more customers who may be left waiting due to the 10-person limit. By using this process, wait times should lessen greatly and MATA operators should be able to respond faster.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, more adjustments of service may occur. During this time, MATA also requests that employers be as flexible as possible.

About MATA

The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) is the public transportation provider for the Memphis area. As one of the largest transit operators in the state of Tennessee, MATA transports customers in the City of Memphis and parts of Shelby County on fixed-route buses, paratransit vehicles and vintage rail trolleys. For more information, visit www.matatransit.com.