

MEDIA RELEASE

Due to the unsuccessful passing of the Levy and continued declining of Federal/State Grants, ACRTA has to make some transportation service cuts effective immediately. This was a difficult decision due to the hardship this will cause on the community, economic growth, job access, and the services RTA provides for the Elderly and Disabled.

The Immediate Cuts are:

- No Free transportation for Community Events will be provided which includes parades, city/village events, 4th or July shuttles, Thanksgiving shuttle for elderly and disabled, Lantern Tour, and Car Shows.
- No Free transportation for Non-Profit Companies which includes Lima Locos, Lima Warriors, Big Brothers and Sisters, Church Daycares, St. Johns School, Veterans events, FOP Christmas events, Free passenger fare days, Special Needs Christmas event, Sheriff and Police disabled transportation, Emergency Event Plans for Memorial and St. Rita's Hospital, Changing Seasons functions or any other events.
- No Monthly Discounted Unlimited Ride Passes which include: High School Student ride passes for \$10; Elderly and Disabled ride passes for \$17; Student ride passes for \$20 and Unlimited Adult Passes for \$34

December 2nd Cuts are:

- Shut down Saturday Bus Service
- Shut down Saturday Uplift Service for Elderly and Disabled
- Close Lobby on Saturday's and Sundays that were open for Greyhound and Barron Bus ticket sales and passengers.

January 1st Cuts are:

- Shut down all Bus Services at **5:45pm** instead of 10:15pm; this includes Fixed Route and Uplift Services.
- Shut down Routes with less ridership which includes:
 - Route 7 North East** that services Marimor and DD, Nickles Bakery, Ford Plant, US Plastic, Metakote, Lima Pallet and P&G on cool road.
 - Route 8 Metcalf** that services Husky, Occupational Health, Heart Institute, Precision Thermo Plastic, Orthopedic Institute and Bob Evans factory.
 - Route 9 Shawnee/Apollo** that services Bradfield Center, Red Cross, Potash, Apollo Center, Ft Shawnee Industrial Park, Central Point Business Park and Shawnee Manor.
- Cut **Route 5 South Main** from 30 minute service to 1 hour service
- Lay off 6 to 9 employees and Cut remaining employees hours
- Continue Union Contract with no raise for 3 years and No Health Benefits offered

**As Federal/State Grants continue to reduce each year, additional service will also continue to be reduced each year.*