

# ANDOVER

The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) serves the northeast corner of Massachusetts with over 1 million miles of city, suburban, interurban and rural scheduled bus routes. Bordered on the north and east by the state of New Hampshire and the Atlantic Ocean, MVRTA bus service is provided in Andover, Amesbury, Haverhill, Lawrence, Merrimac, Methuen, Newburyport and North Andover. The Authority also provides service to the Robert B. Kennedy Transfer Station for connections with the Lowell Regional Transit Authority. MVRTA bus service allows residents of the Merrimack Valley to commute to work, school, run errands, travel to shopping centers and stores, MBTA Commuter Rail Stations and to recreational destinations.

The MVRTA also provides a Commuter Bus service to and from Boston on weekdays. The MVRTA also provides subscription services called Ring & Ride in some of the cities and towns in the Merrimack Valley.

The MVRTA operates Monday through Saturday, however all services do not operate on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

The following link will open the MVRTA's [Bus Customer Service Guide](http://www.mvrta.com/customer_guide/text.html) which outlines many details to include bus fare information, access for persons with disabilities, how to board the bus, some simple rules and other information:

[http://www.mvrta.com/customer\\_guide/text.html](http://www.mvrta.com/customer_guide/text.html)

The following information outlines the services the MVRTA provides in your community.

## **Andover:**

**Route 21**- this route operates in the town of Andover. The service operates on weekdays only, from 7:00am - 6:50pm and operates on a 60 minute schedule. This route provides transportation to customers traveling within Andover to locations including several apartment buildings, (Frye Circle, Andover Commons, Chestnut Ct.) Doctors Park, YMCA, Shawsheen Plaza and the downtown area. This route also provides weekday transportation to the Commuter Rail Station on Railroad Street at several timepoints during evening and afternoon commutes.

Here is a link to the Route 21 bus schedule: <http://www.mvrta.com/21/21.shtml>

**Route 32** – is a Lawrence based route that operates out of the Buckley Transportation Center. Service operates 6 days a week and operates from 5:00am to 8:00pm on weekdays and on Saturdays from 7:00am - 7:00pm.

This route provides transportation to customers traveling from Andover to Lawrence with locations that include: Phillips Academy, Addison Gallery of American Art, Peabody Museum of Archeology, Andover Library, Shawsheen Square, Shawsheen Plaza and in Lawrence to the Sacred Heart School and Essex Towers and to the Buckley Transportation Center for connections to the Lawrence based bus routes.

**Effective April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006:** On Weekdays all Lawrence based bus routes serving Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover now depart every 25 minutes from the Buckley Transportation Center during these times: 5:00 am - 9:00 am and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Between 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Buses Depart The Buckley Transportation Center Every 45 Minutes.

This route operates every 45 minutes on Saturdays.

Here is a link to the Route 32 bus schedule: <http://www.mvrta.com/32/32.shtml>

**Ring & Ride Service** – The following outlines how this service works.

**How does Ring & Ride work?** This is an advance reservation service and is a curb-to-curb service. People must make reservations at least 24 hours in advance, and are provided with a pick up window of 30 minutes of their scheduled pick up, for example if their scheduled time is 8:30am, they should be ready to be picked up any time between 8:15am and 8:45am.

**22 Ring & Ride** – This service is based on the former Route 22 bus route in Andover. This service allows residents of Andover to be picked up at a location along the former Route 22. From there they can use the MVRTA van to connect to the Ballardvale Commuter Rail Station, Downtown Andover, Public Library and Shawsheen Plaza. This service operates from Monday through Friday from 6am to 6pm. Service is provided with a MVRTA van.

Here is a link to the 22 R & R brochure: [http://www.mvrta.com/SpecialServices/MVR\\_Rt22Brochure.pdf](http://www.mvrta.com/SpecialServices/MVR_Rt22Brochure.pdf)

## **Boston Commuter Bus**

The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority's (MVRTA) Boston Commuter Bus operates with three inbound trips in the morning to Boston with three outbound trips in the afternoon returning to the Merrimack Valley.

The Boston Commuter Bus operates Monday through Friday and offers a convenient and inexpensive option for people that commute from Andover, Lawrence and Methuen to Boston.

A printable version of the schedule is available online by clicking this link:

<http://www.mvrta.com/NEWBOSTONBUS.pdf>

## **Senator Patricia McGovern Transportation Center**

The center opened for service on Monday December 5, 2005. The Center is located at the corner of South Union and Merrimack Street (211 Merrimack St.) one block east of the former Lawrence Station.

The Center offers the following:

- Service to and from the Center via MVRTA Route 33 bus from the Buckley Transportation Center
- MBTA commuter rail service to Boston
- MVRTA Commuter bus service to Boston
- Parking for commuters and the general public

The following are the parking rates for the Center:

- \$1.00 per hour or part
- \$8.00 daily max to 2:00 am
- \$3.00 per day for commuter rail customers with proof \*
- \$50.00 monthly pass for commuter rail customers with proof\*
- \$75.00 monthly pass for regular parkers

\*proof includes a valid Commuter Rail Monthly Pass or a receipt for a ticket sale. MBTA passes and tickets are available for sale at the Center Operations Office located adjacent to the platform.

Weekends and holidays - \$4.00 daily max to 2:00 am

Overnight parking - \$4.00 in after 9:00 pm, out by 8:00 am

Please click the following link for more details:

## **EZ Trans – Office of Special Services**

The Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) Office Of Special Services provides paratransit service to persons with disabilities who are not able to use the fixed route bus service and to persons who are 60 years of age or older.: These services are called Non-ADA and ADA EZ Trans services.

Please see the descriptions below which briefly explain each service. You may click on the titles of each service that are highlighted in blue to open a webpage that provides complete information about the service.

These pages use Adobe Acrobat Reader to display actual brochures in printable format. Rolling your mouse over the toolbar on the opened PDF documents will highlight the command functions of each button. The command functions of the toolbar will allow you to manipulate the document in a variety of ways for easier viewing.

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### [ADA EZ Trans service](#)

ADA EZ Trans services are provided to those persons with disabilities that meet the definition of eligibility as established under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This definition relates to the physical or cognitive impairments that prevent use of the MVRTA's fixed route bus system. All participants must be certified through the MVRTA Office of Special Services. This service is only available within the three-quarter mile corridor on each side of an MVRTA fixed bus route.

### [Non-ADA EZ Trans service](#)

Non-ADA EZ Trans services are provided to those persons who are 60 years of age or older and to persons who meet the eligibility criteria established under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that are requesting service beyond the three-quarter mile corridor on each side of an MVRTA fixed bus route. All participants must be certified through the MVRTA Office of Special Services.

For additional information please feel free to call the MVRTA Office of Special Services at (978) 469-6878 or e-mail [specialservices@mvrta.com](mailto:specialservices@mvrta.com)