

Naval Support Activity Bethesda Commuter News

Important Events

June 2011

June 6

-Zip Code Get Together

Ridesharing Matching

Building 1 Room 1643
1400

June 8

-NNMC Command Orientation

June 8

-Transit Benefit Workshop

Building 1 Room 1643
1300

June 13,20,27

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Subscription Bus Service

Central Maryland Regional Transit (CMRT) has interest in starting subscription bus routes to Bethesda. Subscription bus service is a guaranteed seat on a coach bus that can be subsidized with the Mass Transit Fringe benefit. The monthly cost will range from \$330-\$390 depending upon pick up location.

The routes will come from the following locations:

Route 1: Columbia
Burtonsville

Route 2: Annapolis
Bowie

Route 3: Sykesville
Clarksville
Colesville

CMRT intends to start offering the service with one bus per route. The pick up time varies based on location. All routes will drop off in Bethesda around 0630 and pick up at the end of the day around 1700. Please see below for pick up times and pick up locations.

The Bethesda drop off/pick up location will be in the shuttle bus cut out lane along MD 355 in front of the Medical Center Metro.

CMRT is currently conducting a survey to gauge interest in the service. Please take the survey if you live in or near these areas.

You can access the survey by clicking [here](#).



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Bus Route Information

Bus Number & Pick Up Location	Pick Up Time	Arrival In Bethesda	Departure From Bethesda
B101 Broken Land Park & Ride	5:10 AM	6:25AM	4:50 PM
B101 Burtonsville Park & Ride	5:50 AM	6:25 AM	4:50 PM
B102 Harry S. Truman Park & Ride	5:00 AM	6:30 AM	4:55 PM
B102 Bowie Park & Ride	5:50 AM	6:30 AM	4:55 PM
B103 Sykesville—I70 & Route 32	5:15 AM	6:40 AM	5:05 PM
B103 Clarksville Park & Ride	5:40 AM	6:40 AM	5:05 PM
B103 New Hampshire Ave & Randolph Rd	6:16 AM	6:40 AM	5:05 PM

Road & Construction Update

North Gate finishing touches on guard ID checkpoints....

- Work is being done at North Gate to complete the overhead canopies above the ID checkpoints. Hours of operation are 0900-2300. The project will be completed on, or about, June 11. During this timeframe be aware of signage and new traffic patterns when exiting and entering this gate.
- A two lane detour and pedestrian pathway is currently in operation at South Gate. The detour will allow construction to be expedited at South Gate. Two-way, inbound & outbound, traffic now exists from 0500-1700. Outbound vehicle traffic is available 24/7. Pedestrian traffic inbound and outbound is also available 24/7.
- Construction has begun at the intersection of Brown Dr and North Palmer Road. Fencing has been erected and pedestrian detours are in place. Please be aware that a four-way stop has been created to support construction.
- As completion of renovation spaces within the hospital, Building 17 (future admin/fitness/parking structure) & Building 62 (barracks & associated dining facility) nears, there will be increased commercial vehicle traffic surrounding them.
- The 1200 space Multi Use Parking Structure (MUPS) has finished precast installation. Work will now transition to interior improvements and road/sidewalk tie in activities.

Every Choice Counts—Ride On Bus



This is part of the 'Every Choice Counts' series that details mass transit experiences in the national capital area.

For this month's edition, I will detail my experience on Ride On Route 70 during the afternoon rush hour.

At 1600 I depart from my desk in Building 14, and at 1608 I arrive at the Bus Shelter on MD 355 outside of South Gate. The Ride On bus is at the shelter by 1611. I board the bus and immediately find a seat in the rear.

The climate on the bus is warm, however as we move along I notice the windows are open which provides a cool breeze. The bus was clean and was not close to capacity.

I put on my IPOD and am able to relax as we travel along MD 355 to I-270 North.

At 1637 the bus pulls into the Milestone Park & Ride location in Germantown, MD. I notice this commute time is faster than taking Metro and carpooling to this spot on my normal commute.

My carpool driver picks me up and we continue on to Frederick, arriving at my house at 1707.

In the next part of this series I will try the MARC Brunswick Line from Frederick to Rockville. I will then pick up the Metro at Rockville to continue on to Medical Center.

Have you tried an alternative commuting method? Email me and I will include your experience in an upcoming issue.

Commuter Questions? Please email me at ryan.emery@med.navy.mil

