Ulster County Transit Systems Integration Study



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Background

Situation

Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) was approached by both the City of Kingston and Ulster County to explore how we could develop a more efficient and responsive transit system

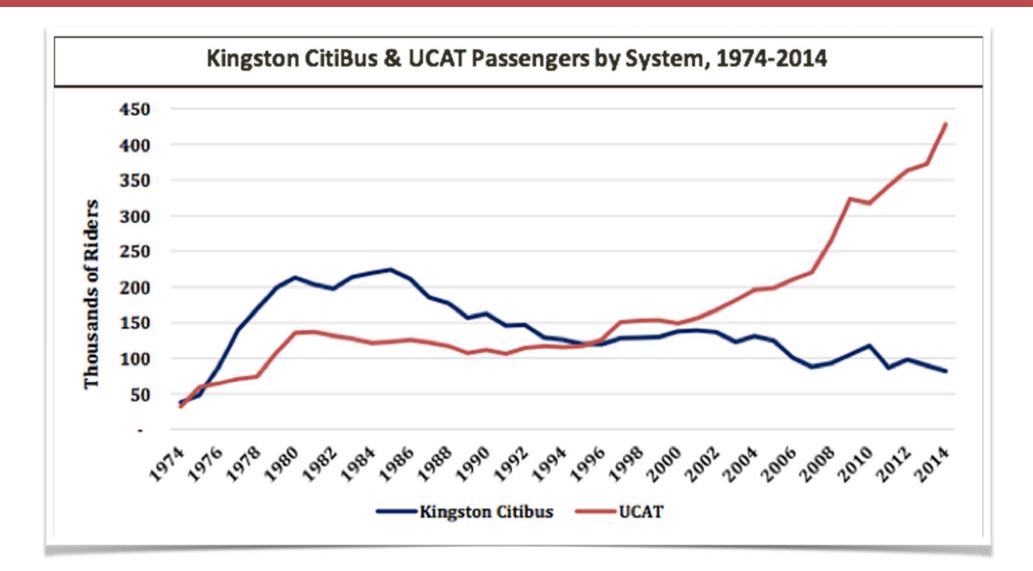
Study Commissioned

UCTC commissioned TransPro Consulting to study the various operational scenarios.

➡Focus of Study

- 1. Assess the feasibility of a single transit provider with interconnected routes
- 2. Identify potential options to enhance service in the City of Kingston
- 3. Explore strategies for efficient and affordable transit service for the City of Kingston





CitiBus ridership has been declining for several decades while the UCAT ridership has steadily increased during the same period.

