Route Changes

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020



Due to the impact of COVID-19 to our operations, Metro will no longer run Routes 7, 29, 54, 68 and 79. Resources from those routes – buses, drivers, maintenance, fuel – will be used to support Metro's 54 other routes and aid social distancing.

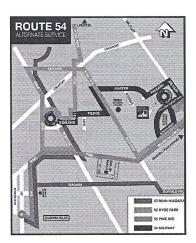
None of these adjustments will affect access to our paratransit service area or availability

For more information contact: NFTA-Metro Customer Service at (716) 855-7211.

Alternative service is available for each discontinued route and the details are below:

54 MILITARY

The 54 Military begins in downtown Niagara Falls and travels north, then east to serve the Fashion Outlets and the Niagara Falls Transit Center.



Alternative Service Options

The major destinations on the 54 are downtown and residential Niagara Falls and the Fashion Outlets. These locations are also served by the much more frequent 55, as well as the 50 and 52. The major difference is that the 54 takes a more northern route along Porter Road through the Hyde Park Golf Course. The 52 can serve as an alternative for the 54 in the Hyde Park area.

7 BAYNES-RICHMOND

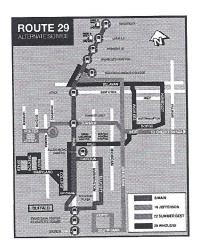


This route starts in downtown Buffalo and travels generally north and west through the Elmwood Village and West Side. It terminates at the Buffalo Psychiatric Center / Richardson Olmsted Campus.

Alternative Service Options

Riders have many options between downtown Buffalo and the Elmwood Village or the West Side, especially the 3 Grant and 20 Elmwood, both of which have frequent service.

29 WOHLERS

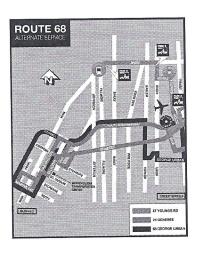


This route starts in the south west corner of Buffalo's West Side, on Maryland St. It travels north and east to the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, before turning north on Wohlers and terminating at the Delavan - Canisius College rail station.

Alternative Service Options

The 22 Summer Best departs just a few blocks from the 29 and also directly serves the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Fruit Belt, and East Side. For individuals traveling north from the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus / Fruit Belt neighborhood, options include the 8 Main, Metro Rail, and 18 Jefferson.

68 GEORGE URBAN



The 68 is an express route that begins at the Buffalo Niagara International Airport, circles east, south, and then west through Cheektowaga on George Urban Blvd. It merges on to the 33 Expressway at Harlem Road and terminates in downtown Buffalo.

Alternative Service Options

The Buffalo Niagara International Airport is well served by the 24 and 47 in addition to the 68. The 24 has several variants with reduced travel time, including the 24 Limited Stop and 24X Express. Riders on George Urban Blvd have the option of the 46 on Walden Ave, the 32 on Union Rd, or the 26 on Harlem Rd.

79 TONAWANDA



The 79 Tonawanda is an express route that starts at the Niagara & Main Transit Center, travels through Tonawanda down Elmwood Avenue, before getting on Route 198 and ending in downtown Buffalo.

Alternative Service Options

The vast majority of ridership boards on Elmwood Avenue, which is well served by the high frequency Route 20 local bus.

COVID-Response

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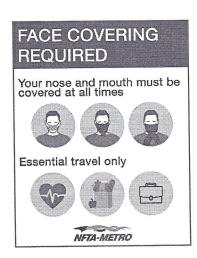


METRO

Suspending fare collection; allowing for riders to enter and exit from the rear of bus and avoid close contact between rider and operator.

Promote essential travel only, the required wearing of mask or face covering, social distancing on bus, rail, and in the public.

Enhanced signage





AUTHORITY WIDE

Increase in cleaning and disinfecting, especially high touch areas

Face coverings requirement