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Comments to the Gainesville City Commission
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1,065,819 The number of UF student boardings from August 17 through November 30.

251,961 passengers on City Bus Routes for November 1998
98,817 passengers for November 1996

An increase of 153,144 passengers or 155%

Total ridership of 368,468 for November 1998 v. 194,665 passengers in November 1996

Total Fiscal Year to Date Ridership 864,703 passengers

Service Adjustment continues the strategy of designing transit service for thousands, tens of thousands, and hundreds of thousands, rather than the former strategy of designing transit service for ones, twos, and threes with which we were also successful.

Service Adjustment Highlights

Route 1 Peak hour frequency improved to every half hour. No longer serve Windmeadows Boulevard which is still served by Route 12.

Route 9 New routing on UF campus using Museum Road, Newell, and McCarty Drive, instead of O'Connell Center. We surveyed all of the Route 9 buses and got 525 responses. Over 54% of the respondents favored new routing, only 21% wanted to keep the routing the way it was, 15% said it was fine either way.

Route 10 To operate on NW 23rd Avenue, instead of 39th Avenue eliminating duplication with Route 43.

Route 16 Peak hour frequency improved to every 15 minutes.

Route 75 Peak hour frequency improved to every half hour. Route will no longer service Tower Center to improve schedule adherence.

Route 100 UF Express routing reversed. Route will go directly to the Hub, allowing service to the Law School, as requested. Most riders go to Hub.

Route 300 Later Gator to start at 9:30 PM, instead of 7:30 PM.

RTS Citizens Advisory Board held a public hearing on December 9, 1998. Notice was published in the Sun. Above changes did not constitute "enough" changes to trigger a public hearing, but a public hearing was held anyway to afford maximum opportunity for the public to comment. Only one person commented at the public hearing. Comments were on ADA Complementary Paratransit Services. No changes are being proposed for ADA Complementary Paratransit Services.