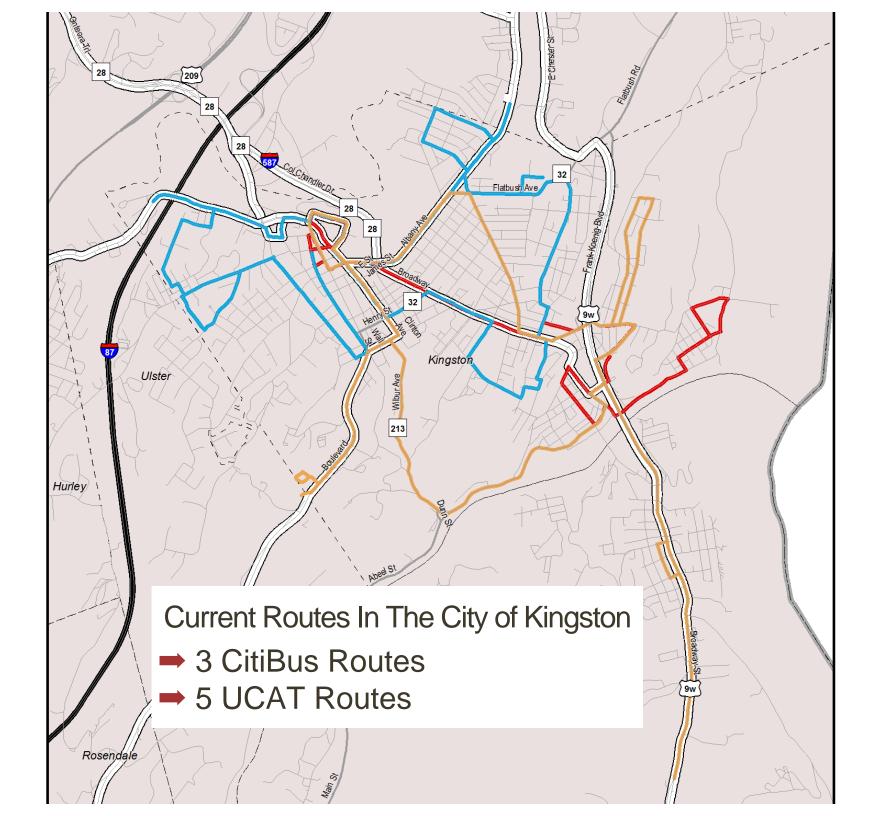
Objectives of the Study

- Conceptualize a potential new efficient and effective transit system in the City of Kingston
- Assess the results of UCTC 2006 and 2012 studies in the context of current ridership data and route system performance
- Inventory CitiBus and UCAT capital assets
- Assess financial and funding impact of integrating systems
- Identify state and federal policies relevant to system integration
- Provide elected officials with an impartial assessment in carrying out the UC Sales Tax Agreement

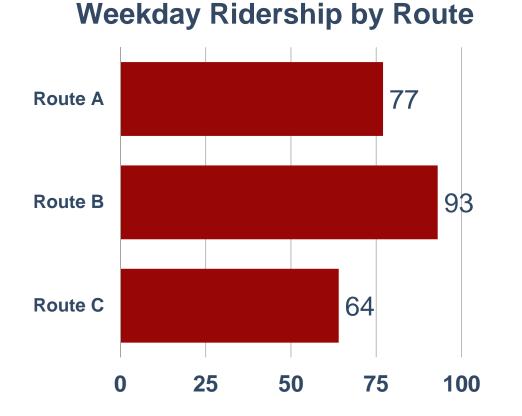
Current CitiBus Service Structure

Weekday Fixed Route Service	Routes A, B & C
Weekday Fixed Route Service Frequency	60 Min on all 3 City Routes
Weekday Demand-Response Service	None
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Saturday Fixed Route Service	Routes A, B & C
Saturday Fixed Route Service Frequency	60 Min on all 3 Routes

