

City
of Asheville
North Carolina



New Black Mountain route – Route 170

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Background



- ❑ In December 2009 NCDOT decided to stop funding the Black Mountain route (route #28) due to lack of compliance with Intercity regulations
- ❑ Due to the importance to the region, the NCDOT extended funding to Black Mountain route through two demonstration grants until December 31, 2010.

New Funding source



- Route 170 is funded with a JARC grant and in partnership between City of Asheville and Warren Wilson College.
 - Job Access and Reverse Commute – JARC – is a Federal Transit Administration funding source to provide access to jobs
 - Funding will be available for 2 years, January 31st 2011 to January 30th 2013.
 - JARC funds 50% of the operational costs, \$360,000 for two years.
 - Warren Wilson and City of Asheville match 50% of the cost.

New Route 170



- Route 170 :
 - Four trips to Black Mountain, beginning at 6:00 a.m and ending at 10:00 p.m.
 - Increased number of stops, from 24 to 53 - buses will use US 70.
 - Fare changes.
 - Service to Warren Wilson College.
 - Coordination with Mountain Mobility's trailblazer.

New fare structure



Fare	Approved
Adult Cash fare	\$1.00
* Discount cash fare	\$0.50
Ticket booklet (11 rides)	\$9.00
* Discount Ticket booklet (11rides)	\$4.50
Monthly Pass	\$20.00
* Discount Monthly Pass	\$10.00
Annual Pass	\$220.00
* Discount Annual Pass	\$110.00

*Discount Fares are available to seniors 65+, individuals with disabilities, Medicare recipients and school students ages 6-19.

Next steps



- Route 170 needs a stable funding source, or the route will be discontinued in two years.
- Create additional partnerships.



QUESTIONS