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BRIDGEPORT, CT – At its April meeting, the Greater Bridgeport Transit Board of Commissioners began discussions for what could be a series of bus service reductions in the Bridgeport Region this fall. According to GBT’s Chief Executive Officer Doug Holcomb, the service reductions are being considered as part of a series of budget reduction measures the agency is undertaking to adjust to flat funding this year and anticipated flat funding next year. “For the past nine months we have been reducing expenses in every area of our operation to ensure a balanced budget in the upcoming fiscal year,” Holcomb said.

GBT planners are currently reviewing ridership trends to identify parts of the service that are not heavily utilized. “We now have systems in place which can provide us with great detail about ridership and we plan to use them to make very surgical reductions that will improve efficiency and impact the fewest number of riders possible,” Holcomb said.

In all, the service reduction package is expected to be approximately 2.4% of GBT’s overall operation which translates to about 15 hours of the 606 hours that GBT operates every day.

The agency is planning an extensive public consultation process which includes outreach sessions at the following locations.

Trumbull Town Hall: Council Chambers
5866 Main Street, Trumbull
Monday, June 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Stratford Town Hall: Room 213
2725 Main Street, Stratford
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Public Hearing
Bridgeport Bus Station: Second Floor Community Room
710 Water Street, Bridgeport
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Fairfield Town Hall: Sullivan Independence Hall

725 Old Post Road, Fairfield
Monday, June 27, 2016 at 12:00 PM

GBT staff will also be available inside the Water Street bus station the evening of June 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Any recommended changes will be considered by GBT's Board of Commissioners later this summer and those selected would be implemented in late September. According to Holcomb, "We are clear on the importance of the bus service to riders and the region. At the public sessions, riders should not expect to see any wholesale route eliminations but rather a menu of relatively minor service reductions for their consideration."

Can't make it? GBT has created a webpage for riders to learn about outreach sessions, track the planning of service changes and make comments for consideration. For more information visit gogbt.com/public-info.

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