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**PVTA FACING POSSIBLE SERVICE CHANGES:
ADVISORY BOARD SETS PUBLIC HEARING DATES**

The Advisory Board of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) yesterday authorized public hearings to obtain comments on possible service cuts to 16 of PVTA's bus routes to address an operating budget deficit of up to \$1.2 million for the coming fiscal year.

The hearings will begin June 19. Public comments will be presented to the PVTA Advisory Board on July 19, along with updated state budget information. The Advisory Board will decide on that date how many service cuts are necessary to balance the FY18 budget. Any cuts that are approved by the board would go into effect August 27 or September 4.

The public will be asked to comment on full or partial cuts to the following bus routes: M40 Minute Man Express (Northampton-Hadley-Amherst); P20E Express (Holyoke Mall-Springfield Union Station); P21E Express (Springfield Union Station to Holyoke Transportation Center); Five College Route 39 (Mt Holyoke College to Smith College); Route 46 (Whately-South Deerfield-Sunderland-UMass Amherst); G5 (Dickinson-Jewish Home-Longmeadow-Enfield CT); X98 (Northampton Crosstown); R14E Express (Agawam Industrial Park); R27 (Wilbraham-Eastfield Mall); B23 (Holyoke-Westfield via HCC); R29 (Holyoke-South Hadley-UMass Amherst); B48 (Holyoke-Northampton); B4 (Downtown Springfield-Plainfield Street); X90 (Springfield Inner Crosstown); UMass Amherst Campus Shuttle Routes 34 and 35; and the Tiger Trolley (South Hadley-Holyoke).

Hearings will begin at 4:00 and 6:00PM each day at the following locations:

- June 19: Holyoke Transportation Center, 206 Maple St, Holyoke
- June 20: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress St, Springfield
- June 21: Amherst Bangs Community Center, 70 Boltwood Walk
- June 22: Bay Path University, 588 Longmeadow St, Longmeadow
- June 26: Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street
- June 27: South Hadley Public Library, 2 Canal Street
- June 28: Wilbraham Senior Center, 45B Post Office Park
- June 29: Northampton City Council Chambers, 212 Main St (behind City Hall)
- July 5: Sunderland Public Library, 20 School Street
- July 6: Westfield Transit Pavilion, 10 Arnold Street
- July 10: Chicopee City Hall, Council Chambers, 17 Springfield Street

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