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Catch Connect and Boston Hospital Shuttle Services Now Available in Sudbury

MetroWest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) shuttles expanded to Sudbury service area available free for riders through June 2025.

<u>Sudbury, MA</u> – *September 17, 2024* – This summer, the MWRTA in partnership with the Sudbury Transportation Committee, began offering two newly launched, grant-funded, shuttle services in Sudbury, expanding transit options for local riders. Catch Connect debuted in July 2024, with Boston Hospital Shuttle following in August 2024. Both services are available free of charge to Sudbury residents through June 30, 2025 thanks to a reauthorization of the MassDOT <u>TryTransit Program</u> funded by the state legislature.

Catch Connect Shuttle

<u>MWRTA Catch Connect</u> is a curb-to-curb MicroTransit system, which combines the convenience of ordering an Uber/Lyft with the reliability and accessibility of public transit. Customers can travel from any location within the town of Sudbury on a fully accessible Catch Connect vehicle (usually a multi-passenger van) Monday through Friday, from 12pm to 6pm. The service will take riders to any location within Sudbury as well as the Target in Marlborough where customers can connect with MWRTA Fixed Route 7C. Rides can be requested through the <u>MWRTA Catch App</u> or by calling (508) 283-5083. Users must set up an account with the MWRTA and must be ages 12 years or older in order to request a ride.

Sudbury-Wayland Boston Hospital Shuttle

<u>MWRTA Boston Hospital Shuttle</u> operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and is designed to provide convenient, worry-free, direct transportation to several Boston area hospitals. Service is available from any Sudbury or Wayland address to select Boston Hospitals. The shuttle operates 8AM – 6PM and makes 3 round trips per day. Customers must complete the <u>Boston Hospital Shuttle Registration Form</u> to register with the MWRTA and book trips at least 24 hours in advance by calling (508) 820-4650.

The route provides transit to/from the following hospitals and areas:

- Newton-Wellesley Hospital
- Jamaica Plain VA Medical Center
- New England Baptist
- Mass Eye & Ear (Huntington Ave)
- Brigham & Women's
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute
- Joslin Clinic



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- Beth Israel Deaconess
- Mass General via Parkman St
- Mass Eye & Ear (Longwood)

"Catch Connect ridership is already exceeding expectations," said MWRTA Administrator Jim Nee regarding the rollout of the new program.

"Both Catch Connect and Boston Hospital Shuttle are pilot programs in Sudbury," explained Transportation Commission chair Dan Carty. "The programs are only funded through June 2025. The success (or lack of success) of these services will help shape the future of sustainable public transit options in Sudbury. Strong ridership is the key to that success."

Details about the new shuttle services can be found on the Sudbury Transportation Committee webpage (<u>https://sudbury.ma.us/transportation/</u>) and the MWRTA website (<u>https://www.mwrta.com/</u>). Sudbury riders are asked to email <u>senior@sudbury.ma.us</u> or call 978-639-3055 for assistance/questions regarding the shuttles.

