

# 89er South Expansion

Serving Chelsea, Tunbridge, Rochester & Stockbridge

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## Stagecoach at a Glance

- Founded 1976
- Provides bus and volunteer driver services to Orange and northern Windsor counties.
- In FY17 (July 2016 June 2017), provided 89,000 rides.
- FY18 ridership was over 112,000.
- In 2017, merged with Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) to form Tri-Valley Transit, Inc. (TVT).

#### What is the 89er South?

- Commuter bus service beginning in Randolph and traveling I-89 corridor to Upper Valley employers.
  - Stops in Randolph, Bethel, Sharon, White River Jct., Lebanon, Hanover
- Six runs per day, Monday through Friday.
- Employers served include—but not limited to...
  - VA Hospital
  - Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
  - Dartmouth College
- Stagecoach continually evaluates its routes for quality, efficiency and effectiveness.

# Background to Proposed Changes

- Stagecoach/TVT received a 3 year grant from VTrans to expand 89er South services.
- Grant provides funding to expand commuter bus service to:
  - Chelsea
  - Tunbridge
  - Rochester
  - Stockbridge

# Why Now?

- Employees live further and further away from employers due to housing costs.
- Cost of owning a car continues to rise; calculated to average \$8,000 per year.
- Cost of gas has gone up significantly in the last 12 months; increasing cost of owning a car.
- Stagecoach is in a position to be able to expand its services with financial support from VTrans and local sources.

# DRAFT 89er South Schedule (Chelsea Extension)

	Morning Run											
Stagecoach Depot	White Church, Bethel	Exit 3 – TBA	Chelsea Town Hall	Chelsea Rec. Field	Tunbridge Village	South Royalton Park & Ride	Exit 2 Park & Ride					
6:32	R	R	7:22	7:25	7:40	R	8:00					

	Evening Run											
Exit 2 Park & Ride	South Royalton Park & Ride	Tunbridge Village	Chelsea Rec. Field	Chelsea Town Hall	Exit 3 – TBA	White Church, Bethel	Stagecoach Depot					
5:09 (T)	R	5:29	5:44	5:47	R	R	(6:37) R					

# DRAFT 89er South Schedule (Randolph to Upper Valley)

	Morning Runs																
Exit 4 Park & Ride	Stagecoach Depot	White Church, Bethel	Chelsea/Rochester Extensions	Exit 2 Park & Ride	VA Hospital	DHMC Heater Road	DHMC Colburn Hill	DHMC East Entrance	The Hop (across street)	The Haven	Courthouse, WRJ	Prospect St./State offices	Greyhound	Exit 2 Park & Ride	Exit 3 – TBA	White Church, Bethel	Stagecoach Depot
5:55	6:05	6:20	-	6:35	-	(7:08) R	(7:11) R	7:13	7:28	R	R	R	(7:45) R	R	R	R	(8:30) R
6:17	6:27	6:42	-	6:57	7:17	R	R	7:43	7:54	R	R	R	(8:20) R	R	R	R	(9:00) R
-	*/**	R	*/**	8:00 (T)	(8:15) R	R	R	(8:45) R	R	R	R	R	(9:15) R	R	R	R	(10:00) R

# DRAFT 89er South Schedule (Upper Valley to Randolph)

	Evening Runs																	
Stagecoach Depot	White Church, Bethel	Exit 2 Park & Ride	Greyhound	Courthouse, WRJ	Prospect St./State Offices	The Haven	The Hop	DHMC East Entrance	DHMC Colburn Hill	Centerra	DHMC Heater Road	VA Hospital	Exit 2 Park & Ride	Exit 3 – TBA	White Church, Bethel	Chelsea/Rochester Extension	Stagecoach Depot	Exit 4 Park & Ride
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3:30	R	R	(4:00) R	R	R	R	4:36	4:47	4:51	R	(5:05) R	(5:17) R	(5:32) R	R	(5:47) R	-	(6:00) R	(6:10) R
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# Questions?



# Thank you!