

**Montgomery County  
Department of Transportation  
Transit Services Division**



**Virtual Public Forum**

**November 19, 2020  
6:30 PM**

The public forum will use the Microsoft Teams online platform. Although using a computer to “attend” the meeting is recommended, those without computer access will be able to listen to and participate in the meeting using a mobile phone or device. Here are details for the virtual forum:

1. [Click here to join the meeting](#)
2. Or call in (audio only) 1-443-692-5768
3. Conference ID: 646 119 785#

**Proposed  
Service  
Changes**

**Black Hill  
Development  
Route 83**

*Holy Cross Germantown/Milestone  
P&R Lot; Germantown Transit Ctr.*

**Watkins Mill  
Interchange  
Route 58**

*Shady Grove Station  
Lakeforest Transit Center*

**Route 61**

*Shady Grove Station/Germantown  
Transit Center via Lakeforest Transit  
Center & Watkins Mill Interchange*

**Route 78**

*Shady Grove Station  
Kingsview Park & Ride via  
Metropolitan Grove MARC & MVA*

**Department of Transportation  
Division of Transit Services  
Ride On Transit Services  
[www.rideonbus.com](http://www.rideonbus.com)**

## Overview

Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Ride On Transit Services proposes to revise service within Germantown and Gaithersburg communities. The routes being considered are Routes 83 in the Germantown community and Routes 58, 61, and 78 within Gaithersburg community. The Route 83 is being revised to serve the new Black Hill development along Century Blvd and Crystal Rock. Routes 58, 61 and 78 are being revised to serve the new Watkins Mill Interchange. A detailed description of each route is attached in this packet. As part of our commitment to provide an opportunity to receive comments from the public, this packet is being posted to solicit comments on the proposed changes. Montgomery County Department of Transportation, MCDOT, will gather the most information possible regarding the feedback received on the revised changes and implement a service that provides the best opportunity in meeting the needs of the community.

The operating hours of these services will remain consistent with the existing services. Currently, fares are free for safety and social distancing guidelines.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to submit comments regarding this public forum may do so by submitting in writing, by email, no later than Monday, November 30, 2020. This information can be mailed and/or emailed to:

