

Ann Arbor Transportation Authority

Options for Service Reductions in the Ypsilanti Area

The budget adopted by the City of Ypsilanti for FY 2010 includes \$158,967 for transit service. This is 56% of the \$282,039 that AATA requires for the continuation of existing service levels. A significant service reduction will be necessary to reduce the cost to the budgeted amount. In addition, Ypsilanti Township has informed AATA that it can pay a maximum of \$264,453 in FY 2010. This is 93% of the \$283,400 AATA requires for continuation of existing service levels.

As a result, AATA has prepared the attached list of potential service reductions. These potential reductions were designed to minimize the impact on riders. Routes with fewer riders per service hour are the primary targets, and an effort was made to reduce or eliminate service only in areas where alternative service is available, for example from a nearby route. However, it is important to understand that the current level of service in the Ypsilanti area is already low, and a cost reduction of the magnitude required will eliminate service or significantly increase travel time for many existing riders.

Schedule for Implementing Service Changes/Reductions

The AATA fiscal year begins on October 1, 2009. A service reduction could be implemented within six weeks, but this would preclude consideration of alternatives and public involvement. It is AATA policy to involve the public before adopting any service changes. For service reductions of this magnitude, public involvement is particularly important in an effort to minimize the negative effects.

A proposed timeline including public input is as follows:

August – November, 2009 – Officials consider potential service changes/reductions and select proposed changes/reductions

November – December, 2009 – AATA prepares public materials

January, 2010 – AATA and public officials conduct public input process

February, 2010 – AATA and public officials make revisions based on public input

March, 2010 – AATA Board adopts service changes/reductions

May, 2010 – Service changes/reductions are implemented

The delay between the beginning of the fiscal year and implementation of service reductions may be possible because a temporary source of additional operating funds is available. A portion of federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Rehabilitation Act of 2009 (ARRA) can be used for operating assistance in FY 2010. These funds can provide a short-term bridge to permit us to develop and implement service reductions that can be sustained. The AATA Board of Directors would have to agree to use ARRA funds to pay the shortfall for part of FY 2010.

Effect of Potential Countywide Millage Proposal

The AATA will be conducting market research in September, 2009 designed to determine voter attitudes toward a millage vote to provide dedicated funding for transit. Based on these results, the AATA Board of Directors will consider whether to proceed with a ballot initiative. If a ballot initiative is planned, then a decision will be needed on whether to proceed with implementing the service changes/reduction before the vote. However, it is important to proceed with the selection of potential service reductions and public input on the schedule above. The outcome of the ballot initiative will determine whether the service reductions are necessary. It will be important to inform the public both of the negative effects if the ballot initiative fails, as well as the positive effects if the ballot initiative succeeds.

