



CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA • JULY 16, 2026

Board Workshop
Summer 2026 Service Change

In-person
In Person – CAT Central, 900 East Gwinnett Street
Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 841 3112 3978

4:00 p.m.

Detric Leggett
Chairman

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelvin Moore
Vice-Chair

Michael Owens • (1) Vacant • Faye DiMassimo • Richard Lassiter • Rufus Bright • Mary Snowden • Marsha Buford • Aaron Whitely • John Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. SERVICE PLANNING PROCESS - SUMMER 2026

- Introduction, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP (WRA)
- Service Planning Definitions
- Service Planning Process

3. STAFF PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

(Staff will present the proposed Summer 2026 service changes)

Report –



Service Change
Summer 2026 CAT Bk

4. DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

(The Board may provide feedback and directions to staff and discuss next steps)

5. ANNOUNCEMENT(S) / ADJOURNMENT

Chatham Area Transit Board Presentation

Service Planning Process and Proposed Service Changes

July 16, 2026



Agenda

- Introduction
- Service Planning Definitions
- Service Planning Process
- Proposed Service Changes
- Discussion

Service Planning Definitions

- Layover
 - Scheduled pause between trips, allowing for operator rest and the bus to get back on schedule. Most happen at the transit center.
- Tripper
 - Additional partial-day bus trips that add additional capacity and frequency when most needed.
- Deadhead
 - Travel time between bus garage and start/end of a route.
- Title VI
 - Part of the Civil Rights Act (1964) prohibiting discrimination against protected classes by federally-funded activities. Transit agencies must establish policies and plans to prevent discrimination.

4 Service Planning Approach

- Data-driven decision-making
 - Ridership
 - Bus travel times
 - On time performance
- Maximize efficiency of available resources
- Increase reliability
- Minimize disruption
- Equity and Title VI considerations
- Contractual requirements

Passengers / Vehicle Revenue Hour (VRH)

- Average boardings by stop and trip
- VRH includes layovers, does not include deadhead

Title VI Service Change Definitions

Minor Change

- 0 – 15% change to a route
- Emails, rider alerts, and mailers

Moderate Change

- 16 – 24% change to a route
- 1 – 2 public meetings in neutral area
- Emails, rider alerts, and mailers

Major Change

- 25% change to a route
- 1 – 2 public meetings in specific area impacted
- Emails, rider alerts, and mailers

Major Service Change Definition

- Route elimination
- New route creation
- 25% or more revenue miles / hours shifted from one route to another
- 25% or more reduction in span of service
- 25% or more reduction in revenue hours / miles
- Any 25% or greater change in revenue hours and/or revenue miles

DOT Shuttle

- City of Savannah contracts with CAT to operate the 7D-C and 7F
- City pays 100% of operating and capital costs
- Service standards
 - 2 or more revenue vehicles in active service
 - Headways should not exceed every 15 minutes
- City agreed to extend DOT to Carver Heights, Cloverdale, Dismas Charities, Amtrak Station as well as Victory Drive and Eastern Wharf.

