

Proposed Merging of Bus Stops in New Haven

The combination, or merger, of Bus Stops has two important purposes and many benefits.

1. The first purpose is to improve bus service for riders by optimizing the distances between bus stops and their closeness to where passengers start from or end their trips.
2. The second reason is better traffic flow, as well as improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles by reducing the number of times that buses must pull into/out of stops.

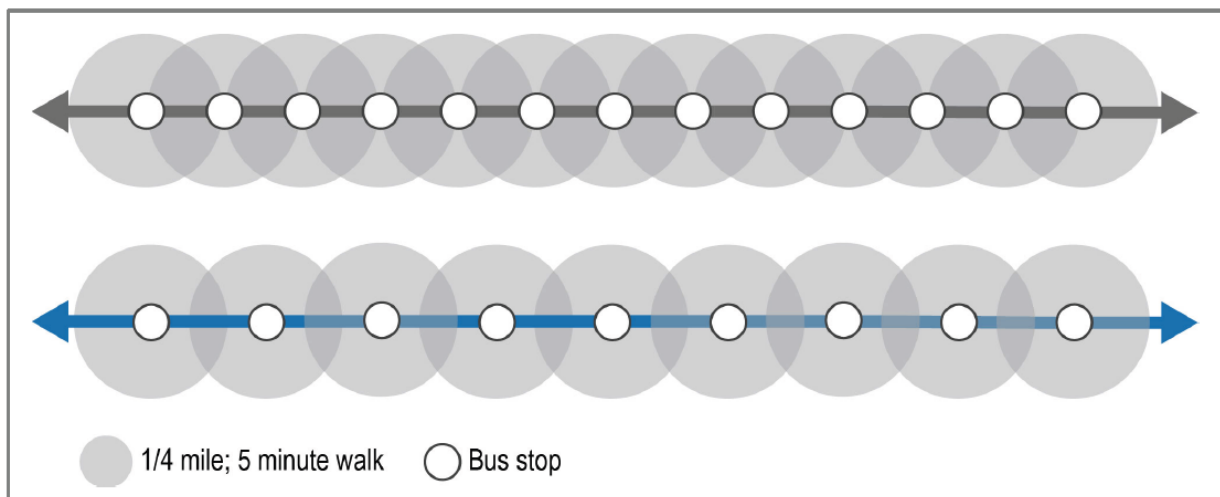
A reduction in the number of bus stops has several important benefits:

- It will reduce frustration for passengers, caused by the bus having to stop often.
- It will reduce delays and frustration for vehicles traveling behind buses.
- It will improve safety for bicyclists by reducing the number of times that buses pull into/out of traffic.
 - This also adds spaces at the curb for on-street parking.
- It will relocate stops where there are currently pedestrian and traffic safety concerns.
 - In locations where bus stops are removed near intersections, visibility for drivers, bikers, and pedestrians will be improved. Better visibility makes it easier for them to operate safely.

The merging of bus stops can improve schedule reliability. A more reliable schedule builds customer willingness to ride the bus more often.

If there are fewer bus stops, funds to be used at the remaining stops for maintenance, signage, shelters, and other improvements.

Combining bus stops has an environmental benefit. When the bus stops less often, it improves fuel economy and reduces emissions.



Project Area and Summary

The two areas being analyzed for this project are along Whalley Avenue and Grand Avenue. These two corridors have large volumes of passengers and an abundance of stops along each analyzed section. Provided in this document is a list of stops to be consolidated or removed from each corridor and the existing stop the passengers are likely to use. This list also contains the walking distance and walking time from the removed stop to the existing stop. This document also contains maps for each corridor which reflects the information in the list.

Grand Avenue Proposed Bus Stops to be Consolidated

Corridor	Bus Direction*	Consolidated Bus Stop	New Bus Stop	Walking Distance (feet)	Walking Time**
Grand Ave	Inbound	Bright Street	Ferry Street	315	0:01:30
Grand Ave	Outbound	Bright Street	Ferry Street	416	0:01:59
Grand Ave	Outbound	Poplar Street	Ferry Street	422	0:02:01
Grand Ave	Inbound	Poplar Street	Ferry Street	422	0:02:01
Grand Ave	Inbound	Lloyd Street	Blatchley Ave	444	0:02:07
Grand Ave	Outbound	Lloyd Street	Blatchley Ave	469	0:02:14
Grand Ave	Inbound	John W Murphy Drive	James Street	596	0:02:50
Grand Ave	Outbound	John W Murphy Drive	James Street	483	0:02:18

*Inbound is towards downtown New Haven, Outbound is traveling away from Downtown New Haven

**Walking time is calculated off a walking speed of 3.5 feet/sec

Whalley Avenue Proposed Bus Stops to be Consolidated

Corridor	Bus Direction*	Consolidated Bus Stop	New Bus Stop	Walking Distance	Walking Time**
Whalley Ave	Outbound	West Park Ave	Fitch Street	909	0:04:20
Whalley Ave	Inbound	West Park Ave	Fitch Street	1,044	0:04:58
Whalley Ave	Outbound	Osborn Ave	Whittlesey Ave	640	0:03:03
Whalley Ave	Inbound	Hubinger St	Pendleton Street	401	0:01:55
Whalley Ave	Inbound	Hobart Street	Pendleton Street	382	0:01:49
Whalley Ave	Outbound	Blake Street	Ella T. Grasso Blvd.	324	0:01:33
Whalley Ave	Outbound	Norton Street	Ellsworth Ave	462	0:02:12
Whalley Ave	Inbound	Norton Street	Ellsworth Ave	519	0:02:28
Whalley Ave	Inbound	Winthrop Ave	Sherman Ave	637	0:03:02
Whalley Ave	Outbound	Winthrop Ave	Sherman Ave	643	0:03:04
Whalley Ave	Outbound	County Street	Orchard	438	0:02:05
Whalley Ave	Inbound	Opp Hudson Street	Sherman Ave	416	0:01:59

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Upcoming Meetings

Grand Avenue Meetings

1st Meeting

When: 12/6 (Thursday December 6th)

Where: Fair Haven School,

Address: 164 Grand Avenue,

Time: 5:30PM to 8:00PM

2nd meeting

When: 12/8 (Saturday December 8th)

Where: Fair Haven School,

Address: 164 Grand Avenue,

Time: 11:00AM to 1:30PM

Whalley Avenue Meetings

1st Meeting

When: 11/29 (Thursday November 29th),

Where: New Haven Police Substation

Address: 332 Whalley Avenue

Time: 5:30PM to 8:00PM

2nd Meeting

When: 12/1 (Saturday December 1st)

Where: New Haven Police Substation

Address: 332 Whalley Avenue

Time: 11:00AM to 1:30PM

How to Comment if You Cannot Attend

By Mail: CTtransit
New Haven Division
Attn: Planning Department
2061 State Street
Hamden CT 06517-3834

By Email: busstopcomments@cttransit.com

If you have questions regarding the study please call: 203-624-0151