

OmniRide Launches Connect Microtransit Service in Manassas Park

OmniRide Connect Microtransit service began operation on December 12, 2022. The service replaces OmniRide's Local Manassas Park (68) route, which has been discontinued.

Riders are able to schedule rides using the OmniRide Mobility app, online web portal or by calling OmniRide's Customer Service Office at 703-730-6664. Instead of OmniRide's traditional bus service, riders are transported in vans. Upon request, a van will be dispatched to pick up passengers at designated pick-up points and deliver them to their destination. Rides will be scheduled for same-day travel but cannot be scheduled days in advance.

OmniRide Connect Microtransit service will operate Monday through Friday from 6:00am to 8:00pm. This service is currently fare free and will continue to be as long as OmniRide's Local service is fare free.

Historically, ridership on our Manassas Park Local route has been the lowest of all our local bus routes. Implementing microtransit is a more judicious use of funding and staffing resources, while still meeting the community's travel needs.



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OmniRide/Keolis and Keep Prince William Beautiful Partner on Sustainability Programs



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GREEN TEAM

The OmniRide Green Team, an organizational sustainability program developed in partnership between OmniRide and its operations contractor Keolis Transit America, was formed this past year. The team has partnered with Keep Prince William County Beautiful (KPWB)—a non-profit environmental organization that serves Prince William County through uniting with residents, businesses, and government to become environmental stewards.

The Team has spearheaded several initiatives, including a collaboration with KPWB to provide employees and customers with two grocery bag recycling boxes placed at both facilities, they created a battery and cell phone recycling program, and installed chilled water stations in the Woodbridge maintenance breakroom to reduce thousands of dollars and pallets of single-use water bottles purchased yearly. There have been several events,

including the Green Team Kick-Off on Earth Day, two Adopt-a-Spot clean up days, and a Paper Digital Spring-Cleaning Event.

Additionally, OmniRide and KPWB—along with Prince William County Neighborhood Services, Parks, Recreation & Tourism; Apple Federal Credit Union, and Amazon Web Services in Communities (AWS)—unveiled a Bus Stop Beautification Project. The project transformed designated bus shelters in Prince William County into canvases of public art designed by local artists. During this first phase of the project, four local bus shelter locations feature work by a different artist under the theme of environmental stewardship.

Artists were selected through an open call for proposals by KPWB. They were encouraged to visit their selected shelter locations to see the neighborhood, surrounding community, and its cultural influences to inspire them to create their works. Each artist received a \$500 grant to create the artwork and will receive half of the proceeds gained at an auction for the sale of their artwork after a year. This will become an annual project with new artists selected each year.

For more information on the project and the artists visit OmniRide.com.



Artist: **Tamao Nakayama**



Artist: **Sherry Bosarge**



Artist: **Emily Thomson**



Artist: **Amanda Griffith**

OmniRide Service Change Went Into Effect January 30

WOODBIDGE, VA – OmniRide’s Service Change went into effect on Monday, January 30. Schedules for Express, Metro Express, and Local routes changed on that date. OmniRide Connect microtransit pilot program is now operating in Manassas Park. It replaces the OmniRide Local Manassas Park route. See below for some highlights of the service change. Some routes are now operating from the new Balls Ford Road Commuter Lot in Manassas.

NOTE: *The new schedules are available on the buses and online.*

OmniRide Express

- **Dulles Corridor/Reston/Herndon (608) — NEW Route**
 - » Provides connections to Reston Area from the Balls Ford Lot
 - » Areas include Silver Line Innovation Station and U.S. Geological Survey
- **Manassas – Washington/State Dept. (601) — ROUTE DISCONTINUED.** Riders can use Gainesville-Washington (611) to get into D.C.
- **Manassas – Pentagon (602) route** will start and end at the new Balls Ford Lot (Century Park Drive, off Balls Ford Road)
- **Gainesville/Manassas-Washington/State Department (611)** includes new routing to and from Balls Ford Lot, new routing to Express lanes
- **Dale City (D-100, D-200, D-300) — NEW routing**
 - » Service to Potomac Mills Commuter Lot DISCONTINUED
- **Montclair (MC-100) — NEW routing**
 - » Starts and ends at Dale City Lot
- **Montclair (MC-200) — NEW routing**
 - » Starts and ends on Benita Fitzgerald at Brahams Drive
- **Western Express Connector (62) — NEW Route**
 - » Provides timed connections to Manassas Metro Express (60) at Balls Ford Lot
 - » Limestone to Balls Ford to University in morning
 - » Balls Ford to University to Linton Hall in evening



OmniRide Metro Express

- **Linton Hall (61) — ROUTE DISCONTINUED.** Passengers can ride new Western Express Connector (62) to Balls Ford Lot to connect with Manassas Metro Express to Tysons Metro Station.
- **Manassas (60)** will include routing to and from Balls Ford Lot

OmniRide Local

- **Manassas Park (68) — ROUTE DISCONTINUED** and replaced with OmniRide Connect microtransit service (see page 1).
- **Manassas North–Balls Ford Lot (65B) — NEW routing**
 - » Operates between the Western Hub and the Balls Ford Lot
 - » Direct access to Manassas Mall
 - » Timed transfers at Western Hub to Route 96
- **Manassas North–NOVA Campus (65N) — NEW routing, now separate schedule from route 67**
 - » Direct Access to Manassas Mall
 - » Direct Access to Portsmouth Commuter Lot
 - » New Routing from Hub–PWC Courthouse to Manassas Mall
 - » Irongate Way routing eliminated
- **Manassas South to Manassas Park (67) — NEW routing, separate schedule from 65N and 65B routes**
 - » Service hours extended to match 65N
 - » New routing along Portner/Breeden/Mathis
 - » Euclid routing discontinued



Contact OmniRide Customer Service at **703-730-6664** or **Omni@OmniRide.com** for more information.



HELP WANTED!

Keolis Transit America, OmniRide's operation and maintenance contractor, is looking to hire full-time bus operators. A CDL is not needed to apply—Keolis offers paid training. The company also offers competitive pay and benefits, 401k, and room for advancement. Please call Keolis Transit America for more information at (703) 576-5118.

Learn more about open positions and apply at www.keoliscs.com/careers/.

If you see something, say something!

OmniRide would like to remind our riders if you "See Something, Say Something." It is our priority at OmniRide to keep all our passengers and staff safe. Please help us by reporting any suspicious activity to your bus operator or to security at the Transit Center, or call 911 or local police. Thanks for your cooperation.



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