

## Bus to the Beach



This year's beach bus began on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> and will run through Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. In the morning, buses leave from Buckley Center in Lawrence at 8:15 and 10:45 and pick up from The Loop in Methuen and

Haverhill Transit and continue via I 10 to Salisbury and Hampton Beaches. In the afternoon, buses leave from Hampton Beach at 1:50 and 4:20.

Fares to the beach are:

Salisbury: \$2.00 (Adult)  
\$1.00 (Senior/Disabled/Student)  
Hampton: \$3.00 (Adult)  
\$1.50 (Senior/Disabled/Student)

Anyone looking for more frequent service to the beach can use buses 51 and 54 which have trips every 70 minutes. Buses leave from Haverhill Transit, pass through Merrimac, Amesbury, and Newburyport and end at Salisbury Beach. Fares on this bus are the same as the other local routes:

Tap & Ride Card: \$1.00 (Adult)  
\$0.50 (Senior/Disabled/Student)  
Cash: \$1.25 (Adult)  
\$0.60 (Senior/Disabled/Student)

## Mobile Surveillance Project

During the month of June, two teams of contractors worked hard to install a new onboard mobile surveillance system on each of our 69 buses

and vans. This replaces our old system and includes wireless video download and extra data storage capacity.

## New Buses

Last summer MVRTA placed into service 8 new Gillig Lowfloor buses which use clean diesel technology and leave less of a carbon footprint than the model year 1996 and 1999 buses which were replaced. This summer, MVRTA will place into service an additional 8 new Gillig low floor buses. These buses use clean diesel technology and

leave less of a carbon footprint than the 1999 high floor buses which are being retired as the new ones are put on the road. In this release of new buses, 6 are 35' long – the same as the rest of our fixed route fleet – and 3 are 29' in length. These smaller buses will be used on the route 21 in Andover as well as various Haverhill based routes.

## **Nicholas Costello Transportation Center**

The ribbon was cut for the Nicholas Costello Transportation Center in Amesbury on June 22, 2012. Over 200 attendees honored remarks from Congressman John Tierney, Mayor Thatcher Kezer, Representative Michael Costello, and Peter Butler from the Federal Transit Administration and the guest of honor, former Senator, Nicholas Costello. Beginning Monday, July 23, Routes 51 and 54 will change here. The Route 83, Beach Bus will also pass through on its way to Salisbury Beach. The



building includes a lobby area for MVRTA bus customers and will be home to the Amesbury Council on Aging, Veterans Services, and Youth Services.

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