

HOW TO READ SCHEDULES Video

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Akron METRO RTA is the public transportation provider for Summit County. Each year, we make more than five million trips countywide. Is your trip one of them? Keep watching to learn how to read a METRO bus schedule.

First things first: We need to find your route. There are three ways you can find out where you need to go.

You can head over to akronmetro.org.

You can call METRO at 330.762.0341.

Or, you can pick up a printed schedule at many locations throughout Summit County, including libraries, hospitals, METRO's offices at 416 Kenmore Blvd. or our downtown Akron Transit Center at 631 S. Broadway St.

All METRO schedules include a route number and a route name. The route name is usually related to the primary street the route follows.

On the front of the schedule you'll find key destinations the route serves. Inside, you'll find the route itself and route timetables.

Here's a tip: When you're reading timetables, always follow the row of times from left to right and from top to bottom. Morning trips appear in regular font, while p.m. trips are in bold. If you see a dashed line in the timetable, that means the bus will not stop at that time. Make sure you look at the special notes in the schedule or route timetable legend. Route pick-up times and stops may change depending on the day of the week.

On the timetables and maps, you will see black numbers inside squares or circles. These numbers are timepoints, and they show when a bus is scheduled to reach a certain location. METRO buses make many stops along each route, not just at timepoints. We couldn't possibly list all those stops on our schedules, so we use timepoints as reference locations.

Now that you know what items on the schedule mean, let's plan your trip!

When you've figured out which route to take, find your starting point on the schedule map. Sometimes you may need to take multiple routes to get to your destination. No problem! You can ask your operator for assistance, call or go online.

Determine which direction you should travel, either to or from METRO's Transit Center. Some routes traveling in a loop may not go to the Transit Center. These routes instead read to or from certain destinations. Find the timetable for that direction and the day you're traveling. Remember, weekday

routes may vary from weekend routes, so it's a good idea to double check you're looking at the right day.

Look at the timepoints nearest your desired destination and then work backward to see what time you should be at your starting location. Please be at your designated stop about five minutes early. If your stop falls between two timepoints, choose the earlier one to avoid possibly missing your bus.

So, that's it! All that's left is going to your stop (a few minutes early, please) and getting on your bus.

Don't forget, you can always give us a call at 330.762.0341 with questions or you can visit akronmetro.org and use our trip planner. We also offer travel training if you'd like one-on-one instruction.