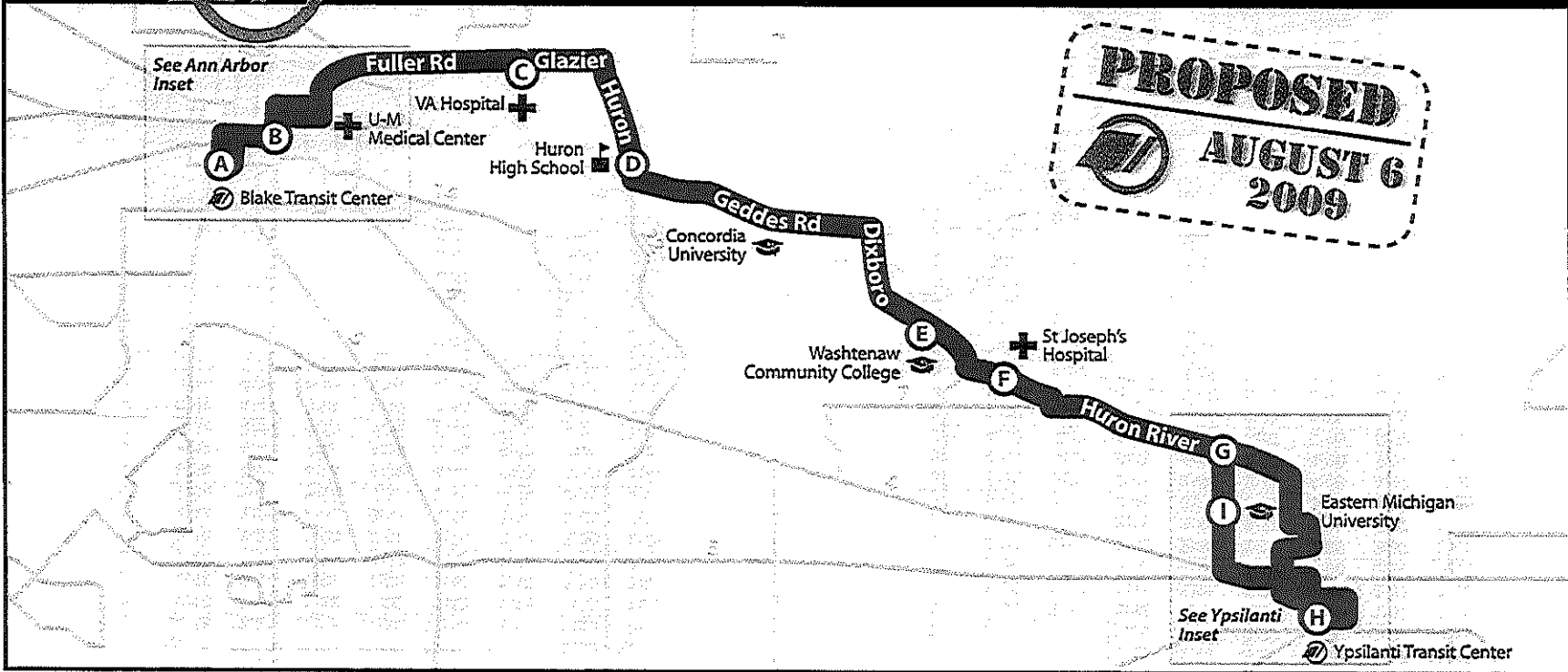
Service Change Options to Reduce the Cost in Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township

