

Bus Service to Veterans Affairs Campus - August 2019



- New or Relocated Bus Stop
- Discontinued Bus Stop
- Bus Stop Under Design

- Route 3 - existing, 30 minutes Monday-Friday, 60 minutes on Saturday
- Route 4 - **NEW**, 30 minutes Monday-Friday, 60 minutes Saturday and Sunday
- Route 313 - **NEW**, peak only
- Route 354 - **NEW**, peak only

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CHALLENGES WITH HISTORICAL BUS SERVICE

1. UTA service within the VA campus had been on detour for 3 years due to construction, and there was no definitive end date.
2. The temporary bus stops within the VA campus are not ADA accessible and therefore not meeting current bus stop standards.
3. Exiting the VA campus westbound, required an unprotected left turn out onto 500 South. This creates unpredictability in bus schedule and safety concerns.
4. Bus service to the VA campus was limited to Monday-Saturday, and was served by a single route connecting to the Avenues and Downtown.
5. Navigating through the VA campus adds time to each bus route, and discourages through-riders.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

1. UTA is partnering with the University of Utah and the VA on a study to identify the location(s) of a proposed new mobility hub serving the mobility needs of the University, VA, Research Park, and Health Sciences areas.
2. UTA is conducting a pilot study with the Utah Department of Transportation to test possible uses of an Autonomous Vehicle (AV) that could provide additional mobility options within areas that are challenging to serve with traditional transit. The VA campus could be natural application of this type of technology.

AUGUST 2019 BUS SERVICE CHANGES

1. UTA held six (6) public hearings to solicit input on the proposed August 2019 service changes, including those affecting the VA campus.
2. The VA campus is now served by four (4) bus routes instead of one (1). These new routes connect the VA to Millcreek, Sandy, Downtown, the Avenues, Midvale, Holladay, and Cottonwood Heights.
3. The new Route 4 provides both earlier and later service each day than offered previously, and now provides service on Sundays.
4. UTA buses no longer have to make an unprotected left turn, helping to keep buses on schedule and improve safety.
5. All bus stops are now ADA compliant and accessible by protected cross walks. Walking distances have not increased substantially and remain within UTA's standards.