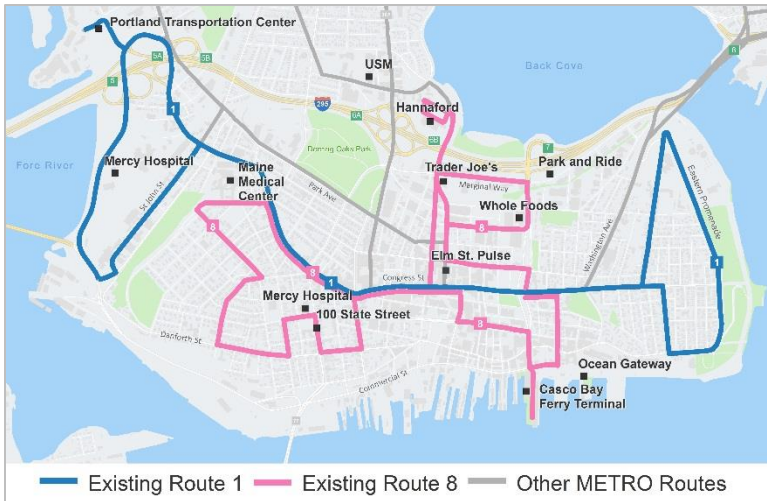


The Greater Portland Transit District (GPTD) wants to make travelling around the Portland Peninsula easier and more convenient for bus riders. To do so, GPTD will work with stakeholders and the public to look at ways to adjust and improve METRO bus routes on the Portland Peninsula. The routes under review for major changes and expansion are Route 8 (Peninsula Loop) and Route 1 (Congress Street). Other routes will be reviewed for minor changes and/or extensions including: Route 2 (Forest Avenue), Route 4 (Westbrook), Route 5 (Maine Mall), Route 7 (Falmouth), and the Husky Line.



Project Goals

- Develop an urban circulator that loops in both directions and provides faster, more convenient service on the Portland Peninsula.
- Expand hours and frequency on the new urban circulator
- Introduce battery electric buses.

Specific Project Focus Areas

- **Restructure Routes 1 and 8** into a highly visible and easy-to-access urban circulator that provides fast and convenient trips around the peninsula (ideally using battery electric buses).
- **Make minor adjustments to Routes 2, 4, and/or the Husky Line** to extend the routes from Monument Square to Commercial Street and the Eastern Waterfront.
- **Interline Routes 5 and 7** to operate seamlessly on Congress Street as one route.
- **Explore the feasibility of alternative mobility services on the peninsula** such as ride-hailing and autonomous transit pilot projects.
- **Ensure transit users with special needs are accommodated** and have access to mobility options that are equally effective or better.

Project Schedule

- **Spring 2019:** Task Force kicks off; Stakeholder and Public Outreach Part 1 begins
- **Summer 2019:** Outreach continues
- **Fall 2019:** Review of input; Route analysis
- **Winter 2020:** Stakeholder and Public Outreach Part 2 begins
- **Spring 2020:** Part 2 outreach continues; Finalize new routes and schedules
- **Summer 2020:** New service launches

Project Partners

METRO, City of Portland, Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS), MaineDOT, Federal Transit Administration (FTA).