Route Productivity – March 2026

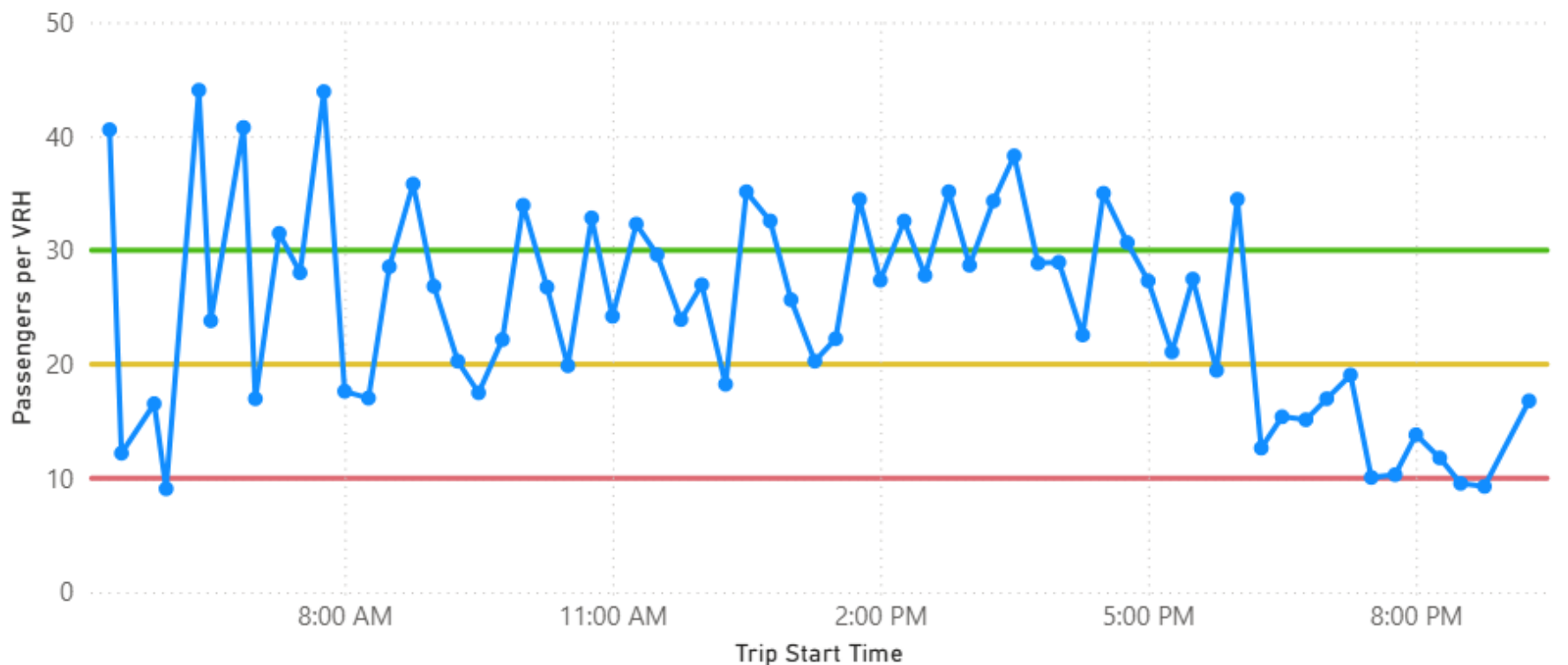
Passengers per Vehicle Revenue Hours (VRH)

Route	Frequency (minutes)	Weekday		Saturday		Sunday	
		# Buses	PPVRH	# Buses	PPVRH	# Buses	PPVRH
7F	15	2 - 3	45.0	2 - 3	50.1	2	47.0
14	30	5	25.1	4	25.6	3	22.4
17	60 - 120	2	20.5	2	18.6	1	21.8
27	60 - 120	2	20.1	2	17.2	1	15.7
10	60 - 90	2	18.6	2	14.1	1	13.2
25	30 - 50	3	17.3	2	15.7	1	16.3
28	120	1 - 2	16.4	1	14.9		
3	60 - 120	2	15.0	1	14.2	1	15.5
3B	60	1	14.4	1	15.3		
5	60 - 120	2	13.5	1	13.2		
31	45 - 60	3	13.5	2	16.2	1	13.8
7D-C	15 - 30	2	10.9	2	10.4	2	10.1
4	120	1	8.2	1	10.5		
6	60 - 120	1 - 2	6.1	1	5.6	0 - 1	2.7
12	120	1	5.7	1	6.2	1	5.4
11	120	1	2.6				

