



2817 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119

**New Orleans Regional Transit Authority
Rider's Advisory Committee
RAC**

Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

5:30 PM

RTA Board Room

This will be an in-person meeting where masks are optional inside the boardroom. A live stream of the meeting is available on the agency's website.

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- 1. Welcome - Commissioner Neal**
- 2. Opening Comments - CEO, Lona Hankins**
- 3. Public Forum - Open Discussion**
- 4. Old Business**

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5. New Business

- A. January Service Pick
- B. Super Bowl Service Plan
- C. Super Bowl Service Disruption Plan

D. Mardi Gras Service Plan

6. Wrap Up (Next RAC Meeting is February 2, 2025)

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Board Report and Staff Summary

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Rider's Advisory Committee

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RIDERS LOG

Reference Number	Keyword/Complaint Details	Received On	Resolved On	Agency Response
2024-001	Certificate of Appreciation	03/06/24	03/06/24	An area neighborhood association presented certificates of appreciation to the Outreach Team and the Roadway Crew
2024-002	Permanent Bus Stop Signage	03/06/24	03/07/24	A new RFP is out to bid. Responses are due 04/02/24
2024-003	Bus Cleanliness	03/06/24	03/06/24	The Fleet is leaving the barn clean—garbage left behind by riders during service is the problem
2024-004	Restoration of Bus Service: Mirabeau and St. Anthony area. Walk to the nearest stop is too far. Service needs to be restored in this area.	03/06/24 09/04/24		
2024-005	Restricted Entrance (Why are passengers not allowed to enter the Ferry Terminal?)	03/06/24	11/06/24	At the time of the ferry terminal opening, it was determined RTA was not staffed or equipped to support the ongoing maintenance required of the bathroom if it were opened for daily public use. Additionally, because the hallway is not visible from the main terminal area, staff determined additional security measures would be required to keep patrons safe. Some staff voiced concerns about their safety and well-being in the area. A business decision was made to keep



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				the area off limits to the public until it could be evaluated further.
2024-006	Missing Bus Stop Signage and Lack of Shelters in the Lower 9th Ward	03/06/24		
2024-007	Undesignated Bus Detour (#8 St. Claude line reported)	03/06/24	03/12/24	An email response was sent to the rider indicating that the detour issue was corrected.
2024-008	Failure to Serve A Designated Bus Stop (General DeGaulle)	03/06/24	03/25/24	Stop issue resolved.
2024-009	Lack of Signage throughout the city.	04/03/24	04/03/24	A new RFP is out to bid. Responses are due 04/02/24
	Service Alerts Do Not Work	04/03/24		
2024-010	Paratransit Reservations/Confirmations Not Being Honored	04/03/24		
2024-011	Creation of a Communication Policy document for communicating service disruptions and detours for all fixed routes, streetcars, and paratransit to the public and ridership. Status?	04/03/24	11/06/24	The communications plan is a work in progress. No schedule yet for rolling out the draft.
2024-012	Update on the ADA Committee	04/03/24		
2024-013	What is RTA's timetable for seeking Council	06/05/24	06/07/24	The council has already approved the route.



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	approval for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?			Approval for street configuration is a little less clear but I would expect something in late 2025
2024-014	Restore Bus Service: At the Convention Center. Riders are forced to walk to Camp, Magazine or St. Charles	09/04/24		
2024-015	Le Pass App: Chalmette Ferry not been operational for months, but the app says it is running.	09/04/24		
2024-017	Benches: What happened to the bench on Canal and Scott St? It was removed in March/April and was told initially the bench would be restored. Why? It's been 6 months.	10/02/24	11/06/24	This shelter was damaged and removed shortly after Hurricane Ida. Staff is evaluating our resources to work to restore the shelter.
2024-018	Missing Bus Stop: #57 Broadway & St. Charles and #91 N. Rampart & Ursuline	10/02/24		
2024-019	Paratransit Reservations: Pick times are not honored and frequently seen as No Shows because they are not kept.	10/02/24	10/03/24	Customer Relations and Paratransit followed up with the rider.
2024-20	Bus Route Change: Several speakers complained about buses speeding along France Street shaking homes and deteriorating the road	10/02/24		