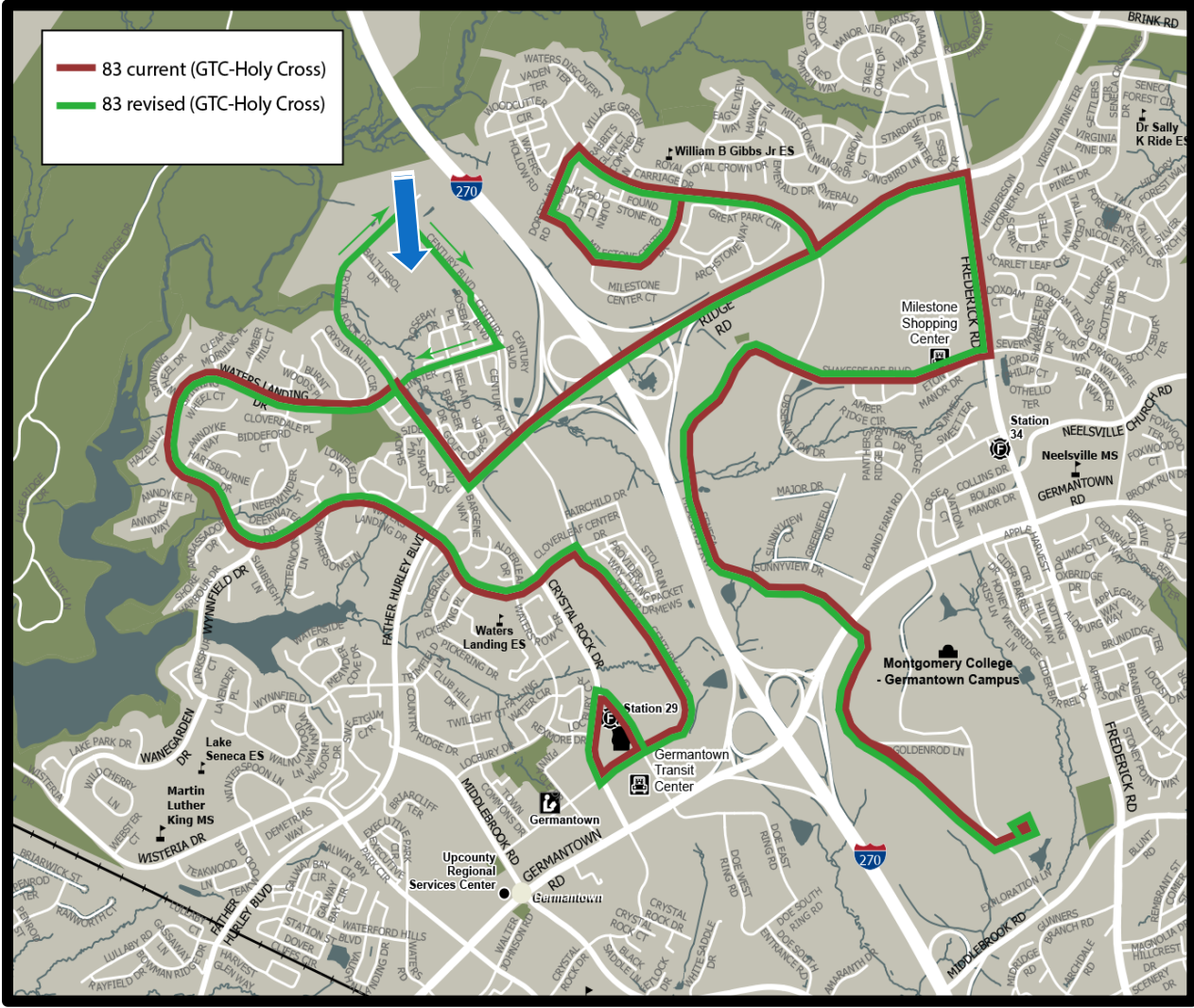
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Route 83			Existing	Proposed
			Germantown Transit Center- Holy Cross Hospital Germantown	Germantown Transit Center- Holy Cross Hospital Germantown via Black Hill Development
From			Germantown Transit Center	Germantown Transit Center
To			Holy Cross Hospital Germantown	Holy Cross Hospital Germantown via Black Hill Development
Span	Weekday		Germantown Transit Center 4:30am – 11:55pm	Germantown Transit Center 4:30am – 11:55 pm
	Saturday		7:55am – 8:30pm	7:55am – 8:30pm
	Sunday		No service	No service
Headway (Minutes)	Weekday	AM Peak	80	80
		Midday	80	80
		PM Peak	80	80
		Evening	80	80
		Late Night	80	80
	Saturday		80	80
	Sunday		N/A	N/A
Description of Change			Changes to Route 83 would create a diversion off Waters Landing and Crystal Rock Drives. The new development extends along Crystal Rock Drive and Century Blvd in a one-way loop travelling to/from Germantown Transit Center.	
Justification for Change			To expand transit service to newly developed neighborhood within Germantown community, Black Hill development.	
Impacts			Minimal impacts; however, does create a diversion from Waters Landing	

