

I-93 Commuter Bus Service Project Overview

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has developed a program to expand intercity and commuter bus service in the I-93 corridor, providing an alternative to auto travel between southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

The expanded bus service began operation on November 17, 2008. The Department contracted with a private firm, Boston Express, to operate the expanded service and new facilities at Exits 5 and 4 in Londonderry and Exit 2 in Salem. The bus service operates seven days a week from Exits 5 and 2, and weekdays only from Exit 4, providing up to 22 roundtrips on weekdays and 18 roundtrips on weekends. The buses serve South Station and Logan Airport. Bus service from downtown Manchester will continue with six round trips each day. Schedules are posted on the Boston Express website (www.bostonexpressbus.com).



To provide the expanded service, NHDOT has constructed new park-and-ride lots with bus terminals at Exit 2 in Salem and Exit 5 in Londonderry, as well as a bus maintenance and storage facility near Exit 5. A new bus terminal at Exit 4 in Londonderry was opened in 2007. These clean and modern facilities will provide a safe, secure and inviting environment with amenities to include complimentary beverage service, current regional news periodicals and in-station WIFI. Service will be provided aboard state of the art passenger motor coaches featuring onboard entertainment including satellite radio and WIFI. The bus service is a public/private partnership funded through the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ).

Estimated total ridership for the expanded service is 371,000 passenger trips in the first year, increasing to 522,000 in the third year.



Exit 4 in Londonderry, the first of three bus terminals constructed.



Exit 2 in Salem, a 470-space Park-and-Ride was created.



Exit 5 in Londonderry, a bus terminal, bus maintenance facility and bus storage.