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LEXTRAN ANNOUNCES DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

LEXINGTON, KY. (March 17, 2025) – Lextran has announced its plans to begin a renovation of the Downtown Transit Center's interior area in April. This renovation will improve the experience of transit riders and employees in alignment with Lextran's commitment to our community, ensuring that the Transit Center serves Lexington's growing needs for years to come. Construction will last approximately eight months.

This renovation project reflects Lextran's continued progress towards modernizing its facilities and ensuring a more comfortable, accessible, and efficient transit experience. This project will completely restructure and renovate the interior of the Transit Center, including:

- a redesigned customer space for assistance and purchasing passes,
- updated public restrooms and waiting areas for enhanced comfort, safety, and accessibility,
- a newly designed employee break room and restrooms to support Lextran staff, and
- a designated space for a future convenience retail area, allowing passengers to purchase snacks, drinks, and essentials.

The Lextran Downtown Transit Center, the hub of Lexington's public transit system, has not been significantly renovated since it was completed 34 years ago.

"We are thrilled to bring our plans for the Transit Center to life," said Lextran General Manager Fred Combs. "The Downtown Transit Center is a critical hub for our community as thousands of people use the space each day. We look forward to providing a modernized space to make daily transit more comfortable, accessible, and efficient for everyone."

On Monday, April 7, Lextran operations at the Transit Center will be relocated to High Street until the renovation is complete. Pass sales will be relocated to Lextran's administrative headquarters on Loudon Avenue. The Transit Center platform and sidewalk will be closed for the duration of construction. The parking garage and Vine St. cross walks will remain open, but the garage exits near the elevators will be blocked.

TEMPORARY CHANGES DURING CONSTRUCTION

Riders should be aware of the following changes at the Transit Center/High St. location:

- The bus loading areas will be moved directly behind the Transit Center to High St. with clearly marked bays, and on-site operations staff to assist passengers.



- No public restrooms, indoor waiting area, or water fountains – Passengers should plan accordingly.
- Limited seating and shelter – Riders are encouraged to prepare for all weather conditions.
- There will be no in-person bus pass sales at the Transit Center. Passes will be available for purchase online and at the Loudon Administrative Offices at 200 W Loudon Ave. As always, passengers may also pay with cash when boarding the bus.
- Customer service functions (phone support, pass sales, lost and found, ID processing) will be temporarily relocated to the Loudon Administrative Office, with normal hours from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (Monday through Friday) and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (Saturday).

Lextran is committed to keeping the public informed throughout the renovation process. Regular updates will be provided at www.lextran.com and direct customer outreach will begin immediately.

“We know this transition will require patience, and we appreciate our riders and staff for adapting with us,” said Combs. “Our goal is to build a Transit Center that truly meets Lexington's needs today and in the future. By the end of this project, riders will have a more modern, efficient, and welcoming space—one that makes public transit an even more convenient and reliable choice for our city.”

In addition to the Downtown Transit Center renovation, Lextran is updating its buses, making the experience truly reimaged inside and out. Upgrades to real-time information are currently under way including new display screens onboard vehicles and improvements to the myStop Mobile app. While these updates have already begun, they will continue throughout Summer 2025.

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Lextran serves people and the community with mobility solutions. Lextran’s fleet includes compressed natural gas, battery-electric, hybrid-electric, and diesel vehicles. They operate 25 fixed routes and a door-to-door paratransit service. Regular bus fare is \$1.00, and there are a variety of reduced fares and pass programs available to individuals who qualify. All buses are equipped with bike racks and are wheelchair accessible. More information regarding Lextran can be found at <http://www.lextran.com>. Connect with Lextran on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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