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	infrastructure. Speakers requested that the route be changed.			
2024-21	<p>Scheduling of #114B Garden Oaks Woodland: A rider submitted a detailed email complaining about the frequency is inconvenient causing late arrivals for riders and Tullis and Woodland not a safe place for drivers to leave riders to take breaks.</p> <p>Requested more time for riders to reach the Tullis bus stop; The library stop is not safe. Want the old bus stop at the corner of Elks and Canal restored. It allows for a shorter walk to transfer to the streetcars instead of being forced to walk 4 blocks.</p>	10/31/24		



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***Welcome to the
Riders Advisory Committee (RAC)
Monthly Meeting***

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

RAC MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome – Commissioner Fred Neal
- Opening Comments – CEO Lona Hankins
- Public Forum – Open Discussion
- Old Business – RAC Updates
- New Business
 - a) January Service Pick
 - b) Super Bowl Service & Disruption Plans
 - c) Mardi Gras Service Plan

The next RAC Meeting will be held on February 5, 2025

RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 8, 2025

- a. Overview of January 2025 Service Changes
- b. Superbowl Disruptions and Service Plan

a. OVERVIEW OF JANUARY 2025 SERVICE CHANGES AND SERVICE RESTORATION PLAN

SERVICE GOALS BY SCHEDULE

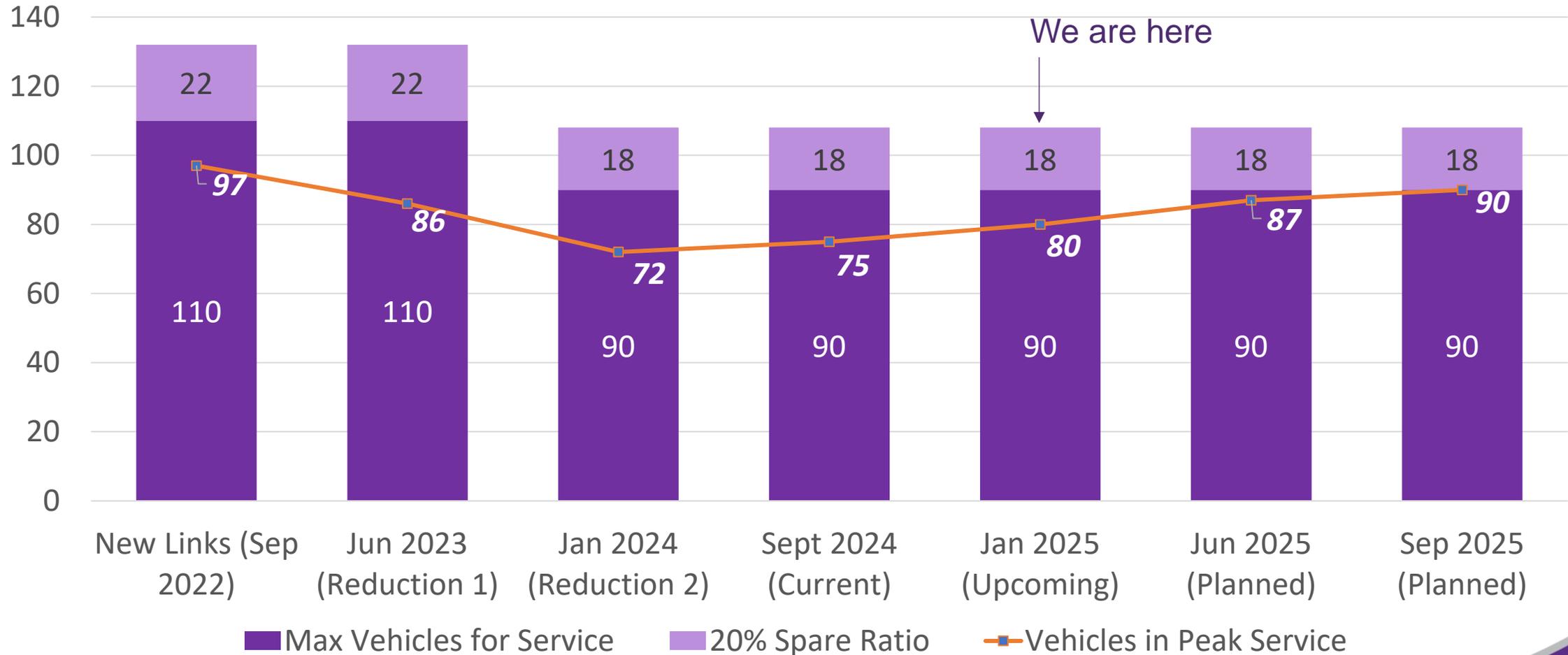
Schedule	Date (tentative)	Expected Changes
Fall 2024	Sept 22nd, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Begin new vehicle allocation (+4 vehicles)• Transfer of Kenner loop Operations to Jefferson Parish
Winter 2025	Jan 12, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restoration of bus service (+5 vehicles)
Summer 2025	May 19, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further restoration of bus service• Riverfront Streetcar reopening• Downtown Streetcar reconfiguration• Airport Express Improvements
Fall 2025	Sept 7, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further restoration of bus service

