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Bi-Directional Circulator Route Proposed for the Portland Peninsula Presentation of New Routes at Public Meetings on December 8, 2020

(Portland, Maine) – Greater Portland METRO will hold two public meetings, via Zoom, on December 8, 2020, to present [a proposed bi-directional circulator route](#) for the Portland Peninsula and gather feedback from riders and stakeholders. The proposed new route would replace current METRO [Route 1](#) and [Route 8](#) service on the peninsula. Additional recommended route changes, improving METRO Routes 2, 4, 5, 7, and the Husky Line, will also be presented at this meeting.

A Peninsula Route Planning [Task Force](#) was formed in April 2019 to provide guidance and offer feedback on the development of a new circulator route for downtown Portland. During the summer and fall of 2019, staff from METRO and Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) hosted public meetings and several community outreach meetings, attended special events, and conducted surveys with current riders and stakeholders to gather input on route changes. [Feedback received \(in Phase 1\) from riders and stakeholders](#) was used to develop a new bidirectional bus route that makes travelling around the peninsula easier and provides more frequent and faster service. This proposed route, along with other recommended improvements, will be presented at public meetings on December 8, 2020.

PHASE 2 Public Meetings (via ZOOM) – Tuesday, December 8, 2020

(Please register to attend, language support available by request during registration)

December 8 from 10-11am: <https://tinyurl.com/METROloopAM>

December 8 from 5:30-6:30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/METROloopPM>

Additional opportunities for feedback, including a survey, will be available for the public.

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Updates about this project will be posted [HERE](#).

METRO will also launch a survey and meet with stakeholder groups through February 2021. Following feedback from the survey and public meetings, METRO staff will finalize the route recommendations and begin planning. The route, if approved and funded, would launch in 2022.

Greater Portland METRO provides bus service between Brunswick, Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Portland, South Portland, Westbrook, and Yarmouth.

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