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Pasco County Commissioners approve PCPT bus route expansion *~~Changes designed to improve rider options and customer service~~*

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- The [Pasco County Public Transportation Department](#) (PCPT) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) are making it much easier to work, shop, learn and play in Pasco and Hillsborough Counties. Major improvements are being made to two main bus routes: the 54 Cross County Connector Route and Little Road Route 23. Beginning August 15, 2016, there will be more opportunities to catch the bus along 54 and riders will be able to travel from U.S. 19 along SR 54 to make connections to the Hillsborough Area Transit System (HART). Pasco County Commissioners approved the changes at their regular meeting July 26, 2016.

Improved service along the Route 54 Cross County Connector will include:

- More frequent schedule; buses will run **every hour** instead of two hours
- Two **brand new buses** with cushioned seats, reading lights and luggage racks
- New **Saturday service**
- Service from U.S. 19 to the Shops at Wiregrass and Tampa Premium Outlets
- Direct transfers from the following: Bus Route 14 Madison Street; Bus Route 18 Tarpon Springs/Grand Boulevard; Bus Route 25 Rowan Road; and Bus Route 23 Little Road

Changes to Bus Route 23 Little Road include:

- Incorporating the service route along S.R. 54 from Little Road into the 54 Connector Route

These changes will provide shorter wait times, fewer transfers between buses, a more comfortable ride, better connections to the HART system in the Wiregrass Area and more efficient access to things like shopping, education and services.

For more information or to request a copy of the updated map and times please contact PCPT by phone at 727.834 3322 or visit the PCPT web page at <http://www.ridepcpt.com>. The PCPT administrative office is located at 8620 Galen Wilson Boulevard, Port Richey, Florida, 34668.