BUS SERVICE RESTORATION

Route	Currently Weekday Buses Arrive Every ...	In January they will arrive every...
27 – Louisiana	53 Minutes	35 Minutes
84 – Galvez	45 Minutes	30 Minutes
66 - Hayne Loop	70 Minutes	35 Minutes
61 - Lake Forest-Village de L'Est	30 Minutes	24 Minutes
105 – Algiers Local	80 Minutes	40 Minutes

BUS SERVICE RESTORATION

Service Reduction and Restoration 2022-2025



b. SUPERBOWL DISRUPTIONS AND DETOUR PLANS

SERVICE ADJUSTMENT: NFL HONORS SETUP/BREAKDOWN



Timing:

- 1/31 - 2/12
- (2/3-2/10 additional restrictions)

Overview:

- Detour bus routes (8, 55, 91) to/from Rampart to avoid Northbound closures on Basin.
- Detour bus routes (32, 51, 52, 57) to Tulane to Claiborne detour to avoid Northbound closures on Basin
- Stop closures listed in RTA Superbowl Rider guide

NFL HONORS EVENT NIGHT: THURSDAY, FEB 6

- 2/6: Honors #61, 62
- 2/6: Honors Night #8, 55, 91
- 2/6: Honors #51, 52, 57
- 46 Rampart-Loyola Streetcar
- 47 Canal Streetcar - Cemeteries
- 48 Canal Streetcar - City Park
- Saenger Theater (NFL Honors)

Timing:

- 2/6 - One night only - Thursday Evening NFL Honors

Overview:

- Basin St Completely closed between Canal and Conti
- Detour all buses to avoid Elk and Canal
- All routes coming from East and Downriver detour using Claiborne to Tulane to access library hub
- Routes 3, 61, 62 stop relocation to Main Library on Tulane or Loyola
- Streetcars will stay in service

SERVICE ADJUSTMENT: SATURDAY 2/8 PARADE

Timing:

- Parade is Saturday 2/8 at 10AM
- Service cutbacks will begin at 8AM

Overview

- Cutbacks of affected lines
 - 12 St Charles Streetcar will cut back at Erato
 - 47/48 will cut back at N. Liberty
 - 11 Magazine will cut back at Calliope
 - 80 Desire-Louisa will cut back at St Claude and Elysian Fields
- Regular service will resume after parade route is cleared.



