



**Municipality of Anchorage
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NEWS RELEASE

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People Mover to Begin Airport Bus Service July 7, 2003

Employees and travelers at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport will have a new transportation option beginning Monday, July 7, when People Mover initiates hourly bus service to the airport area from both the Dimond Transit Center and the Downtown Transit Center.

The 2002 People Mover Route Restructure Plan prepared by transit consulting firm RLS and Associates, Inc., identified service to the large employment population in the airport area, as one of its top short range initiatives for the Anchorage Public Transportation System.

Route 7, which serves businesses and riders from downtown Anchorage to Dimond Center via Spenard and Jewel Lake roads, will continue to depart every 30 minutes from the Downtown Transit Center and the Dimond Transit Center. Every other Route 7 trip (once an hour) will split into a travel pattern that travels through a loop of the airport area. The airport trips will travel on International Airport Road west of Spenard, Postmark Drive, and Old International Airport Road (Frontage Road), serving employees in air transport and service industries, cargo and passenger operations, the U.S. Postal Service, the Aviation Heritage Museum, and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Other People Mover service changes effective Monday, July 7 include:

Map changes

- Route 1 will travel in front of the Alaska Native Medical Center
- Routes 7, 9, and 60 will no longer operate on 5th Avenue; instead they will operate on 9th Avenue.
- Route 7 will provide service to the airport.
- Route 7 will operate on I and L Streets between downtown & West High
- Route 60 will operate on "E" Street/Arctic Boulevard between downtown & Fireweed.

Schedule changes

- Routes 1, 2, 7, 9, 14, 60, 75 will be converted to predictable hourly service on Weekdays, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Route 45 will be converted to predictable hourly service on Saturday and Sunday.
- There will be minor schedule changes on other routes.

For more information about Anchorage People Mover visit the web site at www.peoplemover.org or call the Ride Line at 343-6543.

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