

Proposed Changes to RFTA Routes and Fares

Due to decreases in sales tax revenues during the current tight economic conditions, RFTA is proposing minor service reductions starting with the Fall 2009 off-season on September 8, which would primarily affect the following services:

- **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 would be eliminated on the Hogback service:

<u>Glenwood - Rifle</u>	<u>Mon- Fri</u>	<u>Rifle - Glenwood</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 existing and recommended 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 December 13.

Detail - Reduced winter service for the first 16 days of winter. The period will be from November 27 through December 12. 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.

The RFTA Board of Directors also plans to consider the potential increase in the cost of transit punch passes, monthly passes and cash fares ranging from 10% to 30%. Implementation of the punch/monthly pass and/or cash fare increases would potentially go into effect for the Fall 2009 off-season.

Opportunity to provide input/public comment on these changes and the proposed RFTA fare increase will be available on Thursday, August 13th at the RFTA Board of Directors meeting at the Carbondale Town Hall, 511 Colorado Ave., Carbondale, 8:30 am.