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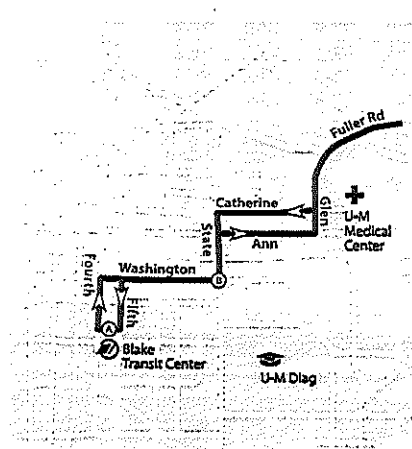
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	Route Name & Number	Description	Ypsilanti Change		Ypsilanti Twp. Change		Superior Twp. Change		Pittsfield Twp Change		EMU Change		Notes
			Service Hours	Cost (2010)	Service Hours	Cost	Service Hours	Cost	Service Hours	Cost	Service Hours	Cost	
A	3 Huron River	Combine with #33 EMU shuttle route	<u>-1,092</u>	<u>-\$60,000</u>	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	<u>-2,005</u>	<u>-\$48,000</u>	Mutually exclusive with option B
B	3 Huron River	Eliminate service between WCC and Ypsilanti Transit Center	<u>-2,291</u>	<u>-\$86,000</u>	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	Mutually exclusive with option A
C	5 Packard	Shorten route to turn around at Ypsilanti High School (Packard, just east of Hewitt	<u>-2,085</u>	<u>-\$55,000</u>	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	Requires use of Shadford Field Parking for turn-around. Mutually exclusive with option D
D	5 Packard	Revise route to eliminate service east of Golfside. Route turns north on Golfside to WCC/St. Joes	<u>-2,085</u>	<u>-\$55,000</u>	332	\$9,000	0	\$0	1,400	\$27,000	0	\$0	Mutually exclusive with options C & G
E	5 Packard	Discontinue evening service east of Carpenter Rd.	<u>-340</u>	<u>-\$15,000</u>	<u>-85</u>	<u>-\$4,500</u>	0	\$0	-64	-\$2,000	0	\$0	
F	5 Packard	Discontinue Saturday service east of Carpenter Rd.	<u>-139</u>	<u>-\$5,000</u>	<u>-35</u>	<u>-\$1,000</u>	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	
G	5 & 6 Packard and Ellsworth	End both routes at Hewitt, and connect them via Hewitt	<u>-4,363</u>	<u>-\$107,000</u>	810	\$15,000	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	A change to the #11 route needed to preserve service to Walmart from Ypsi. Mutually exclusive with option D
H	7 S. Main - East	Revise route to serve WCC via Clark Rd. Eliminate service on Huron River Dr. east of Golfside. Reduce service in St. Joes to main entrance only	0	\$0	<u>-204</u>	<u>-\$8,500</u>	0	\$0	0	\$3,000	0	\$0	
J	10 Ypsilanti Northeast & 11 Ypsilanti South	Eliminate Saturday service	<u>-363</u>	<u>-\$16,500</u>	<u>-172</u>	<u>-\$8,000</u>	<u>-83</u>	<u>-\$2,500</u>	0	\$0	0	\$0	Would also permit elimination of A-Ride service in this area on Saturdays
K	10 Ypsilanti Northeast & 11 Ypsilanti South	End weekday service 1 hour earlier (eliminate service 9:30-10:30)	<u>-149</u>	<u>-\$9,000</u>	<u>-73</u>	<u>-\$4,500</u>	<u>-34</u>	<u>-\$2,000</u>	0	\$0	0	\$0	Would also permit termination of A-Ride service in this area 1 hour earlier

3 Huron River



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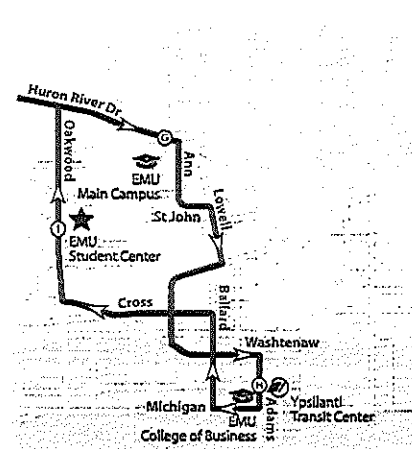


Route 3 serves these neighborhoods and destinations in Central Ann Arbor:

- U-M Medical School
- North State Street
- Blake Transit Center

At the Blake Transit Center, convenient connections to many other TheRide routes are available.

Ypsilanti



Route 3 serves these neighborhoods and destinations in Central Ypsilanti:

- EMU Main Campus
- EMU Business School
- EMU Student Center
- Ypsilanti Transit Center

At the Ypsilanti Transit Center, convenient connections to many other TheRide routes are available.

3 Huron River

Weekday Eastbound

	Blake Transit Center	State & Washington	VA Hospital	Huron High School	Washtenaw Comm College	St. Joseph's Hospital	Huron River Dr & Oakwood Av	Ypsilanti Transit Center
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)
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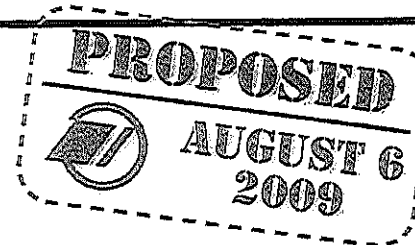
Weekday Westbound

