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**MEDIA ALERT**  
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## **RTA to Host Public Hearing on September Service Enhancements**

*Service improvements to be implemented for New Orleans East, Algiers, & the ferry.*

**What:** Speeding up service in New Orleans East, Algiers, and adding extra hours of operation to the Algiers Point - Canal Street Ferry will be up for discussion at an upcoming RTA public hearing. The agency wants to hear your thoughts about their proposed service enhancements.

**When:** Wednesday, August 21 • 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**Where:** New Orleans Regional Transit Authority Board Room  
2817 Canal Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New Orleans, LA 70119

**Why:** New Orleans East and Algiers neighbors/leaders, as well as ferry supporters having been asking for more service to improve transportation to and from the City of New Orleans. The RTA announced the community engagement process to solicit input on service enhancement options, during the May 28, 2019 RTA Board Meeting. The first public engagement meeting was held June 5, 2019 at the Riders Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting.

The community had the opportunity to provide comments during public meetings and on the RTA website. During the process, four options were advanced for implementation.

During the July 23<sup>rd</sup> RTA Board meeting, board commissioners approved the options presented below:

### **New Orleans East Service Enhancements:**

- **63-New Orleans East Owl:**
  - This bus line will provide service every 30-minutes.
    - *Currently, service is provided every 60-minutes.*
  
- **64-Lake Forest Express & 65-Read-Crowder Express:**
  - Each bus line will provide service every 30-minutes M-F, all day long.
  - On weekdays, the two bus lines will also be broken into two separate lines and operate independently both inbound and outbound.
    - *Currently, service is provided every 30-minutes, during AM & PM Peak hours.*

### **Algiers Service Enhancements:**

- **114-General DeGaulle-Sullen & 115-General DeGaulle-Tullis** – Each bus line will provide service every 25-30 minutes, during the following peak times: 6 AM-10 AM & 3:20 PM -7:25 PM
  - *Currently, each bus line provides service every 45-minutes.*

### **Ferry Service Enhancement:**

- **Algiers Point - Canal Street Ferry** – Service will begin every morning at 6 AM, seven days a week.
  - *Currently, ferry service begins at 6am M-F.*

The RTA would like to encourage everyone to attend this public hearing. If you're not able to attend, please consider providing feedback, via the website [RTAforawrd.org](http://RTAforawrd.org) or by calling Ride Line at 504-248-3900.

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