



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT STATEMENT

This Neighborhood Impact Statement provides details pertaining to the alteration of a RIPTA bus route. RIPTA holds a public hearing at least 30 days before the bus route change is scheduled to take effect.

Affected neighborhood(s):

Newport, Middletown

Effective date of service change:

June 19, 2021

Service frequency:

Weekday: N/A

Saturday: 2 Round Trips

Sunday: 2 Round Trips

Affected bus route(s):

N/A

Scheduled Public Hearing:

April 29th, 2021

Service hours of affected routes:

Weekday: N/A

Saturday: 937a—1105a

405p-633p

Sunday: 910a-1228p

505p-658p

Description of service change:

The Newport Beach Shuttle is a pilot project designed to provide equitable access for Newport residents who have limited transit options to reach open spaces for healthy recreation. The service will operate on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays throughout the summer providing trips to Newport and Middletown beaches.

Benefits for service change:

Many children in Newport don't have access to the community's beaches, and therefore do not know how to swim. This service will offer a free ride for low income residents to get to and from the beach.

Reason for service change:

Safety concerns

To improve route performance

Serve a trip generator

Other: Equitable access to recreation

Ridership:

Due to Covid related passenger restrictions, RIPTA is currently limited to 66% of bus capacity. RIPTA will monitor ridership to determine the feasibility of continuing the pilot project as regular service.

Newport Beach Shuttle:



SUMMER 2021