

# Montpelier Circulator

Public Hearing  
April 20, 2011



# Presentation Overview

- Montpelier Circulator
  - Background and Timeline
  - Available Hours
  - Span of Service
  - Markets Served
  - Headways
  - Stops
  - Draft proposal
  - Public Comment



# Montpelier Circulator

- Background and Timeline
  - Historical desire for “city” bus to serve Montpelier
  - GMTA applied for federal funding for FY ‘09 (denied)
  - Spring of 2010: GMTA Board identifies available internal funding for Circulator (~45% of route cost)
  - Repurpose Capital Shuttle funding (~30% of route cost)
  - Fall/Winter ‘10/’ 11
    - GMTA route research
    - City Council meetings



# Montpelier Circulator

- Background and Timeline cont.
  - March/April '11
    - Circulator Steering Committee meetings
  - April/May '11
    - Public hearings
      - 4/13, 4/20
    - City Council approval
    - GMTA Board approval
  - June/July '11
    - Route implementation



# Montpelier Circulator

- Available hours
  - ~2,650 total driver pay hours (annually)
    - Does not equate to actual service hours
      - Service hours are what you see in Bus Map & Guide
    - Total driver pay hours = service hours + punch-in/punch-out, pre-trip, travel to/from garage
  - Comparison
    - Montpelier Hospital Hill
      - Runs Monday – Friday, 7:16 – 6:16, and Saturday 8:16 – 6:16
      - FY10 = ~3,950 total driver pay hours



# Montpelier Circulator

- **Span of Service**

- When to use available hours?

- Monday – Friday and Saturday

- 255 Weekdays represent ~70% of days annually

- 52 Saturdays represent ~ 15% of days annually

- » Eliminating Saturdays from current schedule only adds ~1 hr/weekday

- » Incremental changes to Saturday schedule don't amount to "useable" hours during weekdays

- » What does this mean? Either run ~5 hrs on Saturdays or not at all

- What markets (who) are you trying to serve?



# Montpelier Circulator

- Markets served
  - Those without cars
  - Those unable to drive
  - Those with cars who may prefer public transit
  - Commuters
  - Students
    - Each segment may have differing and/or competing service needs...



# Montpelier Circulator

- Headways

- Headways can be easily thought of as “wait time”
  - Direct correlation between headways, route coverage (distances), and ridership
  - Shorter headways = less wait time, less geography, more ridership
  - Longer headways = longer wait times, more geography, lower ridership
  - How to balance these issues while designing a route that will serve as many people as possible?



# Montpelier Circulator

- Current Schedule Proposal

April 20, 2011 Draft Schedule - SUMMER

Montpelier Circulator, Monday - Friday

SHAWS	ELM/SPRING	REC FIELD/POOL	SUMMER/WINTER	WCMH/HEATON WOODS	COLLEGE GREEN	HUNGER MTN CO-OP	SR. CTR.	SHAWS
6:50	6:53	-	7:03	7:07	7:10	7:17	7:20	7:30
7:50	7:53	R	8:03	8:07	8:10	8:17	8:20	8:30
8:50	8:53	R	9:03	9:07	9:10	9:17	9:20	9:30
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11:50	11:53	R	12:03	12:07	12:10	12:17	12:20	12:30
12:50	12:53	12:58	1:03	1:07	1:10	1:17	1:20	1:30
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2:50	2:53	2:58	3:03	3:07	3:10	3:17	3:20	3:30
3:50	3:53	3:58	4:03	4:07	4:10	4:17	4:20	4:30
4:50	4:53	4:58	5:03	5:07	5:10	5:17	5:20	5:30

SHAWS	3 Prospect	FREEDOM DR	NATIONAL LIFE	HIGH SCHOOL	PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK	SHAWS
7:30	R	7:34	R	7:43	7:46	7:50
8:30	R	8:34	R	8:43	8:46	8:50
9:30	R	9:34	R	9:43	9:46	9:50
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11:30	R	11:34	R	11:43	11:46	11:50
12:30	R	12:34	R	12:43	12:46	12:50
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2:30	R	2:34	R	2:43	2:46	2:50
3:30	R	3:34	3:38	3:43	3:46	3:50
4:30	R	4:34	4:38	4:43	4:46	4:50
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- Current Schedule Proposal cont.

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Montpelier Circulator, Saturday

SHAWS	ELM/SPRING	REC FIELD/POOL	SUMMER/WINTER	WCMH/HEATON WOODS	COLLEGE GREEN	HUNGER MTN CO-OP	SR. CTR.	SHAWS
8:50	8:53	8:58	9:03	9:07	9:10	9:17	9:20	9:30
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10:50	10:53	10:58	11:03	11:07	11:10	11:17	11:20	11:30
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10:30	R	10:34	10:46	10:50
11:30	R	11:34	11:46	11:50
12:30	R	12:34	12:46	12:50
1:30	R	1:34	1:46	1:50



# Montpelier Circulator

- Current Route Proposal

GMTA Montpelier Circulator  
FY12 Draft Route  
April 13, 2011



# Montpelier Circulator

- Main Components
  - Hour long headways
  - Year-round downtown Montpelier service
    - New Montpelier fixed route service areas:

Shaws	Elm St	Pool/Rec Fields	Meadow area	Heaton Woods
WCMH	College Green	Barre St	Co-Op	Sr. Ctr.
Freedom Dr.	National Life	High School	State St	3 Prospect



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- Thank you
  - Montpelier residents and voters
  - Montpelier City Council
  - Steering Committee
    - Phayvanh Luekhamhan
    - Bev Pembroke Hill
    - Irene Badeau
    - Nancy Sherman
    - Andy Hooper
    - Angela Timpone
  - Those in attendance today!



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