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Greater Bridgeport Transit Faces Critical Funding Shortfall; Service Cuts Planned Without New State Funding

Press Conference Details

A press conference will be held on **Friday, April 17, 2026 at 3:30 PM** at the GBT Bus Station, 710 Water Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. GBT CEO Steven DeMichele, State Representative Christopher Rosario, and other state legislators will address the press regarding the future of bus service in the Greater Bridgeport Region.

Background

As Greater Bridgeport Transit (GBT) exhausts the federal pandemic relief funding that has supported its operations, a substantial budget shortfall is projected in FY 2027 (beginning July 1, 2026). This budget gap threatens GBT's ability to maintain its full scope of services for the region's transit-dependent communities.

Through the advocacy of Bridgeport-area legislators, the State Appropriations Committee recommended funding for GBT on March 31, 2026. While this is a critical step forward, the appropriation is not yet guaranteed.

"The residents of Bridgeport depend on Greater Bridgeport Transit every single day to get to work, to school, and to medical appointments. For working families in Connecticut's largest city, the bus is not a convenience, it is a lifeline. That is why I have fought alongside my colleagues in the legislature to secure the funding GBT needs to keep its doors open and its buses running. We cannot allow a budget shortfall to strip away the services that our most vulnerable neighbors rely on. Bridgeport's working families deserve a transit system that works for them."

—Christopher Rosario, Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore, Connecticut House of Representatives, 128th Assembly District (Bridgeport)

Proposed Service Changes

Due to the projected funding gap, GBT is currently planning the following service cuts. These changes will be implemented if new funding is not secured in time.

- New routing alignments on Routes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, and 17
- **Proposed Service Span Changes**
 - Later start times and earlier end times on most routes
- **Proposed Frequency Changes**
 - **Weekdays**
 - Route 8: 20 minutes → 30 minutes
 - Routes 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17: 30 minutes → 60 minutes
 - Routes 19, 22X, 23: 60 minutes → 120 minutes (2 hours)
 - Route 15: Reduced to peak period service only
 - **Saturdays**
 - Route 8: 20 minutes → 30 minutes
 - Routes 3, 4, 5, 6, 9: 30 minutes → 60 minutes
 - **Sundays**
 - Routes 1, 8: 30 minutes → 60 minutes
 - Route 5: 40 minutes → 60 minutes
- **Proposed Route & Service Day Eliminations**
 - Route 4: Elimination of Saturday and Sunday service
 - Route 7: Elimination of all service days
 - Route 15: Elimination of Saturday and Sunday service
 - Route 17: Elimination of Saturday service

More information about these service cuts is available at

<https://gogbt.com/service-reductions-2026/>

Statement from GBT

Greater Bridgeport Transit serves as the backbone of mobility for thousands of residents across the Greater Bridgeport Region. As federal pandemic relief funding comes to an end, GBT faces a defining moment — one that will determine whether the agency can continue delivering the level of service that riders and communities depend on. With the support of state legislators and the pending appropriation from the State Appropriations Committee, there is a path forward. But time is short, and action is needed. Without new, sustainable funding, GBT will have no choice but to implement significant service reductions that will impact working families, seniors, students, and essential workers across the region.



"It is critical that new, sustainable and adequate funding be allocated to GBT to preserve current transit services."

—Steven DeMichele, CEO, Greater Bridgeport Transit

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