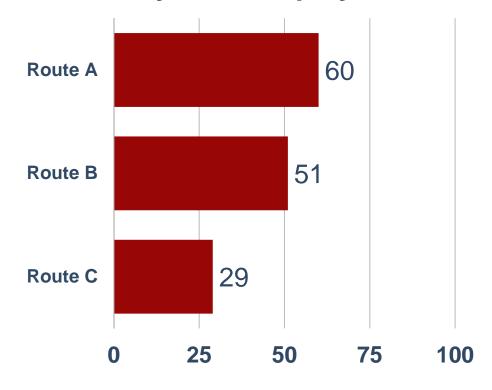




Current CitiBus Performance

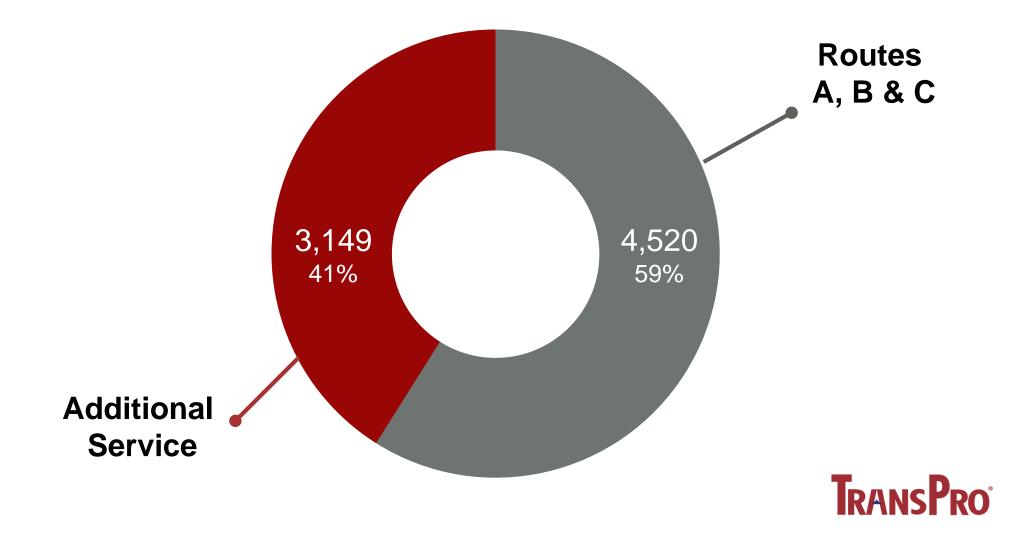


Saturday Ridership by Route



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CitiBus Average Monthly Ridership by Service Type

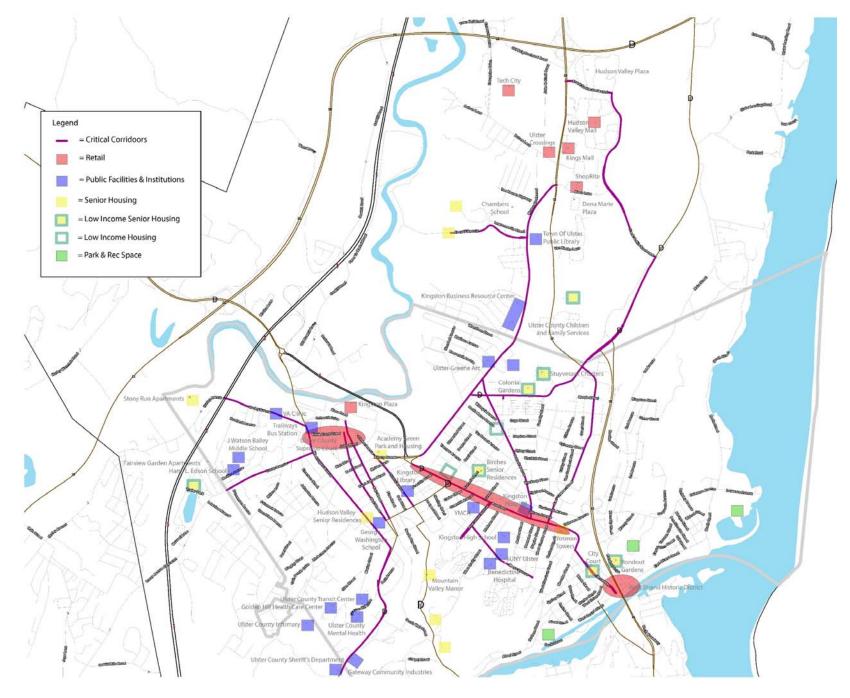


Goals For A New System

- Meet the transportation needs of Kingston residents, businesses and visitors by providing efficient, effective transit service and access to key destinations in the City:
 - Medical facilities
 - Retail centers
 - Housing
- 2. Increase service as expressed by customers in a survey of customers