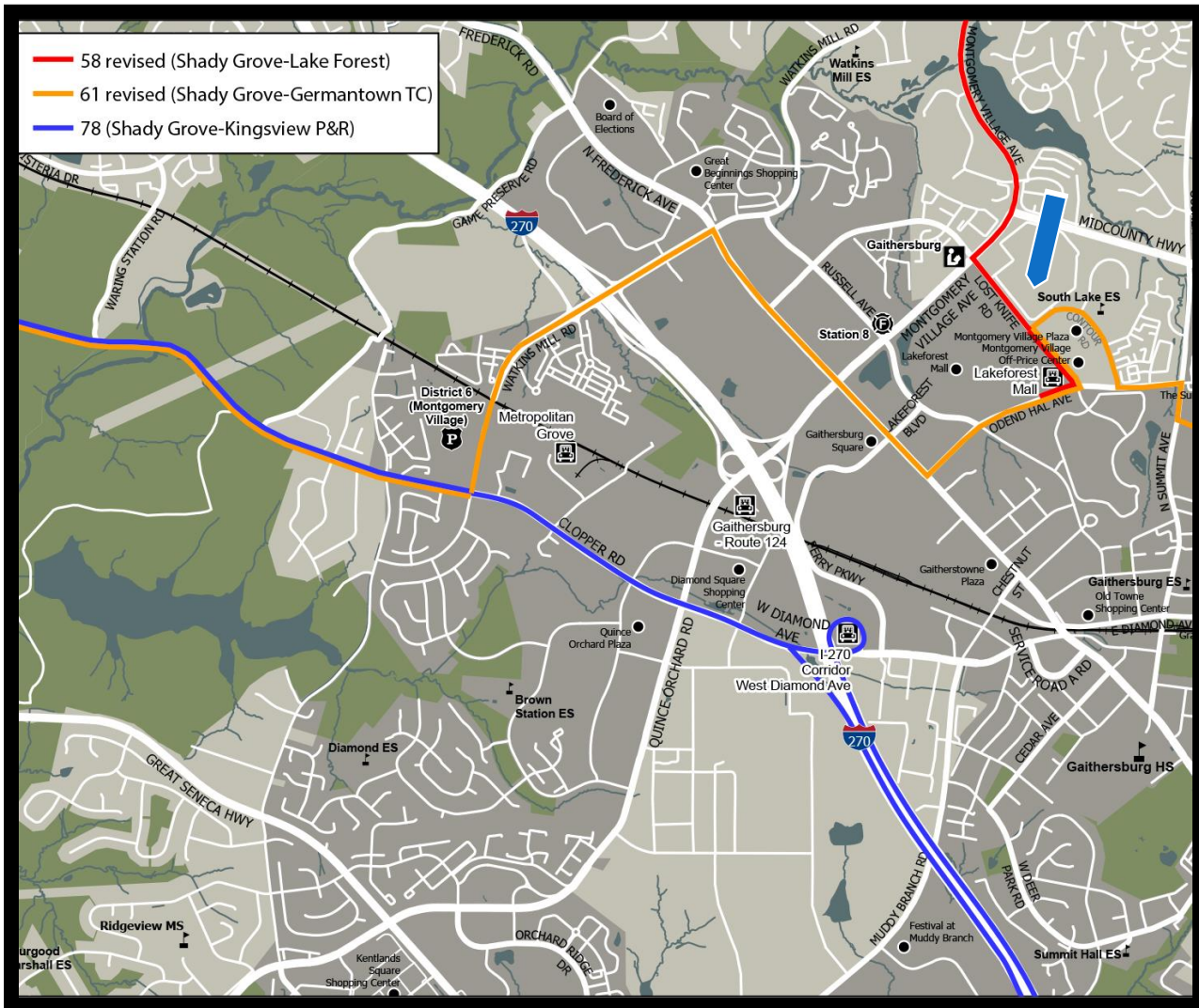
## Route 83



Route 58			Existing	Proposed
Coverage			Shady Grove Station to Watkins Mill Road via Lakeforest Transit Center	Shady Grove Station to Lakeforest Transit Center
From			Shady Grove Metro Station	Shady Grove Metro Station
To			Shady Grove Station to Watkins Mill Road via Lakeforest Transit Center	Lakeforest Transit Center
Span	Weekday		4:45 am – 10:15pm	4:45 am – 10:15pm
	Saturday		6:35am – 8:20pm	6:35am – 8:20pm
	Sunday		6:35am – 8:20pm	6:35am – 8:20pm
Headway (Minutes)	Weekday	AM Peak	35	35
		Midday	55	55
		PM Peak	35	35
		Evening	55	55
		Late Night	55	55
	Saturday		55	55
	Sunday		55	55
Description of Change			Route 58 will terminate at Lakeforest every trip	
Justification for Change			Adjust routing according to new road conditions on Watkins Mill Road.	
Impacts			Passengers on Route 58 destined for Kaiser Permanente will require transfer to Route 61 at Lakeforest Transit Center	

