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Ben Franklin Transit updating, improving Pasco bus routes beginning Aug. 26 ***Route streamlining will improve frequency, extend hours in some areas***

RICHLAND, Wash. – Beginning August 26, several changes to Ben Franklin Transit bus routes in Pasco will take effect. The changes are intended to minimize redundancies between routes while increasing frequency and service hours in certain areas. The following summarizes these changes.

Route 65 – Tierra Vida: This route will combine with previous Demonstration Route 63D to serve East Pasco, from 22nd Avenue Transit Center to Tierra Vida. Route 65 follows a similar route to 63D but is modified to serve all the main locations from both of those routes. Route 65 will now benefit from 30-minute frequency and will run until 10 p.m.

Route 63D will discontinue at the end of service on Aug. 24, and its riders should begin to use Route 65 on Aug. 26.

Served by this route: East Pasco locations including Ochoa Middle School, Robinson Elementary, Emerson Elementary, St. Patrick’s School, Longfellow Elementary, Whittier Elementary, Edgar Brown Stadium, and the Pasco Library.

Route 66 – Sylvester: This route will be modified to serve Sylvester Street west of 22nd Avenue Transit Center, Court Street west of Road 68, and all of Road 84. Frequency will increase to every 30 minutes between 22nd Avenue and West Pasco. It will no longer serve Road 48; with this change, there will be no direct bus service along Road 48. These changes allow Routes 66 and 67 to serve one section of Pasco, while allowing Route 68 to continue serving Argent Street and Columbia Basin College.

Served by this route: Chess Elementary, Mark Twain Elementary, Livingston Elementary, Angelou Elementary, Stevens Middle School, McLoughlin Middle School, Chiawana High School, Delta High School, and Tri-City Prep.

Route 68 – Argent: This is a weekday route that travels straight down Argent before turning onto Road 100, then Chapel Hill, and Road 84, and then returns the same way. Route 68 now takes riders directly to Columbia Basin College from 22nd Avenue Transit Center without any stops in between.

Served by this route: Frost Elementary, Livingston Elementary, Stevens Middle School, Tri-City Prep, New Horizons School, Chiawana High School, and Columbia Basin College

The other two routes in Pasco, Routes 64 and 67, will not have any changes and will remain on their regular routes and schedules.

For more information about these changes, including route maps and schedules, visit www.bft.org/NewPlaces.

More information about Ben Franklin Transit and its services can be found at www.bft.org.

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