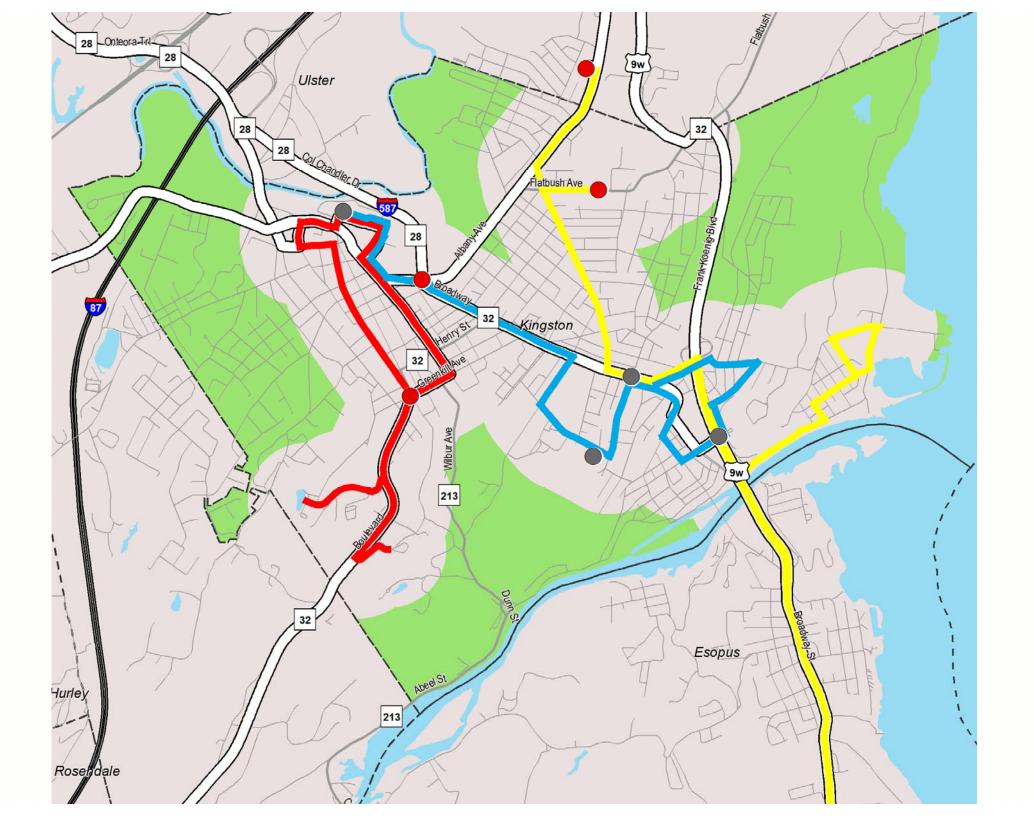


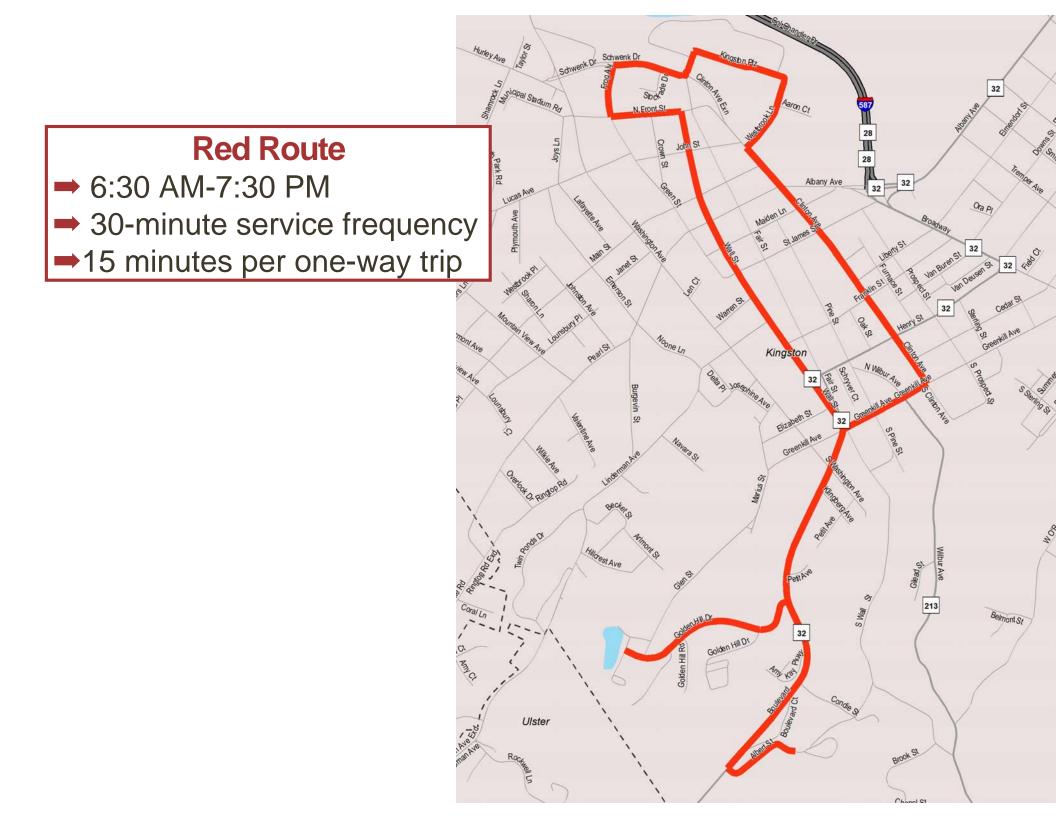
Visioning Key Destinations & Corridors

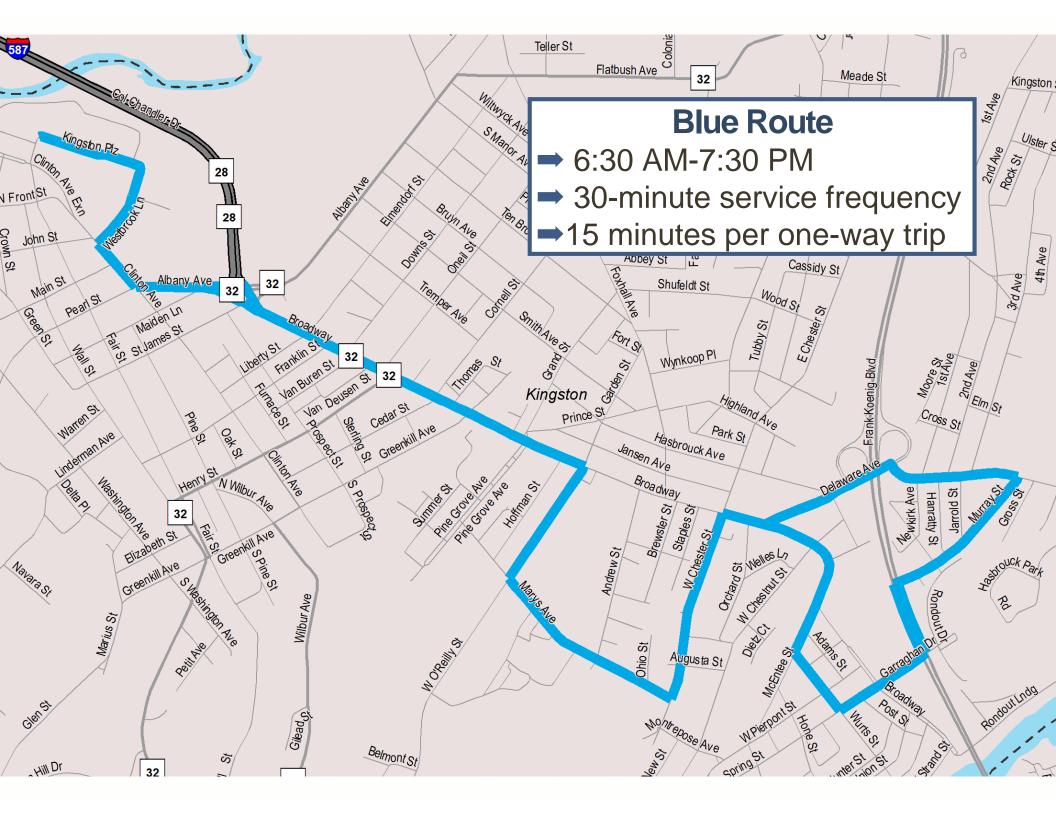


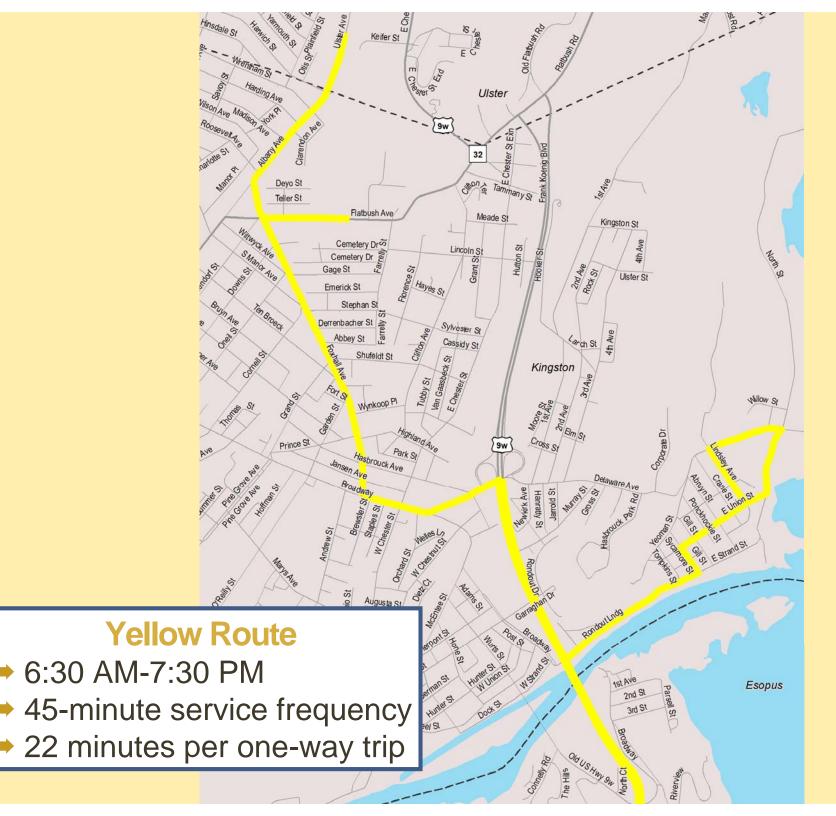
Proposed City Service Structure

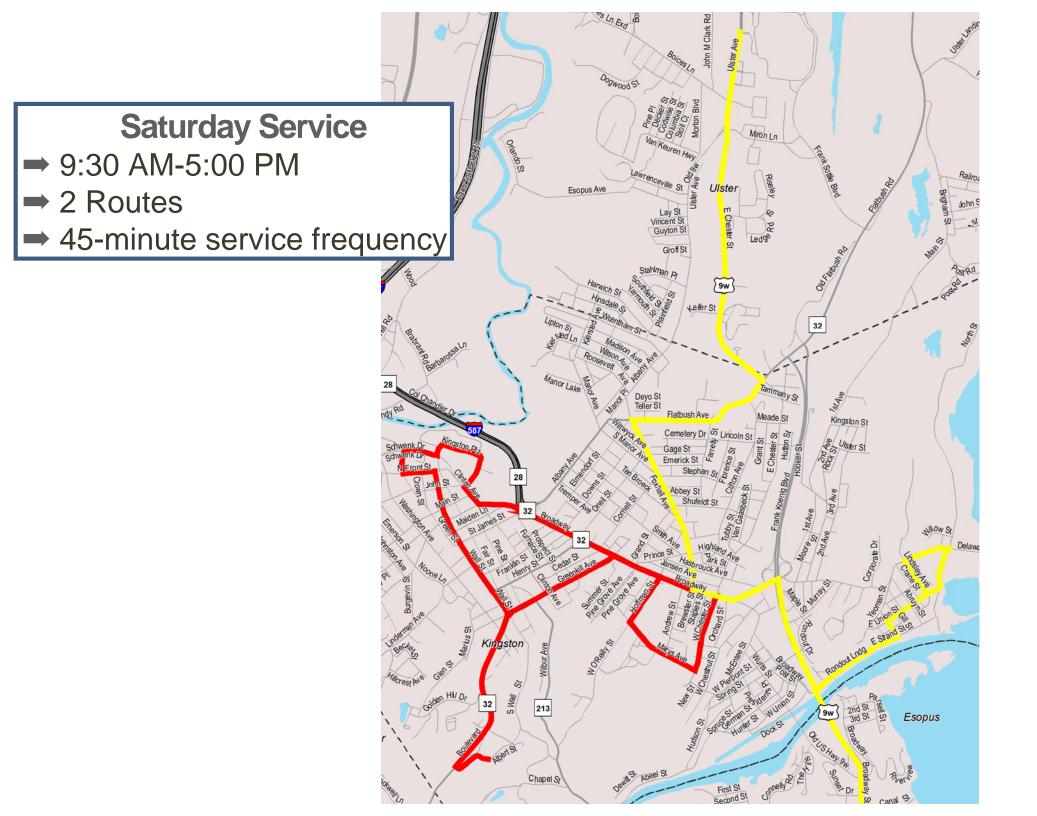
	Current Structure	Proposed Service Structure
Weekday Fixed Route Service	Routes A, B & C	3 reconfigured City fixed routes and Multiple County routes providing City service
Weekday Fixed Route Service Frequency	60 Min on all 3 City Routes	30 minutes on 2 City routes; 45 minutes on 1 City route
