

## Transit Talk

- **Saturday** service within Wabash would require additional *local operating* funding. If that were to happen, we could expand the service which would require hiring and training additional drivers. It could be done the same way we will do the bus stops with pre-scheduled deviations.
- **A bus that can be dispatched without scheduling in advance** is also a factor of receiving enough local funding. It works well for last minute requests or will calls from medical appointments, but just like all of our services, it is first come first served. **The designated bus stops with the point deviation from bus stops should meet this need within Wabash.**
- Wabash County Government and the City of Wabash split the local cost of purchasing two new vehicles for public transportation. The medium sized bus will be part of the new cross town Wabash service. The minivan will be used in our demand-response/dial-a-ride service which covers all of Wabash County, including Wabash. Both vehicles will be handicap accessible.

The new **“Cross Town Wabash”** bus route will be added to the existing demand response/dial-a-ride service late spring, early summer 2019. **It will serve more people more often, offering the convenience of a city bus service blended with the specialized handicap accessible service of Dial-a-Ride rural public transit, able to deviate from the route; thus providing door to door service as needed.**

Designated stops with the flexibility to add scheduled deviations from the route a ¼ mile either side of the route, to get you where you need to go, providing door -to –service for those who need it.

It will operate Monday through Friday. We are not sure what time it will open in the morning, but it will run through 6 p.m.

The two buses will move continuously from the Walmart Area on the North End of Wabash to the Bechtol Grocery Area on the South Side of Wabash With frequent bus stops in between and pe-scheduled deviations to pick up and drop off away from route.

This will provide predictable rides that do not require a phone call to transit as long as you are at the designated bus stops throughout Wabash.

- No reservation needed for stop to stop
- Reservation needed to deviate from route
- Bus fare has not yet been established for the new service, but it will be cheaper than our traditional dial-a-ride/demand response service.
- Predictable Rides
- Pre-scheduled stops throughout Wabash
- No reservation needed for stop to stop

Future expansion includes a connector route between North Manchester and Wabash.



## Shopping Bags...

Any package over the "what you can carry in one trip limit" will have a surcharge of \$1/bag or item.

**We realize riders will need to go to the store more often.**

In February, we introduced revised rules regarding shopping bags/items on Transit Vehicles.

Riders must restrict their carry-ons, usually shopping, to what they or the driver can carry in one trip (up to 50 pounds total). Packages cannot be larger than the immediate area around your seat, as not to inconvenience other passengers.

The exception to this is with food pantries which limit people to once a month. We will transport what you are given by pantries.

Drivers can only assist between the vehicle and the door. They cannot enter a residence, your garage, a store, a medical office or anywhere else.

**Drivers cannot go inside to look for you.**

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### Food and Beverages...

Lots of people like to carry a beverage with them. To meet the changing nature of how we live, we will allow beverages that have screw top lids. Essentially fountain beverages and fast food cups of coffee will not be allowed.

To keep the buses clean riders are prohibited from drinking or eating while riding.

### Taking Your Pet...

**We are expanding the service to include pets.**

If you need to transport your pet by using WCT you will need to tell the dispatcher when you schedule the ride.

- You and your pet will both be charged to ride.
- Seniors still ride by donation, but pets will be charged the regular public transit rate.
- Pets must be secured in a cage/carrier. You or a companion must be able to carry your pet. Drivers will not carry them for you.

**Service animals are allowed without charge. Please tell our dispatcher at the time of scheduling the ride.**

# Wabash County Public Transit

Serving All Ages

Call Dispatchers to Schedule Rides

Monday-Friday.....7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**563.7536 or 888.498.4400**

We stop taking next day  
ride requests at 1:00

Rides are based on availability

Monday-Friday 5:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.