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MET Transit Fixed Route Restructuring

Cedar Falls City Council, January 2020

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Why provide public transportation?

1. To provide transportation for people with no other option
2. To help people escape poverty



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People with disabilities



- All MET buses are wheelchair accessible



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Fixed route

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Paratransit

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Access to employment

- Inadequate or unaffordable transportation is a significant barrier to employment.
- Grow Cedar Valley 2017 Industry Insights survey identified public transit as a top need.



It's cheaper



2014 Ford Focus Base

- Insurance: \$820
- Maintenance: \$1,202
- Repairs: \$576
- Taxes, fees: \$182
- Interest: \$236
- Depreciation: \$507
- Fuel: \$1,306

Total: \$5,265 per year

Edmunds® True Cost to Own Calculator



Bus

- 30-day pass: \$50

Total: \$608 per year



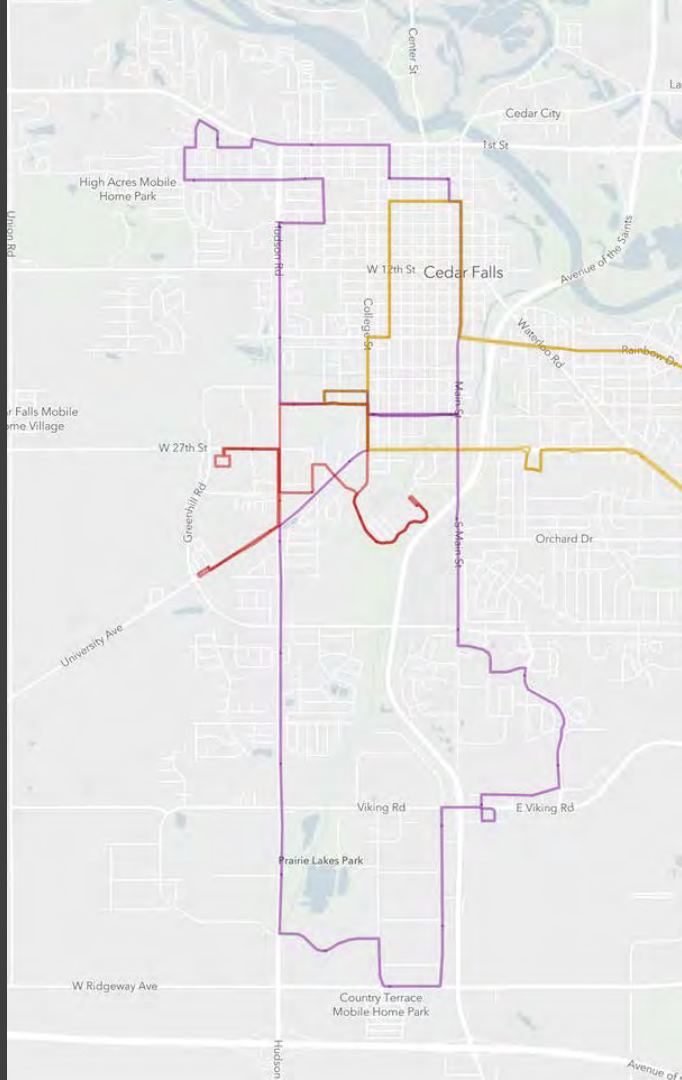
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Reliable schedules



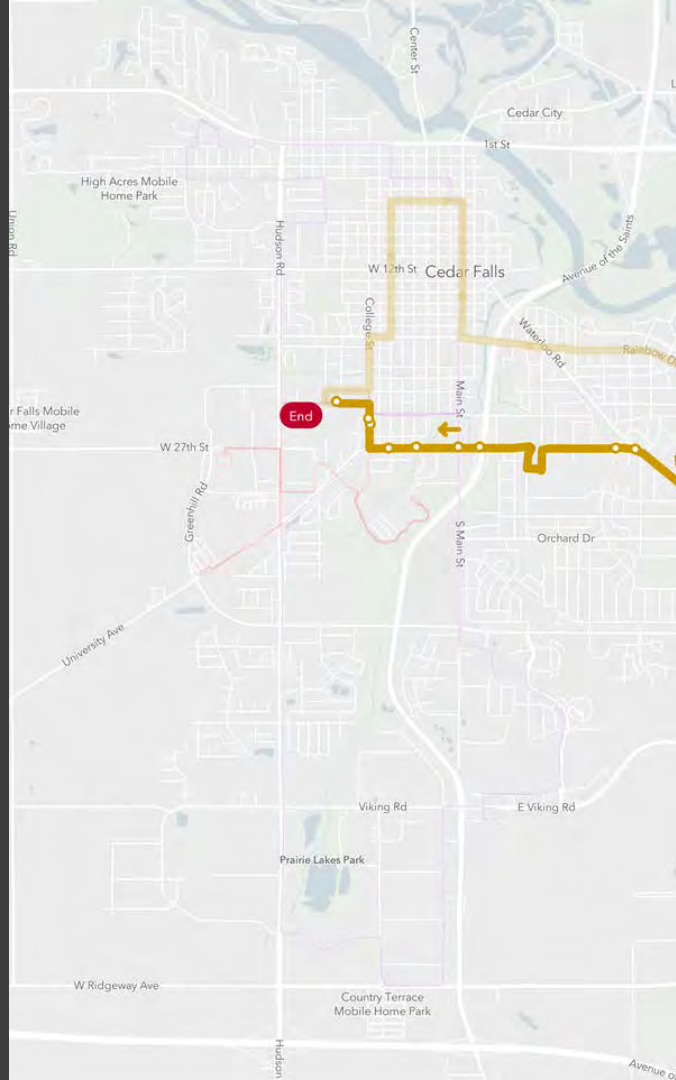
- Always on schedule, no need to book a ride
- Large capacity for many passengers
- Uber/Lyft unpredictable, few drivers



