




COMMUTER NEWSLETTER

June 2022

Schedule Changes



EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022

Our team at Trans-Bridge Lines continues to monitor our passenger counts and schedules. Adjustments are being made wherever we can to make the schedules more convenient and accommodating for our passengers.

As you may know, the trucking and bus industries have been challenged with a drivers shortage, which is also affecting our business. We are actively recruiting motorcoach drivers and as new hires go through our training program and are ready to begin driving, we are adjusting schedules and adding routes that are most needed. We thank our loyal customers for their patience and cooperation as we go through this process.

On average, Trans-Bridge Lines adjusts schedules monthly, with the goal of effectively serving as many passengers as we can, at the times most needed without experiencing bus overloads. With little extra drivers, this can mean tweaking an existing schedule to include a needed location stop or switching drivers to different routes.

Effective June 6, Trans-Bridge Lines will have updated schedules with the following changes:

Allentown/Clinton/New York Schedule - Eastbound to New York Schedule:

- Existing Run 137 will now have a drop-

off at the **Manhattan Cruise Terminal** at 11:20 a.m. This stop will follow the Port Authority Bus Terminal stop Monday through Friday.

- Newly added Run 217 with departures beginning at 9:10 a.m. from the Lehigh Valley, arriving in New York at 11:40 a.m., including a drop-off at **Manhattan Cruise Terminal** at 12:10 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

This new run is recommended for passengers attending **matinee Broadway shows** on the weekends.

Allentown/Clinton/New York - Westbound from New York Schedule:

- Run 96 with an added departure from the **Manhattan Cruise Terminal** between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.
- Newly added Run 214 with a departure from the **Manhattan Cruise Terminal** between 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., departing New York at 1:15 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

[VIEW ALLENTOWN/CLINTON/NEW YORK SCHEDULES >](#)

[VIEW NEWARK AIRPORT SCHEDULES >](#)

All other schedules - Wall Street, Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino, and Doylestown/Flemington remain unchanged.



Trans-Bridge Lines will resume Pier Transportation to the Manhattan Cruise Terminal in New York beginning June 6. Service will include regular run stops along the route.

Reservations are required and should be made at least two weeks prior to departure, but no earlier than six months in advance. Reservations cannot be guaranteed if made outside of the recommended time frame.

Call 610-868-6001, ext. 93 to reserve and pay for your Pier Transportation and parking permit (if applicable). Please note, customer service hours of operation for pier reservations are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

[VIEW PIER TRANSPORTATION ITINERARY AND PRICING >](#)

Note: Service to the Cape Liberty Cruise Port in Bayonne remains suspended at this time.



[VIEW JUNE COMMUTER FARES >](#)

Commuter Fares will remain unchanged for the month of June. They will be the same as our May Commuter Fares.

HAPPY Father's Day



SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

Best wishes to everyone who acts as a father-figure and role model for the children in their lives. Have a great day!

Nutrition tips for a healthy summer

- Drink green tea instead of sweet tea. Green tea has a natural component that helps speed up your metabolism!
- Eat seafood. Summer is the perfect time to purchase fresh fish from your grocer. Low in calories, high in protein, and ready to grill; salmon, tuna, lobster, and clams make a tasty lunch or dinner.
- Eat breakfast. Your body runs on fumes until you eat your first meal of the day. Eating breakfast kicks your body into high gear and gives you energy for the day.
- Fruits and veggies. Support local farmers by shopping at farmer's markets. Summer is a great time to buy fresh produce that is plentiful, comes in many varieties, and is loaded with vitamins that your body needs. Eat them as is or include in recipes. Click [HERE](#) for ideas.



When Drivers Call off ...

Occasionally drivers call off at the last moment and our dispatchers must make the most logical arrangements to accommodate all passengers as quickly as possible.

If there is enough notice, we may be able to call another driver to cover the run. However, with our current drivers shortage it can be a challenge to find coverage. This can result in combined runs to operate to all stops. This means stops may be added to other routes and cause delays.

Although we do not prefer to make these changes, as we know they are inconvenient, please understand that we must make decisions that enable us to serve all passengers to the best of our abilities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Can I Open the Windows on a Motorcoach?

Compared to a city bus and a school bus, motorcoaches are much quieter inside and definitely offer a much smoother ride. The seats are more comfortable and, of course, there are restrooms on board.

One thing you can't do is open the windows. Here's why ...

Keeping it cool

From the 1950s through the '70s, long-haul motorcoaches were built with windows that could be opened. That was the only way to keep a bus cool when traveling on warm days. After coaches started being equipped with modern heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, otherwise known as HVAC systems, coach manufacturers started designing motorcoaches with windows that don't open.

So why is that? ...

Safety is the obvious answer. Motorcoaches today are much larger, with the ability to carry many more passengers and travel at higher speeds in comparison to their predecessors from back in the '50s and '60s.

With more passengers on board, sitting much higher above the ground due to the vehicles' larger size, it just makes sense that windows that open are a liability during transit.



Motorcoaches are designed for comfort. We can all agree that it's one of the most comfortable ways to travel long distances, especially if you are traveling as a group. Much of that comfort depends on the HVAC systems onboard.

What most people don't realize is that the HVAC system on a coach is always running when the bus is running. Coaches were just not designed to operate without HVAC.

Most of the passenger-side windows on motorcoaches actually can be opened to be used as an emergency exit. By lifting the sidebars of some of these windows, the window bottom becomes unlatched from the side of the bus, allowing the window to swing outward. These windows are pretty fragile when they are opened like this. It's solely for emergencies and not meant to be opened while the coach is in motion. As a matter of fact, it's a U.S. Department of Transportation violation to have these windows open while the bus is in motion.