	Ypsilanti Transit Center	EMU Student Center	St. Joseph's Hospital	Washtenaw Comm College	Huron High School	VA Hospital	State & Washington	Blake Transit Center
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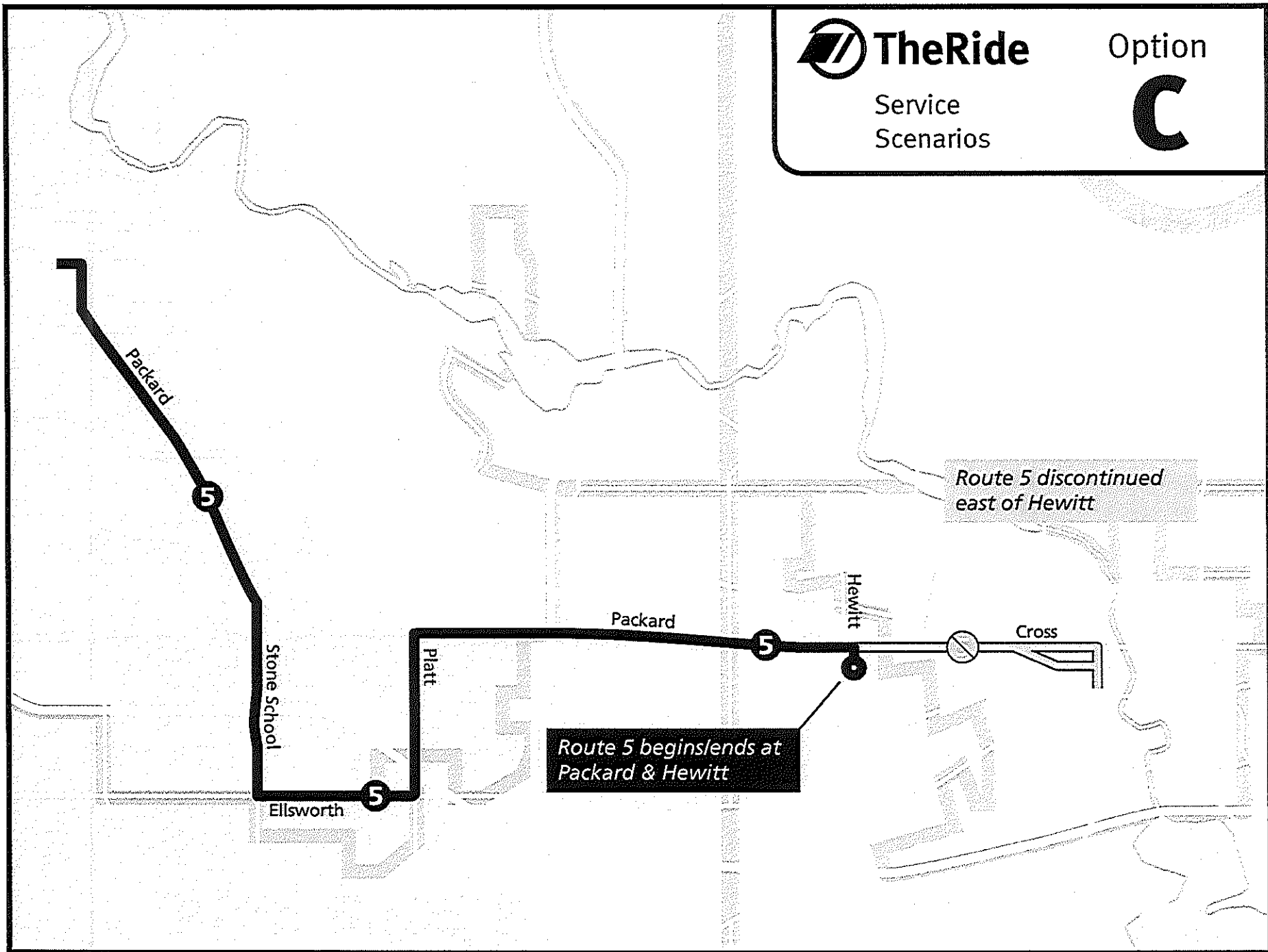
Route 3 does not operate on Saturday or Sunday.





