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Concord Area Transit Announces Suspension of Concord–Laconia Commuter Bus Route

Concord, NH — Concord Area Transit (CAT), operated by the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Inc., announces the permanent suspension of the Concord–Laconia Connector (CLC) commuter bus route, effective **January 30, 2026**.

The decision comes after careful review of ridership trends and current funding limitations. Despite strong interest from some riders, overall use of the route did not reach levels needed to sustain long-term operations. After a thorough evaluation of ridership data and operational needs, CAT and the CAPBM board of directors made the decision that suspending the route is the fiscally responsible option.

"This was not an easy decision," said Terri Paige, Transportation Director. "We know this route matters to commuters traveling between Concord and Laconia, and we truly appreciate the community's understanding. Given the funding available to us right now, we must make choices that allow us to maintain stable and reliable service across our system."

CAT will continue to monitor transportation needs, funding opportunities, and operational capacity, and will share updates with the public as information becomes available.

Key Facts

- **Route Affected:** Concord–Laconia Connector commuter bus
- **Effective Date:** January 30, 2026
- **Reason for Suspension:** Lower-than-anticipated ridership and funding constraints
- **Operator:** Concord Area Transit (CAT), a program of Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Inc.
- **Future Plans:** CAT will monitor demand and funding opportunities and provide updates as available

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Need Alternative Transportation?

CAT encourages riders affected by this change to explore other transportation options. For assistance, please contact Mobility Manager Cindy Yanski at:

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Cindy can help identify available alternatives and provide guidance on regional transportation resources.

For more information, please visit www.concordareatransit.com or contact CAPBM Transportation Services.

About Concord Area Transit



Since 1989, Concord Area Transit (CAT) has served Concord area residents and visitors as the public transportation service with regular fixed-route bus service and specialized services for seniors and ADA complementary paratransit service. It provides bus service throughout Concord and surrounding points, including Penacook, Concord Hospital, Downtown, Memorial Field, Fort Eddy Road Plaza, NHTI and Concord Heights. Buses operate Monday through Friday, 6am-6:30pm. No ticket or cash is needed as all services are fare-free. For a complete schedule or more information, contact CAT at (603) 225-1989 or visit Concordareatransit.com.

About CAPBMCI

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. (CAPBM) is a New Hampshire based 501(c)(3) private, nonprofit organization. The agency was established in 1965 under the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Act of 1964 with the primary mission of working with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist them in their efforts to become or remain financially and socially independent. The agency sponsors and manages over seventy (70) programs and services designed to meet the needs of children, families, single parents, and the elderly.

Map and schedule for the former Concord-Laconia Connector

