

Approved Route and Schedule Changes for January 5, 2026

The following route & schedule changes have been APPROVED by South Central Transit Authority (SCTA) for BARTA bus service to be implemented on Monday, January 5, 2026.

The changes were approved at the October 15, 2025 SCTA Board Meeting.

The approved changes were proposed for review and consideration based off compiled customer comments submitted through phone calls, emails, social media comments and outreach events. The approved changes have been discussed and proposed from meetings with the 2025 BARTA Route & Schedule Team, consisting of Operator, Maintenance and Administrative Personnel.

A 30-day comment period was held for customers and the public to review the proposed changes. Two public hearing sessions were held on Monday, October 13, 2025.

A description of the proposed changes is as follows:

Route 1 - Temple via 5th Street:

Approved to eliminate the time point outbound & inbound at 5th Street & Crescent Avenue. Approved to adjust time points to improve on-time performance.

Route 8 - Reiffton/Shelbourne Square/Birdsboro:

Approved to add 4 trips to Birdsboro in the afternoon between 12:50 PM and 5 PM. Approved to not serve Boscov's Distribution Center on the 5:15 AM trip, instead serve it on the 7:15 AM trip to better serve employee shifts. Approved to adjust time points to improve on-time performance.

Route 9/Grill/Kenhorst:

Approved to provide service to Berks Nature, 575 St. Bernardine Street, Reading inbound and outbound.

Route 10/Brookline

Approved to serve Shillington Plaza in evenings after 6:30 PM, inbound only.

Route 14/Wernersville via Sinking Spring:

Approved to not serve Wernersville State Hospital from Womelsdorf on trips marked with "A" note on schedule.

Route 15/Berkshire Mall:

Approved to adjust time to improve on-time performance. Approved to change route at Park Road & Hill Avenue to improve safety for customers and drivers. Approved to travel Hill Avenue to Reading Avenue to Penn Avenue.

Route 16/Broadcasting Square:

Approved to change route at Park Road & Hill Avenue for safety. Approved to change route at Park Road & Hill Avenue to improve safety for customers and drivers. Approved to travel Hill Avenue to Reading Avenue to Penn Avenue. Approved to add service to R. M. Palmer Company on last trip at 11:05 PM.

Route 17/Glenside/Airport/Berks Heim:

Approved to serve Tower Behavioral Health on inbound trips only.

Route 22/Lyon Station/East Penn - Deka:

Approved to extend route from Deka to Kutztown University for ALL trips.

Sunday Service

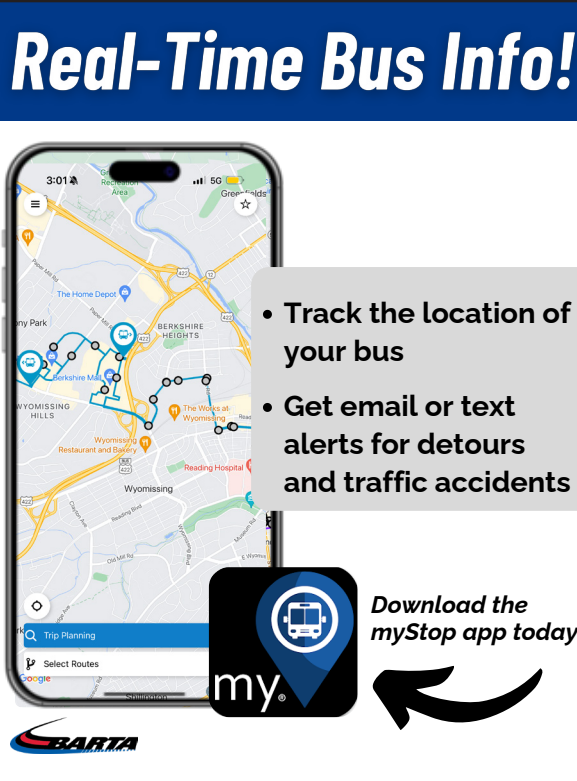
After hearing and collecting additional operator and customer comments during the 30-Day Public Comment Period, the SCTA Board also approved adjustments to trip times for certain routes on Sundays to improve on-time performance.

New Ride Guides COMING SOON!

Links to final copies of the Approved Schedules will be available on the BARTA website by October 31st.


New BARTA Ride Guide booklets will be printed and available by December 22, 2025. Announcements will be made when they are available.

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**Effective Date
Monday,
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