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## **NEW EXPRESS ROUTES MAKE TAKING THE BUS EASIER FOR GLENDALE RESIDENTS**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Glendale transit riders can soon hop on a new express route, leaving from the city of Glendale going to downtown Phoenix.

Route 573 is the new North Glendale Express bus, which will begin at the 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Beardsley Park and Ride, located at Church of Joy, making additional pickup stops at Arrowhead Towne Center and the temporary Park and Ride at Westgate. The first bus leaves at 5:15 a.m., Monday, July 23. The route ends at 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson in Phoenix, but then reverses back to Glendale. This is the first time an express route in Glendale offers a reverse commute option.

Riders will get to try the new route for free from July 23-27. No free ticket or paper is required to ride.

In addition to Route 573, the city of Glendale is discontinuing its current Luke Link service as of July 23. In its place, a new route has been established that combines the old Luke Link route and Route 24, which operates from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

“We are excited and looking forward to the new route, which will mirror the old Luke Link route with an additional extension heading east,” transit administrator Cathy Colbath said. “The new service routes will give transit customers more options and service times, and will provide them with more flexibility.”

This new route, referred as the Super Grid Service, will run along Glendale Avenue from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to Litchfield Road and will provide service every half-hour, starting at 5 a.m.

The service will run until about midnight on weekdays and 9 p.m. on weekends and holidays. “Peak” period service every 15 minutes will also be offered from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. on weekdays and from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. from the Westgate area into Phoenix.

A full list of these changes and extensions can be found in the newest edition of the Bus Book, which is available at local transit centers, city and county offices, Valley libraries, and on the buses. Routes and schedule information can be found at [www.valleymetro.org](http://www.valleymetro.org).

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