

Changes to RFTA Routes and Fares

Effective Sept. 8, 2009

Due to decreases in sales tax revenues during the current tight economic conditions, RFTA is increasing the cash fare by \$1 per trip, and is making minor service reductions starting with the Fall 2009 off-season.

Fare increase:

For the first time in about 12 years, RFTA is raising the cash fare on the Valley and Hogback routes. The increase will amount to \$1 per trip, unless traveling within a zone – then the fare is only \$1. The prices of punch passes, monthly passes and zone passes will not change at this time.

Service Changes:

The following service changes will occur starting Tuesday, Sept. 8

- Grand Hogback route
- Express, Local and Snowmass direct services
- Winter high season start
 - **Grand Hogback route** - reduced service – eliminating: four weekday Glenwood to Rifle runs (between 7:05am and 1:05 pm); four weekday Rifle to Glenwood runs (between 8:15 am and 2:15 pm); and some weekend runs.

Detail - The following runs will be eliminated on the Hogback service:

<u>Glenwood - Rifle</u>		<u>Rifle - Glenwood</u>
	<u>Mon- Fri</u>	
7:05 am		8:15 am
10:05 am		11:15 am
11:05 am		12:15 pm
1:05 pm		2:15 pm
	<u>Saturday</u>	
6:15 am		
11:05 am		12:15 pm
4:05 pm		5:05 pm
	<u>Sunday</u>	
11:05 am		12:15 pm
4:05 pm		5:05 pm

- **Express, Local and Snowmass direct services** – reduced frequency – affecting primarily the weekday early morning Express routes upvalley, and the afternoon/evening Express routes downvalley - consolidating and/or eliminating certain Express runs, as well as eliminating back-up service on late night runs Monday through Saturday.

Detail - The changes to upvalley and downvalley Express and Direct service:

Upvalley Monday through Friday

- 6:00am Snowmass Direct local from El Jebel gets eliminated. Passengers will need to ride the Local Aspen bus.
- 5:35am Glenwood/Carbondale/Catherines store Express changes to Glenwood/Carbondale/El Jebel/Basalt Express.
- 6:18am Blue Lake/ El Jebel/Basalt Express gets eliminated. It is covered by the 5:35am Glenwood/Carbondale/El Jebel/Basalt Express.
- 7:18am Blue Lake/El Jebel Express changes to Blue Lake/El Jebel/Basalt Express.
- 7:34am Aspen Junction/Basalt Express gets eliminated. It is covered by the 7:18am Blue Lake/El Jebel/Basalt Express.

Downvalley Monday through Friday

- 4:15pm Carbondale Express and Glenwood Express changes to Carbondale/Glenwood Express.
- 5:00pm El Jebel/Carbondale Express gets eliminated.
- 5:15pm Carbondale Express and Glenwood Express changes to Carbondale/Glenwood Express.
- 9:15pm Basalt/El Jebel Express gets eliminated.
- 11:15pm Basalt/El Jebel Express gets eliminated.
- 1:15am Friday night local backup service to the ABC gets eliminated.
- 2:15am Friday night local backup service to the ABC gets eliminated.

Downvalley Saturday

- 5:15pm Carbondale Express and Glenwood Express changes to Carbondale/Glenwood Express.
- 1:15am Saturday night local backup service to the ABC gets eliminated.
- 2:15am Saturday night local backup service to the ABC gets eliminated.

Downvalley Sunday

- 6:15pm El Jebel/ Carbondale Express gets eliminated.

- **Winter high season** – delayed beginning of high season service by 16 days, with winter peak service starting Saturday, December 12.

Detail - Reduced winter service for the first 16 days of winter. The period will be from Thursday, November 26 through Friday, December 11. The service will be comparable to the Fall 2009 Monday through Friday service schedule with the inclusion of 15 minute Aspen – Snowmass service between the hours of 6:15am and 4:45pm. Service to Woody Creek is also included.

Other changes to the fall off season schedule include:

Free Aspen Shuttles

- The Galena Street and Cross Town Shuttles will end their summer season on Monday, September 7. The Galena Street Shuttle will return on Thursday, November 26. The Cross Town Shuttle will return on Saturday, December 12.
- The Castle Maroon, Cemetery Lane, Hunter Creek and Mountain Valley routes will operate on the fall schedule (Monday-Saturday: 7am-12am; Sundays: 9am-9pm) until December 12
- The Burlingame/Hwy 82 route will operate daily, 7am-11am and 3pm-7pm until December 12
- High Mountain Taxi will provide free late night taxi service on Friday and Saturday nights this fall. Service departs Rubey Park at 12:30am, 1am, 1:30am and 2am. Taxis will drop you at any City bus stop. High Mountain taxi will provide free, on-demand Cross Town Shuttle this fall. For more information, call 925-TAXI.