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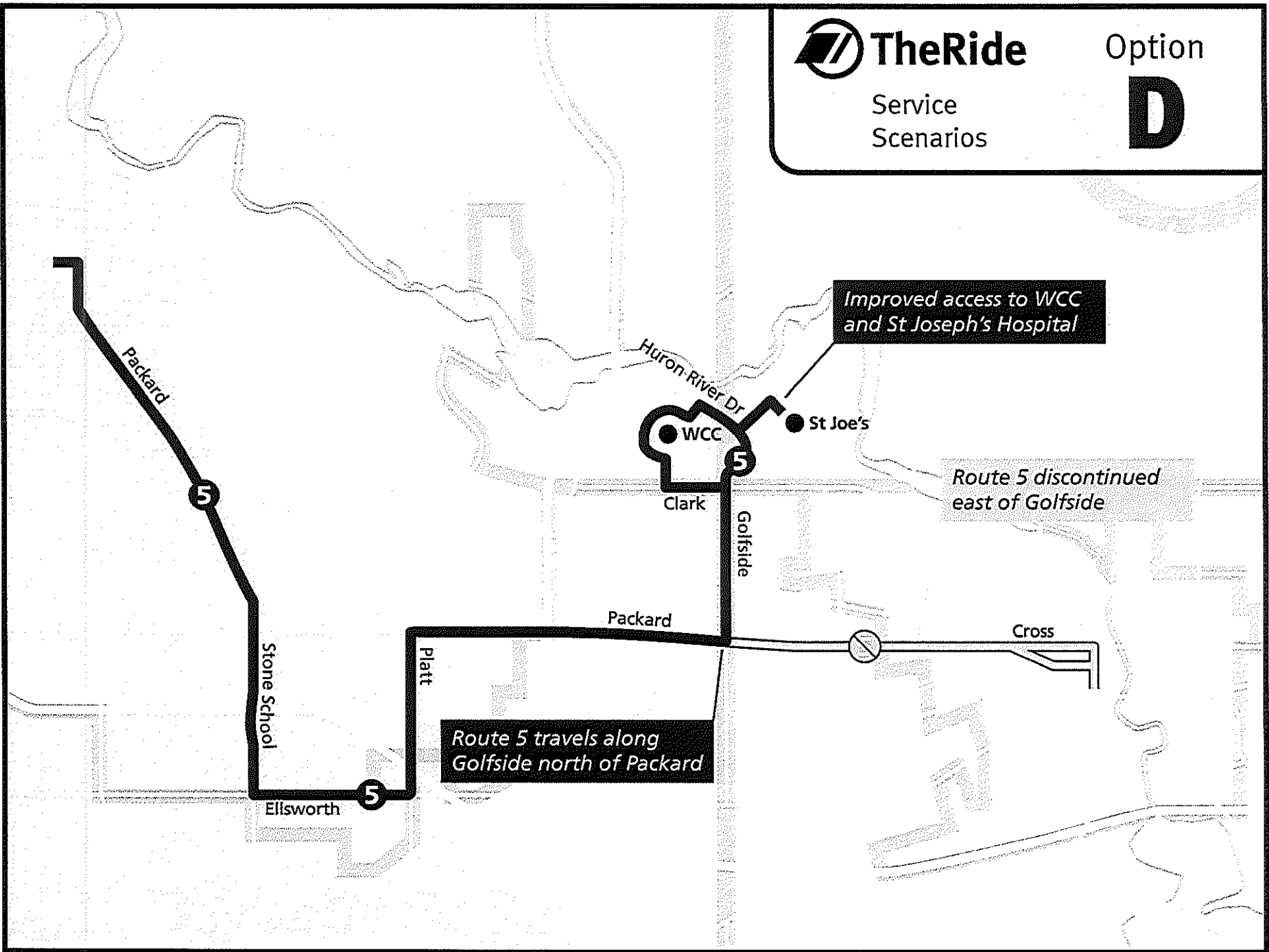




Service
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