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News

FAStops Phase III

Metro will kick off a series of community meetings later this month ahead of the implementation of Phase III of its FAStops bus stop balancing project.

The latest and final phase of the project, which was designed to meet requests from riders for shorter trip times and improved service, launches Dec. 1 on the following routes: Rt. 11, 20, 30X, 75X, 14X, 23X, 41, 78, 15X, 24, 42X, 81X, 16, 25X, 51, 82X, 17,

Metro to Officially Launch Partnership with Transit App

Have you heard? Metro riders will have a new app starting Wednesday to make riding the bus easier than ever before.

The new Transit App with EZFare will allow users to:

- Plan their trip across Metro, TANK and BCRTA
- Pay their fare on their smartphone
- Track their bus in real time
- Purchase the new \$5 Metro /TANK Day Pass for unlimited rides all day on both systems



To celebrate, Metro, along with TANK and BCRTA, will host a kick off on Government Square from **6:30-8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Oct. 23**. Stop by to cash in on giveaways and chances to win prizes.

Additionally, anyone who purchases a new pass on Transit App between Oct. 23-25 will be rewarded with a **FREE Metro-Tank Day Pass**.

Rider Notice: Current Cincy EZRide app users will no longer be able to purchase Metro fare on the app after Oct. 23. However, passes already purchased in the fare wallet will be able to be used through June 30, 2020.

Learn more about the new app [here](#).

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FAStops information meetings are scheduled for the following dates*:

- * **Oct. 28** | Colerain Township Senior Center Hall B | 5-7:30 p.m.
- * **Oct. 29** | Cincinnati Public Library Downtown (Tower Room) | 5-7:30 p.m.
- * **Oct. 30** | Recovery Center of Hamilton County (clients and staff only) | noon-1:30 p.m.
- * **Nov. 4** | Goodwill Industries Auditorium (clients and staff only) | 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- * **Nov. 4** | SORTA Board Room (602 Main St., 12th Floor) | 5-7:30 p.m.
- * **Nov. 7** | Anderson Township Admin. Building Lower Atrium | 5-7:30 p.m.
- * **Nov. 11** | Clovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired | 10-11 a.m.
- * **Nov. 12** | Forest Park Senior Center | 5-7:30 p.m.
- * **Nov. 19** | College Hill Rec Center | 5-7:30 p.m.

Learn more [here](#).

Metro Perk\$

Check out the Metro Perk\$ program [here](#) for discounts to attractions like the **Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Coney Island and the Cincinnati Art Museum.**

Metro Perk\$ users will receive the group ticket discount (10-15% off) on all available reserved



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New Transit Center Coming to Northside



Rendering

Metro will break ground on it's newest transit center, serving the Northside neighborhood, on Oct. 29.

Northside is the second highest transfer location in Metro's system, second only to Government Square downtown. The new center will also help to alleviate traffic and congestion along the busy Hamilton Avenue as it serves eight Metro routes: **Rts. 15X, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23X, 27 and 51.**

The transit center, located near the intersection of Spring Grove Avenue and Blue Rock Street, will feature:

- Eight boarding bays
- Sheltered stop on Spring Grove
- Designated Park & Ride spaces for commuters
- Wayfinding maps, real-time screens and ticket vending machines
- Enhanced streetscaping, lighting and shelters

seating areas. For a direct link into FC Cincinnati single match ticket options, click [here](#). After you select your preferred seat location, the promotional code box will be on the 'confirm' page of the process. Please note, the discount is for reserved seating areas and does not include the \$15 General Admission ticket.

Read more about the project [here](#).



Haunted Bus Returns

Dust off your favorite costume and don't forget your treat bag! Metro, together with Buckeye Health Plan, invites the community to enjoy a fun, family-friendly Halloween event this year with a visit to Metro's Haunted Bus on Oct. 26.

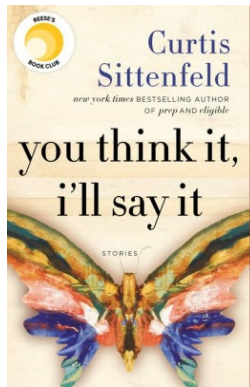
The bus will be at the Carl H. Lindner YMCA, in the West End, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with treats and fun Halloween surprises for kids of all ages.

As always, the event, which is sponsored by Buckeye Health Plan, is free and open to the public.



Read & Ride

October's Book of the Month: "You Think It, I'll Say It"



Metro and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County have teamed up for a "Read and Ride" book club, encouraging bus riders to spend their time on board with a good book.

October's book is "You Think It, I'll Say It," by Curtis Sittenfeld.

Didn't pick up your copy yet? The book is available to riders both in hard copy, at local library branches and in audiobook and e-book form -- made easily accessible by Metro's expansion of free on-board Wi-Fi for riders.

Stop by the library today to check "You Think It, I'll Say It" out or click [here](#) for information on how to download the book for free.



Post of the Month

November SORTA Board meeting

The November Board of Trustees meeting for the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. at 602 Main St., 12th Floor Board Room. SORTA board meetings are open to the public.

Board meetings now alternate each month between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. to provide an increased opportunity for community participation.

See meeting dates and past meeting minutes [here](#).

Metro ridership reports

Curious about how many people rode Metro last month? Stay in the know with monthly ridership and performance reports, available on Metro's website [here](#).

Cincy EZAlerts



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