



GOBUS EXPANSION

9
Routes

32
University
connections

27
Local transit
connections

47
Counties with
bus stops

153k
Ridership

What

- GoBus launched in November 2010.
- GoBus provides essential transportation connections for rural communities across Ohio, linking them to major urban centers and other transportation services.
- Currently, GoBus is funded by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and in-kind match.
- Existing service includes 5 routes connecting 36 cities, the expansion adds 4 routes, connecting an additional 22 cities.
- More than 50% of GoBus riders are college students.

When

- Expansion service will launch in the Spring of 2026.

Why

- To stretch our dollars further and retain investments within Ohio, ODOT is transitioning to using state GRF funding for local match.
- Expansion will grant more Ohioans access to the GoBus program, particularly in the north and west portions of the state.
- GoBus ensures folks of all abilities and incomes can travel across Ohio. The discounted fares make travel affordable.

How

- COVID stimulus packages gave ODOT a surplus of federal operating funds. Expansion efforts right-size program spending to align with current apportionments and allows ODOT to spend down the balance of federal operating funds.
- Expansion will utilize state GRF funding in lieu of in-kind match which gives ODOT the flexibility to redesign the service and use GoBus to support Ohio tourism. Future expansion routes may include 3C+D.
- Securing additional state GRF will allow ODOT to retain existing funding levels for urban transit agencies and grow the GoBus program.

Who

- ODOT, Office of Transit and Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) are partners in program administration. Private companies operate the service.



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Proposed Transit Routes