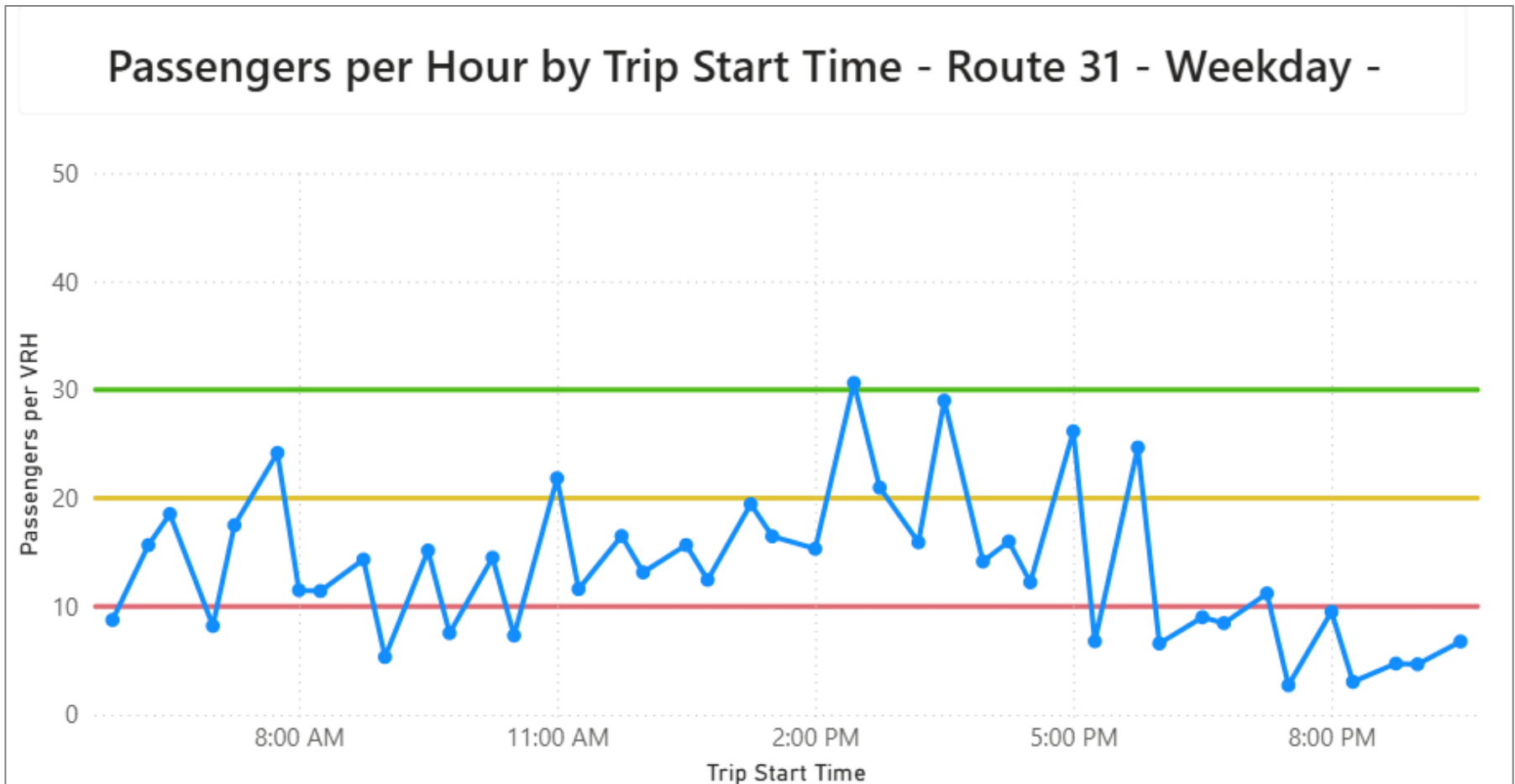


Route 14 Trip Productivity

Passengers per Hour by Trip Start Time - Route 14 - Weekday -

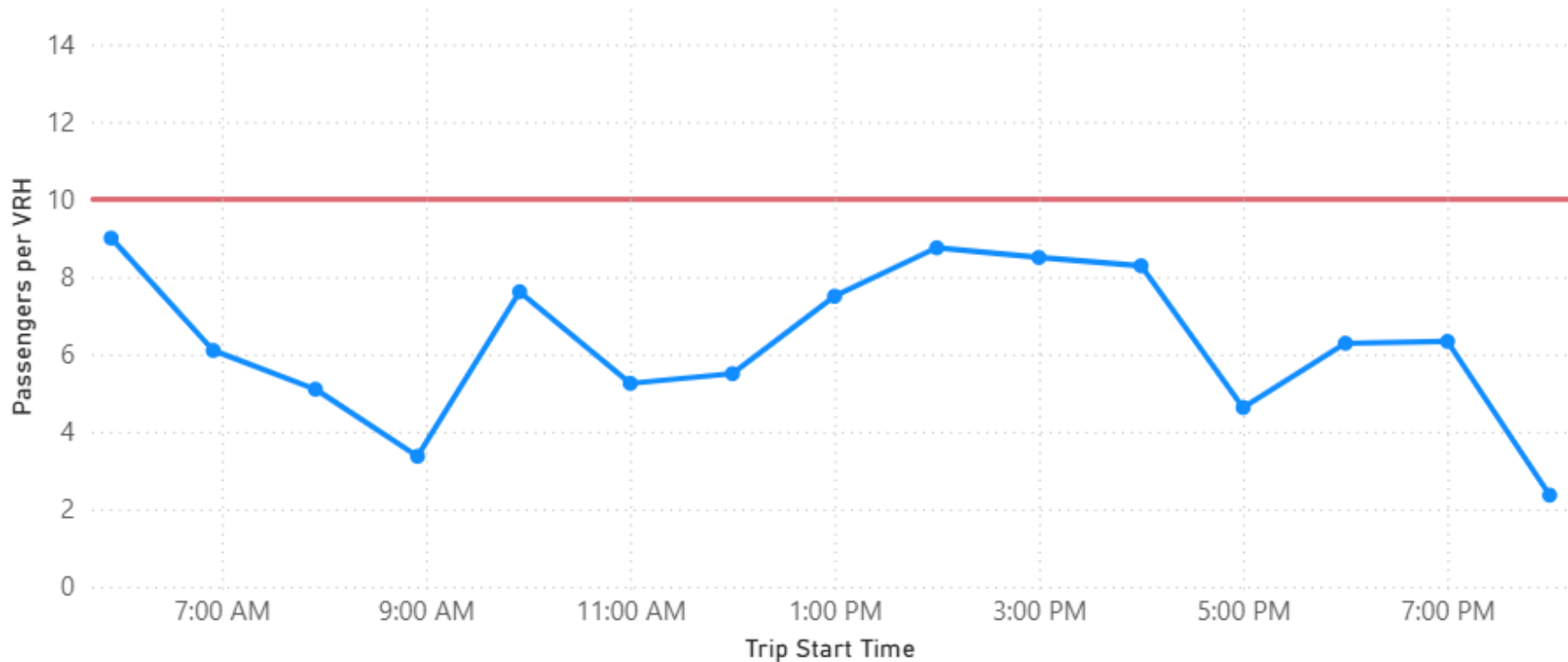


Route 31 Trip Productivity



Route 6 Trip Productivity

Passengers per Hour by Trip Start Time - Route 6 - Weekday -



Proposed Schedule Changes

- Add layover time on six routes
 - 14 Abercorn, 25 MLK, 31 Skidaway, 28 Waters, 7D-C Cloverdale, and 7F Forsyth
- All routes now have sufficient layover time for operator break
- 15-minute headways on DOT shuttle
- Shift one all-day bus to tripper on five routes
 - 3 West Chatham, 10 East Savannah, 14 Abercorn, 25 MLK, 31 Skidaway
- Eliminate select low-performing trips on six routes
 - 3B Augusta Ave, 4 Barnard, 6 Crosstown, 11 Candler, 12 Henry, 28 Waters
- Modify 28 Waters to serve Hodgson's Memorial on both inbound and outbound trips

Discussion

