

# Milwaukee County Transit System: As more downtown offices reopen, Freeway Flyers resume with updated schedules

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**MILWAUKEE** (August 2, 2021) — The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) announced today that all Freeway Flyer routes (Routes 40, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49, 79, & 143) will resume service, with schedule adjustments, on August 30, 2021.

Freeway Flyers, which are buses that operate primarily between Park & Ride lots and downtown Milwaukee on weekday mornings and afternoons, were suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic when many downtown businesses shut down in-person activity and transitioned to remote work — reducing the demand for commuter buses.

Now that businesses are starting to reopen physical offices in the downtown area, and with even more openings planned in the coming months, MCTS is resuming its Freeway Flyers to help employees get to and from work.

However, because demand is not yet expected to be at pre-pandemic levels, Freeway Flyers will make fewer trips than they used to. Passengers are strongly encouraged to click on the name of their Freeway Flyer route below to view updated schedules:

- [Route 40 \(College Avenue Flyer\)](#)
- [Route 43 \(Hales Corners Flyer\)](#)
- [Route 44 \(State Fair Park Flyer\)](#)
- [Route 46 \(Loomis-Holt Flyer\)](#)

- [Route 48 \(South Shore Flyer\)](#)
- [Route 49 \(Brown Deer-Bayshore Flyer\)](#)
- [Route 79 \(Menomonee Falls Flyer\)](#)
  - This service, operated by MCTS, is funded by Waukesha County.
- [Route 143 \(Ozaukee County Express\)](#)
  - This service, operated by MCTS, is funded by Ozaukee County.
  - Click [here](#) to learn about routing modifications being made to Route 143.

MCTS reminds passengers that federal regulations still require the use of masks while riding public transportation, regardless of vaccination status. This requirement from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) supersedes any local or state mask policies. MCTS has free mask and hand sanitizer dispensers available on all buses, while supplies last.

Since the start of the pandemic, MCTS has worked tirelessly to keep passengers and employees safe while still offering essential transit services that the community depends on. Visit [RideMCTS.com/Coronavirus](https://www.rideMCTS.com/Coronavirus) for more information about COVID-19-related policies and procedures.