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MEDIA ADVISORY

Brownsville Metro Encourages Social Distancing on System and Adjusts Some Service

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – Mayor Juan “Trey” Mendez III issued a local disaster declaration needed to give the City of Brownsville additional authority to undertake measures to help contain and mitigate COVID-19.

Brownsville Metro is committed to providing continued services and will take the following containment measures to protect the health and safety of its riders, employees, and the community.

- Seating will be reduced by approximately 50 percent to allow more distance between passengers on all its fixed-route service.
- Seating on paratransit service will be limited to 2 riders per trip.
- Seating at La Plaza Terminal Lobby will be reduced by approximately 50 percent.
- Route 6 (top of the hour) will be canceled to allow for the addition of a Flex Route to deviate service as needed due to social distancing measures.
- Route 14 extended service to TSC will remain canceled until classes resume.
- For non-essential trips, we encourage riding during off-peak hours of 9 am-2 pm.
- A greater emphasis is being taken on disinfecting surfaces frequently touched by the public at our facilities and buses daily.
- Will be communicating service schedule changes on RideSystem App via push notifications <http://www.brownsvillemetro.ridesystems.net> and Facebook @bmetrobus.
- We'll remain in continuous communication with the office of emergency management to monitor developments.

These additional safety precautions may result in delays on certain routes, and riders need to plan accordingly, including adjusting travel times.

For the most up-to-date information on how the City of Brownsville is handling the rapidly changing circumstances, please visit our website at <https://www.cob.us/2066/Coronavirus-Updates>

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