MET Transit
Fixed Route Restructuring

Cedar Falls City Council, January 2020

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Why provide public transportation?

1. To provide transportation for people with no other option
2. To help people escape poverty
People with disabilities

• All MET buses are wheelchair accessible
People with disabilities

Fixed route
$  

Paratransit
$$$$
Access to employment

• Inadequate or unaffordable transportation is a significant barrier to employment.

• Grow Cedar Valley 2017 Industry Insights survey identified public transit as a top need.
It's cheaper

2014 Ford Focus Base
- Insurance: $820
- Maintenance: $1,202
- Repairs: $576
- Taxes, fees: $182
- Interest: $236
- Depreciation: $507
- Fuel: $1,306

Total: $5,265 per year

Edmunds® True Cost to Own Calculator

Bus
- 30-day pass: $50

Total: $608 per year
Reliable schedules

• Always on schedule, no need to book a ride
• Large capacity for many passengers
• Uber/Lyft unpredictable, few drivers
Routes 6 and 7
University and Greenhill
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Route 9
Cedar Falls Loop
Route 11
Panther Shuttle
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12:10
Magnolia Dr and Crescent Dr

12:20
Cedar Falls Public Library

1:20
Cedar Falls Public Library

2:10
Magnolia Dr and Crescent Dr

Travel Time: 1 hour
Travel Time: 16 minutes
Travel Times

Longest time willing to travel, one-way

Bus Rider Survey and Household Transportation Survey, INRCOG
Recommendation

• No changes for FY21
• Consider adding new bus route in FY22
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