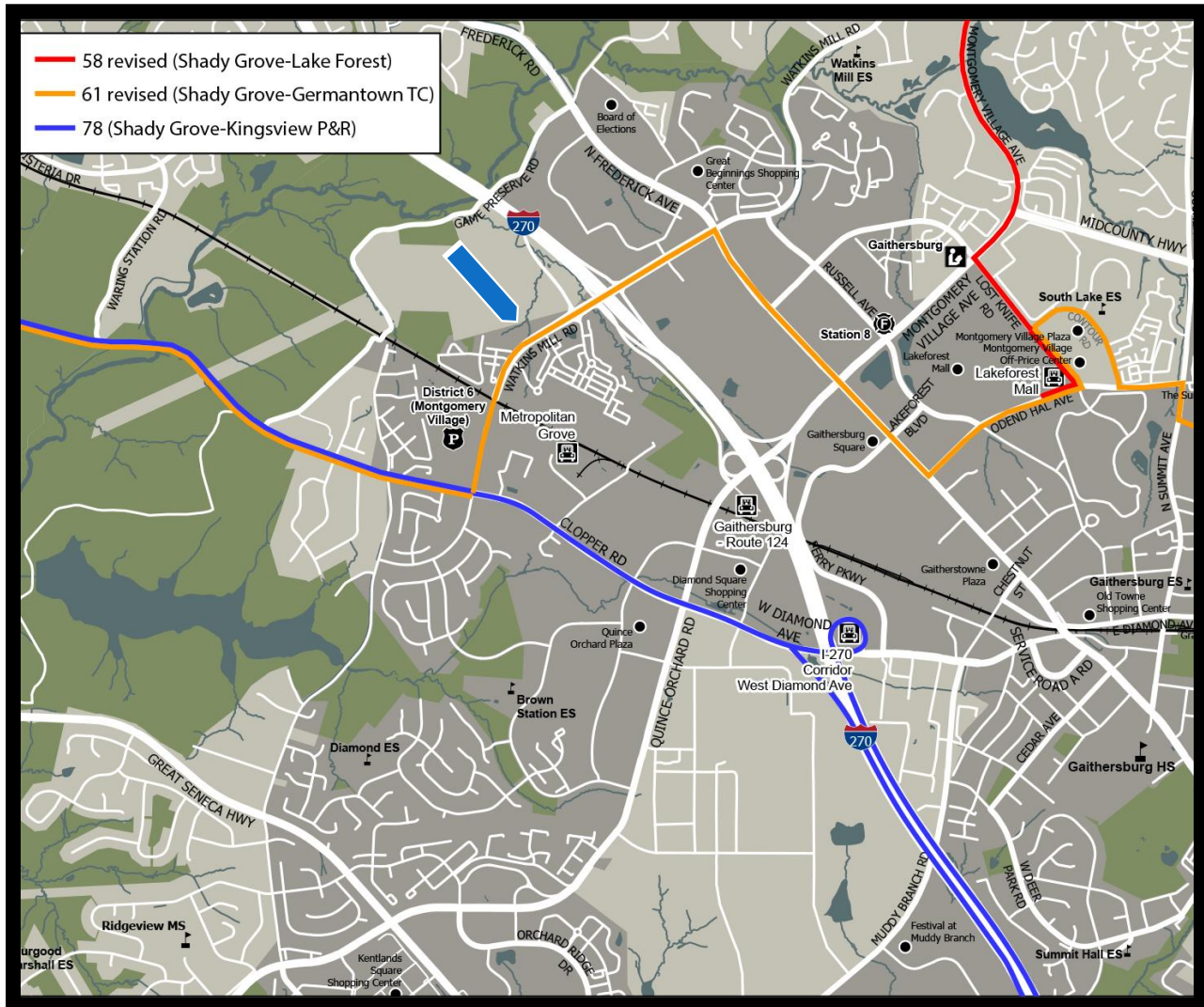


## Route 58



61			Existing	Proposed
From			Germantown Transit Center	Germantown Transit Center
To			Shady Grove Station via Metropolitan Grove MARC and MVA	Shady Grove Station via Watkins Mill Interchange
Span	Weekday		4:20am -11:55pm	4:20am -11:55pm
	Saturday		6:00am – 10:20pm	6:00am – 10:20pm
	Sunday		6:20am – 9:40 pm	6:20am – 9:40 pm
Headway (Minutes)	Weekday	AM Peak	30	25
		Midday	30	30
		PM Peak	30	25
		Evening	30	30
		Late Night	30	30
	Saturday		40	35
	Sunday		40	40
Description of Change			Route 61 service will continue regular routing from Germantown Transit Center along Clopper Road then turn left on Watkins Mill Road (New Watkins Mill Interchange). Serve the Kaiser Permanente Center and continue to Lakeforest Transit Center along MD355 to Odendhal.	
Justification for Change			Route 61 will utilize the new Watkins Mill Interchange by serving communities along Watkins Mill Road. This change also minimizes duplication of service along Firstfield and Quince Orchard.	
Impacts			<p>Passengers destined for MARC and MVA would transfer to Route 78 along Clopper Road. Passengers destined for locations along Firstfield and Quince Orchard would transfer to Route 56 on Clopper Road and Firstfield.</p> <p>No Saturday; No Sunday service along Firstfield and Quince Orchard.</p>	

# Route 61





78			Existing	Proposed
From			Kingsview Park and Ride	Kingsview Park and Ride
To			Shady Grove Station	Shady Grove Station via Metropolitan Grove MARC and MVA
Span	Weekday		5:00am –8:05am/4:00pm–7:05pm	5:00am – 7:05pm
	Saturday		No service	No service
	Sunday		No service	No service
Headway (Minutes)	Weekday	AM Peak	60	30
		Midday	--	45
		PM Peak	60	30
		Evening	--	45
		Late Night	--	--
	Saturday		N/A	N/A
	Sunday		N/A	N/A
Description of Change			Route 78 will continue its regular service along Clopper Road with added stops at Metropolitan Grove MARC and MVA.	
Justification for Change			Route 78 will serve Metropolitan Grove MARC and MVA with the service change to Route 61 operating along Watkins Mill Road.	
Impacts			Passengers destined for MARC and MVA would transfer to Route 78 along Clopper Road. Passengers destined for locations along Firstfield and Quince Orchard would transfer to Route 56 on Clopper Road and Firstfield.	

## Route 78

