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DeKalb Expanding Bus Service to Large Employers

The DeKalb Public Transit System is improving accessibility to jobs by expanding bus service to southside businesses, including the new Ferrara Candy Company facilities, beginning Monday, May 24.

The Transit System's Route 19, which serves several large employers, will begin offering longer hours, from 8:50 a.m. to midnight Monday-Friday, and the route will be extended to provide service to the Ferrara Candy Company facilities on Gurler Road. The early-morning Route 19E will also begin servicing Ferrara.

DeKalb transit staff has worked with Ferrara representatives to provide nine daily trips to and from the new facilities that coincide with the start and end times of employee shifts.

As part of the enhancements, Route 19 will also provide increased access to Harvestore Drive employers. The afternoon and evening service is being expanded to hourly service during all hours of operation.

DeKalb Transit Manager Marcus Cox says providing access to jobs is central to the transit system's mission.

"Park 88, Harvestore Dr., Chicago West, and the other commercial corridors located in southeastern DeKalb provide ample employment opportunities for our community members," said Cox. "It's imperative that our public transit system connect our residents to these areas to ensure access to reliable, well-paying jobs."

Route 19S will continue to operate as the school route, and runs from 8:15 a.m to 8:45 a.m., providing public transit access to Tyler Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Huntley Middle School, and Founders Elementary.

The new Route 19 and Route 19E 19S riders guides can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ttu593na>.

Photo: Extending bus routes to the Ferrara Candy Company facilities is part of the DeKalb Public Transit System service expansions taking effect on May 24.

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