

## **NEW RIDER ALERT –30 Day Public Comment Period and New Public Hearing Date**

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Middletown Area Transit (MAT) will be holding a public hearing on what could be bus service changes (reductions and a fare increase) in the Middletown Region this fall. These service changes are being considered as part of a series of budget balancing measures MAT is undertaking.

### **Proposed Service Reduction to Route F – Portland/East Hampton**

- A change in frequency from all day service to two morning trips and two afternoon trips, Monday thru Friday
- Elimination of Saturday Service

### **Possible Fare Increase and No Show Policy**

- MAT ADA/Dial-A-Ride Fare increase from \$3.00 to \$3.50/per trip
- Introduce an FTA compliant ADA/Paratransit No-Show Policy

### **What Next?**

Any recommended changes will be considered by MAT's Board of Commissioners in October and any changes that are selected would be implemented in October 2017. Any final outcome of the proposed changes would include public outreach in advance.

We know bus service is important to riders and businesses throughout the region. The plans to be presented focus on available rural funding for a rural route, which serves a low number of riders.

**MAT will be holding a public hearing on these proposals, on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 PM-6 PM, at the Middletown City Hall, Council Chambers, 245 Dekoven Drive, Middletown, CT.**