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OC Transpo introduces new service improvements this fall

Ottawa –OC Transpo will introduce many improvements this fall to meet the transit needs of residents across the city, including new services to growing communities, increased service on busy routes, improved connections, expanded Park & Ride facilities for commuters, and the new U-Pass for students. Revised schedules also go into effect on most routes on September 5.

Service improvements effective September 5 include:

- Increased frequency on many routes to reflect the higher demand for service in the fall.
- New communities served in Barrhaven South on Route 171, in Kanata West on Route 184, and in Orléans East on Route 122.
- Expanded hours of service and an increase in frequency in the evenings on Route 94, which will accommodate the growing ridership and the early morning and late evening travellers.
- 24-hour Transitway service on Route 97, Monday to Friday, to improve late night service from downtown to Ottawa South and the Airport.
- Improved weekday connections in Ottawa West with Route 18 extended to Carlingwood, to replace Route 159, for improved service between Westboro and Carlingwood and better connections to downtown.
- Revamped early morning service.

Fall service changes also include replacing Route 193 with improved all-day service on revised Route 122, and Route 162 with Route 60, which will be extended to Maxwell Bridge. As well, the 800 series of early morning routes will be replaced with new trips on local routes for a more consistent service. Travel planning, schedules, and maps are available at octranspo.com and by calling 613-741-4390.

Later this fall, Park & Ride facilities will also be expanded. In the south end, the number of spaces at Riverview will double, while a new lot will open near Leirrim and Albion with 292 spaces. In the southwest, 70 more spaces will be added at Fallowfield Station, along with platform and shelter improvements to better serve our customers.

Beginning September 1, full-time students at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa will enjoy the freedom and convenience of the new Universal transit pass. With the U-Pass, students benefit from unlimited travel and significant savings compared to a monthly or semester pass, and they help support a sustainable community. The U-Pass pilot project runs from September 1, 2010 until April 30, 2011.

College and high school students are reminded to get their new transit photo ID card (\$6.25) before last year's card expires on September 30. Special photo ID sessions will be available at many schools, so check octranspo.com for locations and times. In addition to OC Transpo Sales Centres, photo IDs will be taken at Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, and the Kanata Client Service Centre, 580 Terry Fox Drive, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until September 10 and again from September 20 to October 1.

On Labour Day, OC Transpo will operate a Sunday schedule, so only those routes that normally run on Sundays will be in service.

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Schedule information is available 24 hours a day, up to six days in advance, by calling 613-560-1000 plus the four-digit bus stop number. For more details, trip planning assistance, routing information and new timetables, customers should call OC Transpo at 613-741-4390 or visit www.octranspo.com.

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