

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BUS SYSTEM CHANGES

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

The City of Hammond is proposing changes to its bus system that will include new permanent bus stop facilities, such as shelters, benches, and waste receptacles; a more efficient bus route; a more reliable schedule; better signage; and a new webpage on the City's website, www.hammond.org.

These proposed changes are intended to improve overall bus service by ensuring bus stops are where they are most needed, increasing safety and comfort, reducing wait times, and improving communication.

As part of these changes, the number of bus stops in Hammond will be temporarily reduced as locations are tested for new permanent facilities and improvements to the Hammond City Bus's route and schedule.

The following 10 bus stops will remain in service and have already received new facilities: **North Oaks Medical Center** (at Medical Center Drive and Physicians Drive), **Terrace of Hammond Apartments, Walmart** (moved into the parking lot just off West Thomas Street), **Martin Luther King Park** (at East Colorado Street), **Piggly Wiggly**, **City of Hammond/City Court of Hammond** (at North Cherry Street), **Tangipahoa Parish Health Unit** (moved into the parking lot behind the Unit), **Sav-a-Lot**, **South Morrison Boulevard at Robin Avenue**, and **North Carter Street at West Thomas Street**.

An additional 10 locations will also remain in service to be tested for new permanent bus stops facilities. These include **Hammond Senior Center** (at North Cherry Street and East Church Street), **Sanderson Farms, Southeastern Louisiana University** (at West University Avenue and North Oak Street), **South Morrison Boulevard at Guidry Drive**, **Hobby Lobby Center**, **J W Davis Drive at West Coleman Avenue**, **Town & Country Plaza**, **Hammond Square Mall** (at IHOP), **Channell Shopping Center**, and **Pecan Street at Western Avenue**.

Together, these 20 bus stops represent Hammond's most used stops, accounting for more than 84% of riders. Additional stops could follow. And the City is interested in hearing from the public about other locations where stops might be needed.

A copy of this notice and a map of these stops, as well as a proposed new bus route and schedule, can be viewed at the City's Grants Department, 310 E Charles St, Hammond LA 70401; on the City's website, www.hammond.org; on the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging's website, www.tangicoa.com; and on the Tangipahoa Parish Government's website, www.tangipahoa.org. Updates will also be posted at these locations.

The public is invited to comment by calling City Grants Manager Charles Borchers IV at 985-277-5647 or by writing to Mr. Borchers at PO Box 2788, Hammond LA 70404 or borchers_cw@hammond.org.

Comments are requested by April 6, 2018.

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