Reminder

Bus ticket sales are cashless at Lehigh Valley International Airport. The airport began a cashless operation effective May 1, and no longer accepts cash transactions for Trans-Bridge Lines tickets. All purchases must be made with a credit or debit card.

For individuals who do not have debit or credit cards, you may purchase your tickets with cash at our main office at 2012 Industrial Drive, Bethlehem, just off Schoenersville Road. This location is less than one mile from the airport.

Thank you for your cooperation.



To reserve any tour, please call 610-868-6001
or click here to request a reservation.

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vs Minnesota Vikings Sep 19 (Mon) - 8:30pm	vs Green Bay Packers Nov 27 (Sun) - 8:20 pm
vs Jacksonville Jaguars Oct 2 (Sun) - 1:00 pm	vs Tennessee Titans Dec 4 (Sun) - 1:00 pm \$285
Seating Information: Sections 129 & 131 End Zone	

SUMMER TOURS 2022 - JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

MULTI-DAY TOURS:

New England Island Hopping
June 6 (Mon) – 10 (Fri)

Best of Boston
June 17 (Fri) – 19 (Sun)

Nashville & Memphis, Tennessee
June 24 (Fri) – June 30 (Thu)

Finger Lakes Wine Festival
July 9 (Sat) – 10 (Sun)

Very Best of Vermont
July 12 (Tue) – 15 (Fri)

Memorable Massachusetts
July 22 (Fri) – 24 (Sun)

Rocky Coast of Maine &
Maine Lobster Festival
August 1 (Mon) – 5 (Fri)

Gaylord National Resort Getaway
Alexandria, National Harbor &
Washington, DC
August 20 (Sat) – 21 (Sun)

New Hampshire Rail & Sail
August 29 (Mon) –
September 1 (Thu)

ONE-DAY TOURS:

Philadelphia Flower Show - "In Full Bloom"
June 13, 2022 (Mon)

Longwood Gardens - Festival of Fountains
June 22 (Wed)

9/11 Memorial & Museum
June 27 (Mon)

River Lady Cruise & Smithville Village
July 13 (Wed)

National Air & Space Museum
Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center
Chantilly, VA
July 16 (Sat)

"Jersey Boys" at Fulton Theater
July 30 (Sat)

Gettysburg Battlefield Tour
August 19 (Fri)

Atlantic City Air Show
Thunder Over the Boardwalk
August 24 (Wed)

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park & Safari
August 27 (Sat)

Medieval Times
August 28 (Sun)

**RESORTS CASINO HOTEL /
CAESARS HOTEL & CASINO**

June 12 (Sun), 25 (Sat)
July 2 (Sat), 10 (Sun), 23 (Sat), 31 (Sun)
August 15 (Mon), 27 (Sat)

Federal REAL ID Enforcement

The one-year countdown began May 3 for the federal enforcement of REAL ID for commercial domestic air travel and other federal purposes. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation joined the Transportation Safety Administration and Philadelphia International Airport officials to remind Pennsylvania residents who want REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and photo ID cards and to gather the needed documents now to ensure they leave plenty of time to get their REAL ID before the federal enforcement date.



REAL ID is a federal law that affects how states issue driver's licenses and ID cards if they are going to be acceptable for federal purposes, such as boarding a domestic flight or entering a federal building that requires federally acceptable ID upon entry. **REAL ID goes into effect May 3, 2023.**

There is no requirement that any resident obtain a REAL ID; PennDOT continues to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs.

Customers can obtain a REAL ID by presenting documents for verification and processing at any driver license center. Federal regulations require that to be issued a REAL ID-compliant product, PennDOT must verify the below documents:

- Proof of Identity
- Proof of Social Security Number
- Two Proofs of Current, Physical PA Address
- Proof of all Legal Name Changes

Customers have three options for obtaining a REAL ID product: Customers may order their REAL ID online if they have been pre-verified and their REAL ID product will be mailed to them within 15 business days; they can visit any PennDOT driver license center that is open for driver license services, have their documents verified and imaged, and their REAL ID product will be mailed to them within 15 business days; or they can visit one of 13 REAL ID Centers and receive their REAL ID product over the counter at the time of service.

When a customer gets their first REAL ID product, they pay a one-time fee of \$30, plus the applicable renewal fee (current renewal fee is \$30.50 for a four-year non-commercial driver's license, and \$31.50 for a photo ID). The expiration date of their initial REAL ID product will include any time remaining on their existing non-REAL ID product, plus an additional four years, unless the customer is over 65 and has a two-year license. This expiration date structure means that customers won't "lose" time that they've already paid for. After the initial REAL ID product expires, customers pay no additional fee, beyond regular renewal fees, to renew a REAL ID product.

REAL ID-compliant products are marked with a gold star in the upper right corner, standard-issue (non-compliant) products include the phrase "NOT FOR REAL ID PURPOSES," per federal regulations.

[VIEW REAL ID INFORMATION >>](#)

Beach Tours



- Ocean City, Maryland - August 22 (Mon) – 26 (Fri)
- Cape May Land & Sea - June 18 (Sat)
- Point Pleasant, NJ / Jenkinson's Aquarium - July 8 (Fri)
- Coney Island – Free Time on Own - August 1 (Mon)
- Ocean City, NJ - August 21 (Sun)