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Bus service between Valley Junction and downtown maintained during bridge closure

Bus service will continue to operate between the Valley Junction area of West Des Moines and downtown Des Moines on a detoured Route 11 throughout the extended closure of the Grand Avenue bridge at 63rd Street. The detour begins the day of the closure, on Monday, March 25, and will remain in effect until the reopening of the bridge, which is scheduled for September.

For riders in the Valley Junction area: The detour will require riders in the Valley Junction area to start their trips a few minutes earlier in the day. A shuttle bus will pick up and drop off customers along the regular route within Valley Junction, then detour around the bridge via 63rd Street, Interstate Highway 235, and 42nd Street. The shuttle bus will connect with another bus at 42nd Street and Ingersoll Avenue.

For riders east of 63rd Street: Bus service will continue to operate on its normal schedule during this time. A few stops near 63rd Street will be moved temporarily. The bus will stop at 42nd Street for transfers to and from the Valley Junction shuttle bus.

Revised Route 11 schedules are available now at www.ridedart.com and on buses starting Thursday, March 21.



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