Weekday Demand-Response Service	None	Demand-response service for City areas outside the fixed route buffer zone
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Saturday Fixed Route Service	Routes A, B & C	2 consolidated City fixed routes serving combined areas of the Weekday fixed routes
Saturday Fixed Route Service Frequency	60 Min on all 3 Routes	45 minutes on both City routes
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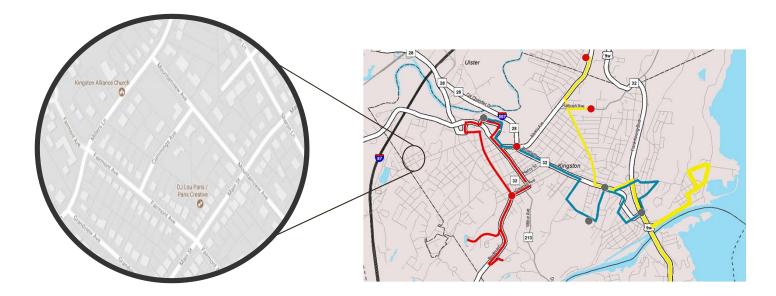


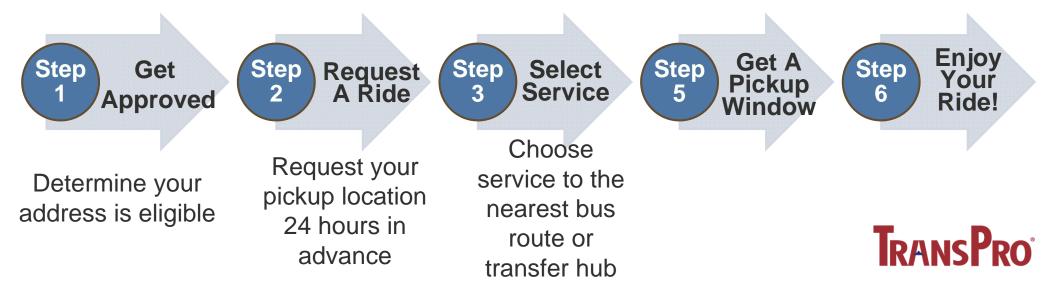






Weekday City Demand-Response Service





Goals & Outcomes of the Proposed New Service Structure

GOAL	OUTCOMES
Meet the transportation needs of Kingston residents, businesses and visitors by providing efficient, effective transit service and access to key destinations in the City	 Key destinations preserved Multiple transfer hubs
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Increase service as expressed by customers in a survey of customers	 Frequency improved from every 60 Min. to: ✓ Every 30 Min. on 2 weekday routes ✓ Every 45 Min. on 1 weekday route ✓ Every 45 Min. on Saturday routes
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Next Steps

→ UCTC to respond to public comments

➡UCTC to complete transit integration study

City and County to make final decision on transit structure



Public Comment

Public comment period continues through November 30

Comments may be sent to:

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