

7 Saint Cloud State University Service Analysis

As was previously mentioned, a significant aspect of this Long Range Transit Plan Update is that it integrates all of the “Campus Clipper” bus routes oriented to serving Saint Cloud State University (SCSU) into the existing Metro Bus fixed route system, as was described in the prior section of the report.

All of the SCSU Clipper service is integrated into the Metro Bus service during Phase 1 of the implementation plan. No geographic coverage will be lost by having the Clipper service integrated into the regular fixed route service. However, the frequencies of service may change. The Clipper Routes being integrated into the Metro Bus fixed route service – and the modified routes serving each Clipper’s service area – are listed below:

- Clipper Routes 81 and 82 – These two Clipper routes will be integrated into Route 8. Clipper Routes 81 and 82 operate a combined frequency of every 15 minutes; however, they only operate on weekdays. Route 8 will operate every 30 minutes throughout the day, and will also serve the Downtown Transit Center as well as Sterling Heights Apartments. Additionally, Route 8 will operate hourly on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Clipper Route 83 – This Clipper route will be integrated into Routes 6 and 8. Clipper Route 83 operates every 30 minutes; however, it only operates on weekdays. Route 6 will operate approximately every 20 minutes on weekdays and hourly on Saturdays and Sundays, but riders from the areas north of 7th Street SE may need to transfer at the Downtown Transit Center to reach SCSU, depending on service is scheduled. Route 8 will operate every 30 minutes throughout the day, and will also serve the Downtown Transit Center as well as Sterling Heights Apartments. Additionally, Route 8 will operate hourly on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Clipper Route 84 – This Clipper route will be integrated into Route 12. Clipper Route 84 operates every 30 minutes; however, it only operates on weekdays. Route 12 will operate every 60 minutes on weekdays and hourly on Saturdays and Sundays, and will also serve the Downtown Transit Center. However, it should be noted that the service area served by Clipper Route 84 is within walking distance of the SCSU campus, and the northern portion is also served by Routes 5 and 11, each of which operate every 30 minutes throughout the weekday.
- Clipper Route 85 – This Clipper route will be integrated into Routes 5 and 11. Clipper Route 85 operates every 30 minutes; however, it only operates on weekdays. Route 5 will operate every 30 minutes on weekdays and hourly on Saturdays and Sundays. Route 11 will operate every 30 minutes throughout the day, and hourly on Saturdays and Sundays. Both Routes 5 and 11 will also serve the Downtown Transit Center.

In the aggregate, some areas will see less service to SCSU, some will see more, and some will see about the same. However, it is expected that the integration of the service into the regular Metro Bus system will improve the overall productivity of the system.

The remaining Saint Cloud State University services will remain unchanged. These unchanged routes are as follows:

- Route 91 – Husky Shuttle
- Route 92 – Husky Shuttle Night
- Route 93 – Sundowner
- Route 94 – Late Night East
- Route 95 – Late Night South