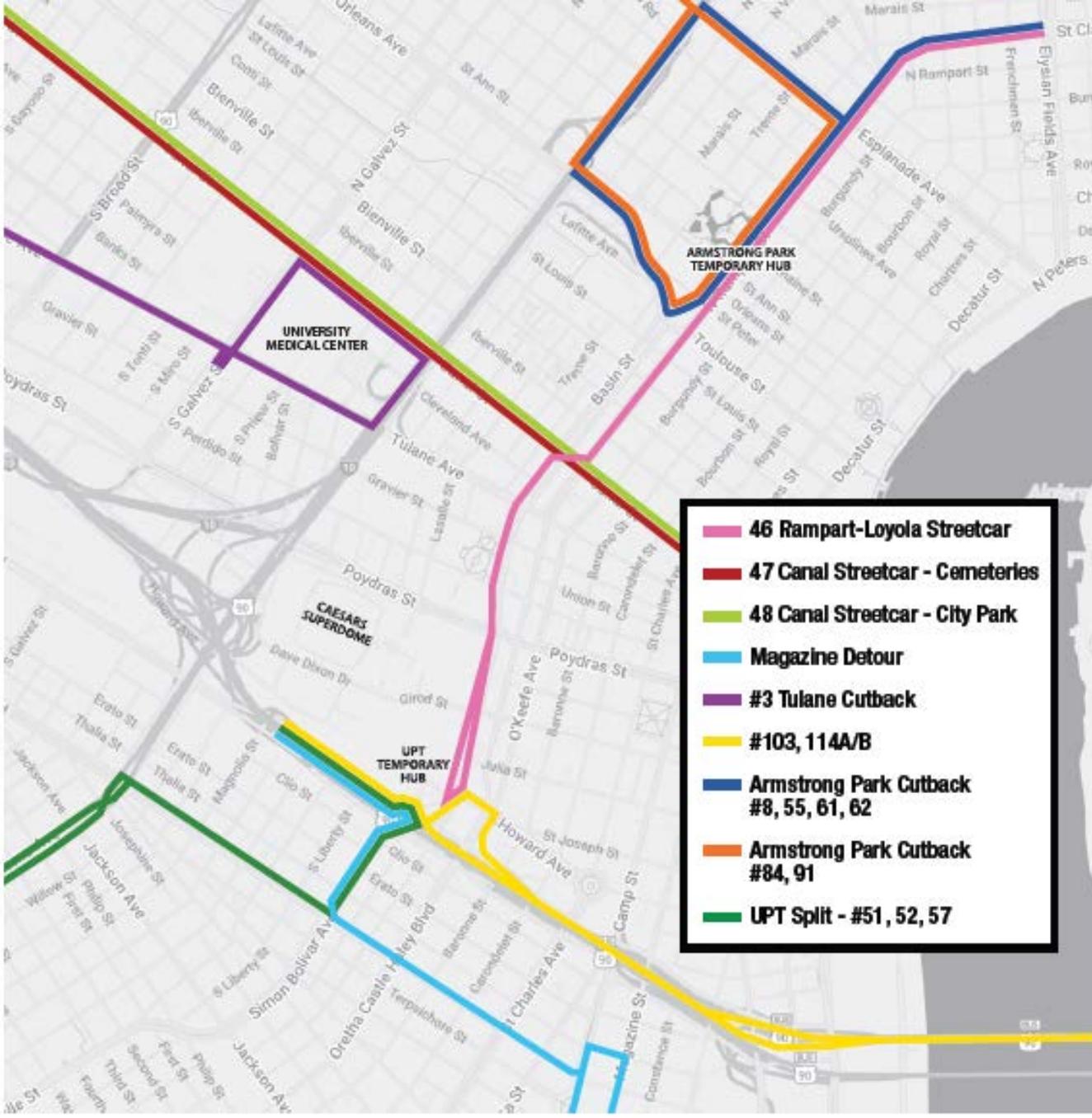
SERVICE ADJUSTMENT: GAMEDAY FEB 9

Timing:

- Sunday 2/9, starting 9AM

Overview

- No Bus access to Main Library/Loyola
- Enhance Loyola-Rampart streetcar as primary downtown corridor service
- Create two temporary bus hubs where service will cut back:
 - 1.UPT for Uptown/Algiers routes
 - 2.Armstrong Park for Mid-City/Gentilly/East
- Through-routes (51, 52, 57, 91)
- Cutback 3 Tulane at Claiborne and Canal
- All downtown bus stops closed.



For updates and rider guide, visit norta.com/superbowl