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### **No need to sing the blues: special bus to replace O-Train service from July 12 to August 14**

**Ottawa** – Starting Monday, July 12, a new bus route, the “O-Train Special”, will replace O-Train service while the trains and tracks undergo major upgrades this summer. The service will operate for five weeks from July 12 to August 14, inclusive, with extra service added during Bluesfest.

The replacement bus service will run parallel to the O-Train line and serve stops at South Keys, Greenboro, Walkley, Heron and LeBreton Stations, as well as Heron at Bronson, Carleton University and Preston at Carling. The limited stops will help speed up service, which will operate the same hours as the O-Train and at the same or better frequency as follows:

- Monday to Friday: every 12 minutes in the peak periods, every 15 minutes in the midday and early evening, and every 30 minutes in the late evening.
- Saturday: every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and every 30 minutes at other times.
- Sunday: every 30 minutes.

During Bluesfest the O-Train Special will be increased as follows:

- July 12-16: every 7-8 minutes from 5:15 p.m. until midnight.
- Saturday, July 17, every 7-8 minutes from 5 p.m. until 11:45 p.m.
- Sunday, July 18, every 15 minutes from 11:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. and every 7-8 minutes from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The O-Train Special's pick up and drop off area for Bluesfest will be at LeBreton Station, which is also well-served by regular Transitway routes that are supplemented during Bluesfest.

The O-Train shut down period was chosen for the summer when ridership is lower in order to minimize the impact to students and commuters. As well, the City has to rely on contractors who require specialized equipment for this type of track work. The dates are based on their schedule and the coordination of track, signal, bridge and tunnel work all at the same time.

Regular O-Train service is scheduled to reopen on Sunday, August 15.

For more details on the O-Train replacement bus route and Bluesfest service, or to find out other bus route alternatives, travel planning help is available. Please call 613-741-4390 or visit [octranspo.com](http://octranspo.com).

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