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### Greater Bridgeport Transit Announces New Bus Service in Monroe

*GBT Offers Peak Period Service Along Route 25 Beginning on February 3rd.*

Greater Bridgeport Transit (GBT) announced today that it will begin bus service between Bridgeport and Monroe along Route 25 on Monday February 3rd. The service is designed to provide morning and afternoon employment related transportation to the area, according to Doug Holcomb, CEO for Greater Bridgeport Transit. "We have known for some time that there is growing demand for service due to increased commercial development in the area," Holcomb said, "We hope that in the future GBT will be able to expand to more frequent service throughout the day." The service is similar to GBT's Route 19 Express which already serves Trumbull and Monroe along Route 111.

Known as Route 20, the service will operate between the Westfield Trumbull Mall, in Trumbull and Upper Stepney in Monroe, with connections to GBT Routes 3, 4, 6 and 8 at the Mall and Route 19 Express at Quality Street, in Trumbull. Stops will be made along Newtown Turnpike (Route 111), include the area of Spring Hill Road and Trefoil Drive. Stops will also be made along Main St (Route 25) at Victoria Drive, Purdy Hill Road, Judd Road and the area of Clock Tower Place, in Monroe.

Trips will be made Monday through Friday, with two AM departures from the Westfield Trumbull Mall, at 7:09 AM and 8:09 AM, each arriving in the area of Clock Tower Place, at 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM. Afternoon departures from the area of Clock Tower Place will be made at 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM, arriving at the Mall at 4:22 PM and 5:22 PM. GBT's cash fare, of \$1.75, will apply to this service and all of GBT's regular fare media will be accepted onboard.

"The creation of Bus Route 20 is an excellent example of what can be accomplished with regional cooperation. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of GBT, the City of Bridgeport, the Town of Monroe and the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council, we're able to get Bridgeport residents to and from Monroe while also cutting down on the number of vehicles on the road — a priority of Bridgeport's BGreen 2020 sustainability initiative," said Mayor Bill Finch.

First Selectman Steve Vavrek of Monroe also lauded the new bus line as "another example of the benefits of regional cooperation in municipal government and the synergies generated by cooperation among Monroe, Bridgeport and Trumbull" inside the framework of the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council.

Bus Route 20 "makes Monroe a more viable destination, giving people more access to jobs while expanding the labor pool for employers, of special significance in these economic times," said Vavrek.

Both the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the Monroe Economic Development Commission, he said, were instrumental in pushing forward this latest transportation initiative. "The expanded bus rider service into the Town of Monroe is one more step toward the full recognition and importance of the economic connectivity of our region. Getting people to and from work, shopping and entertainment in more convenient ways is a critical feature in the formula for regional economic success," said Paul Timpanelli, President of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council.

GBT offers bus service throughout the Bridgeport Region with 19 routes providing more than 22,000 trips to area residents every day.

For details about the new service or any of GBT's routes or schedules visit [www.gogbt.com](http://www.gogbt.com)