

# ECAT considers expanding bus routes, services



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PENSACOLA, Fla. (WEAR) — [ECAT](#) riders may be able to get to more places in the near future.

ECAT is looking to expand its routes and services. It's considering new routes by 2026. They are considering a Navy Federal Connector, Pensacola-Navarre Connector, Pensacola-Milton Express, Navy Federal-Downtown Express, Orange Beach-Pensacola Limited Express, Water Ferry, and Cantonment Flex. ECAT is also considering a Route 47 Extension and New Park-and-Ride services.

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ECAT is also looking to expand existing services. That includes doubling frequencies on certain routes, adding later services as well as Sunday services.

Tonya Ellis, The Director of Marketing & Community Relations for ECAT, said the plan is based off research done earlier in the year. They got input from more than 1,500 citizens in making the 10-year plan.

"This includes bus operator interviews, rider and non-rider workshops, two additional public workshops, grassroots outreach events, stakeholder interviews, 379 responses with the first online-survey, and 1,341 on-board surveys. 605 surveys from Santa Rosa County residents were completed as well," Ellis said.

The one thing that stood out having the buses run later.

"The need for additional transit services in the later hours is one of the biggest things I've seen so far," Ellis said.

ECAT is asking for public input to prioritize the routes and services it's looking to add. They would like people to take part in a survey. You can take it [HERE](#).

The survey is available until Thursday, June 30th.

ECAT will present their plan to the Escambia County Commission in August. Then it will be reviewed by the Florida Department of Transportation in September before the plans can be finalized.

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