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Harris County Transit More than Triples in Bus Service Miles

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Starting Monday, January 4, Harris County Transit Services is greatly expanding its bus service to areas traditionally not serviced by Metro. The new routes will more than triple from 33.47 to 122.66 linear miles.

The routes will link residents of Pasadena, Baytown, La Porte, Clear Lake, Seabrook, South Houston, Highlands and Crosby into a single transit system, offering a variety of new travel options. Harris County Transit Services Director, Ken Fickes says people will be able to get to jobs, to school or the doctor.

“It is our hope that more and more residents will see this as an affordable way to get around. We tried to take people’s travel needs into account. For instance, you can get on a bus in Crosby and go to the Strawberry Medical Clinic in Pasadena for at most, only a dollar,” said Ken Fickes, Director of Harris County Transit Services.

Other direct stops include the Harris County Recovers Housing Assistance Center, 16602 Diana Lane, (serving residents who still have homes damaged by Hurricane Ike), San Jacinto College and Pasadena Town Square Mall. The routes also include stops at various drug stores, grocery stores and libraries. .

Harris County Community Services Director David Turkel expressed gratitude for the public and private cooperation that made this new service a possibility.

“We are grateful to the Houston Galveston Area Council for providing the grant for the service and for the support and cooperation from elected officials and the business community along these routes, Turkel said.”

While the maximum price is \$1.00 per ride, seniors and those who are disabled will only pay 50 cents. All students with an ID are free.

Route service times vary by location. Starting times range from 5:30 – 7am, and conclude between 6-7 pm. Monday through Friday. For the latest routes and schedules go to www.harriscountytransit.com , then follow the Services tab to Proposed Services.