



Service Changes: Fall 2024 Readjustment of Express Bus Trips Added in Summer 2024

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Service Issue

Certain weekday trips were added to express bus routes BM2, BM5, SIM1C, SIM4C, SIM23 and SIM24 in summer 2024 in connection with the anticipated launch of Congestion Pricing. Following announcement of the pause in congestion pricing, Express Bus service on these routes would revert to their previous schedules until further notice.

Recommendation

Return to previous schedules and discontinue the trips that were added in summer 2024 to express bus routes BM2, BM5, SIM1C, SIM4C, SIM23 and SIM24 in connection with the anticipated launch of Congestion Pricing.

Impact on Funding

The net result of the recommended elimination of the weekday express bus trips added in summer 2024 would be an annual decrease in operating costs of approximately \$883,000, comprised of \$629,000 per year from NYCT bus routes (including \$496,000 for the SIM23 and SIM24 funded by the City of New York) and \$254,000 per year from MTA Bus routes.

Implementation Date

September 2024

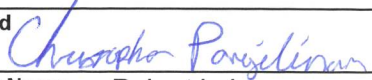
Staff Summary



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1	Interim President		X		
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		4	Chief Cust. Officer
7	Interim President	3	General Counsel
6	Deputy CFO	2	Sr. Dir., External Relations
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Purpose

The purpose of this staff summary is to gain presidential approval for, and to inform the New York City Transit/MTA Bus Committee of the discontinuation of weekday trips that were added to express bus routes BM2, BM5, SIM1C, SIM4C, SIM23 and SIM24 in summer 2024 in connection with the anticipated launch of Congestion Pricing.

Discussion

Certain weekday trips were added to express bus routes BM2, BM5, SIM1C, SIM4C, SIM23 and SIM24 in summer 2024 in connection with the anticipated launch of Congestion Pricing.

Following announcement of the pause in congestion pricing, Express Bus service on these routes would revert to their previous schedules until further notice.

The trips that were added in summer 2024 and that would be discontinued are as follows:

1. BM2 (MTA Bus): Brooklyn: Canarsie-Avenue H-Midtown/Downtown
 - 1 Manhattan-bound trip in the AM peak
2. BM5 (MTA Bus): Brooklyn & Queens: Spring Creek-Linden Blvd-Woodhaven Blvd-Midtown
 - 1 Queens/Brooklyn-bound trip in the PM peak
3. SIM1C (NYCT): Staten Island: Eltingville-Hylan Blvd-Midtown/Downtown
 - 1 Manhattan-bound trip in the weekday afternoon
4. SIM4C (NYCT): Staten Island: Huguenot-Richmond Av-Midtown/Downtown
 - 1 Staten Island-bound trip in the weekday afternoon

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5. SIM23 (NYCT): Staten Island: Annadale-Arden Av-Midtown
 - 1 peak period, peak direction trip each in the AM and PM peaks
6. SIM24 (NYCT): Staten Island: Prince's Bay-Huguenot Av-Midtown
 - 1 peak period, peak direction trip each in the AM and PM peaks

The bus service would return to the levels in the spring 2024 schedule, and customers would continue to be accommodated.

Recommendation

Return to previous schedules and discontinue the trips that were added in summer 2024 to express bus routes BM2, BM5, SIM1C, SIM4C, SIM23 and SIM24 in connection with the anticipated launch of Congestion Pricing.

Alternative

Do nothing. Do not discontinue the trips that were added in summer 2024 to express bus routes BM2, BM5, SIM1C, SIM4C, SIM23 and SIM24 in connection with the anticipated launch of Congestion Pricing. Outer Borough Transportation Account funding has not been authorized to pay for this additional service, so this additional service would need to be paid for with operating funds. The remaining trips would accommodate customers.

Impact on Funding

The net result of the recommended discontinuation of the weekday express bus trips added in summer 2024 would be an annual decrease in operating costs of approximately \$883,000, comprised of \$629,000 per year from NYCT bus routes (including \$496,000 for the SIM23 and SIM24 funded by the City of New York) and \$254,000 per year from MTA Bus routes.

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