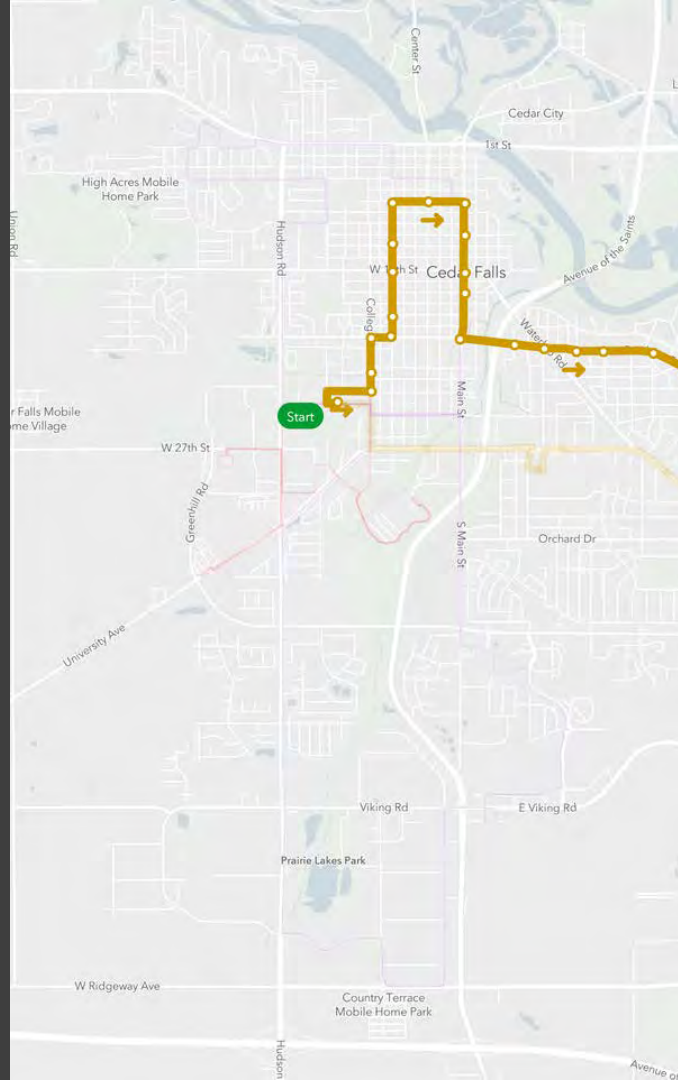


Routes 6 and 7

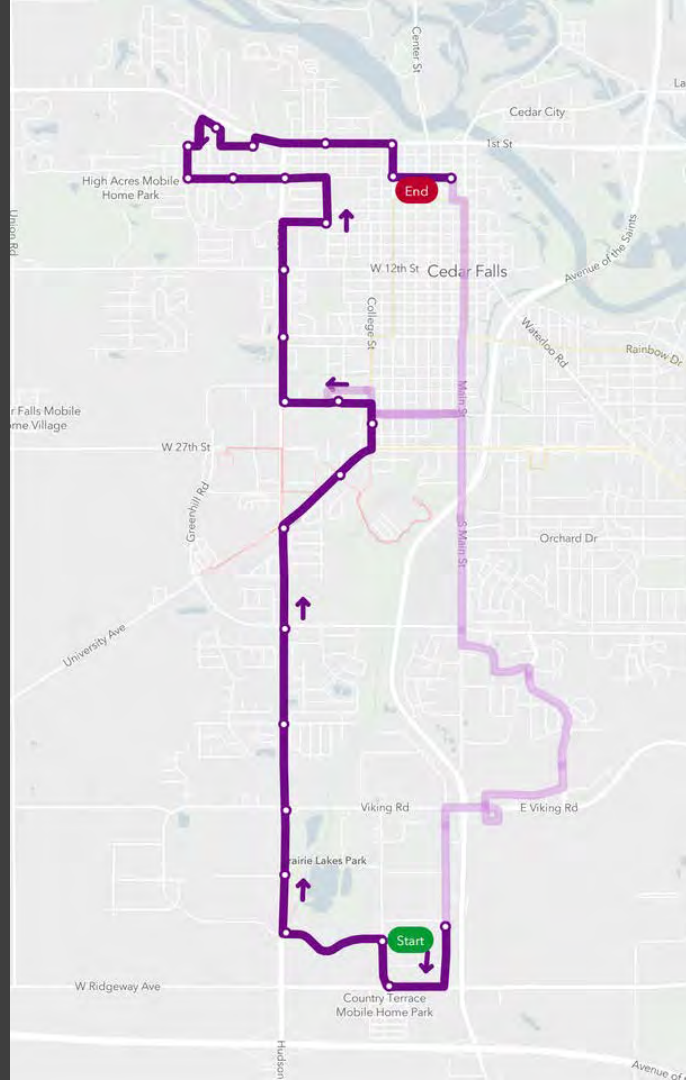
University and Greenhill



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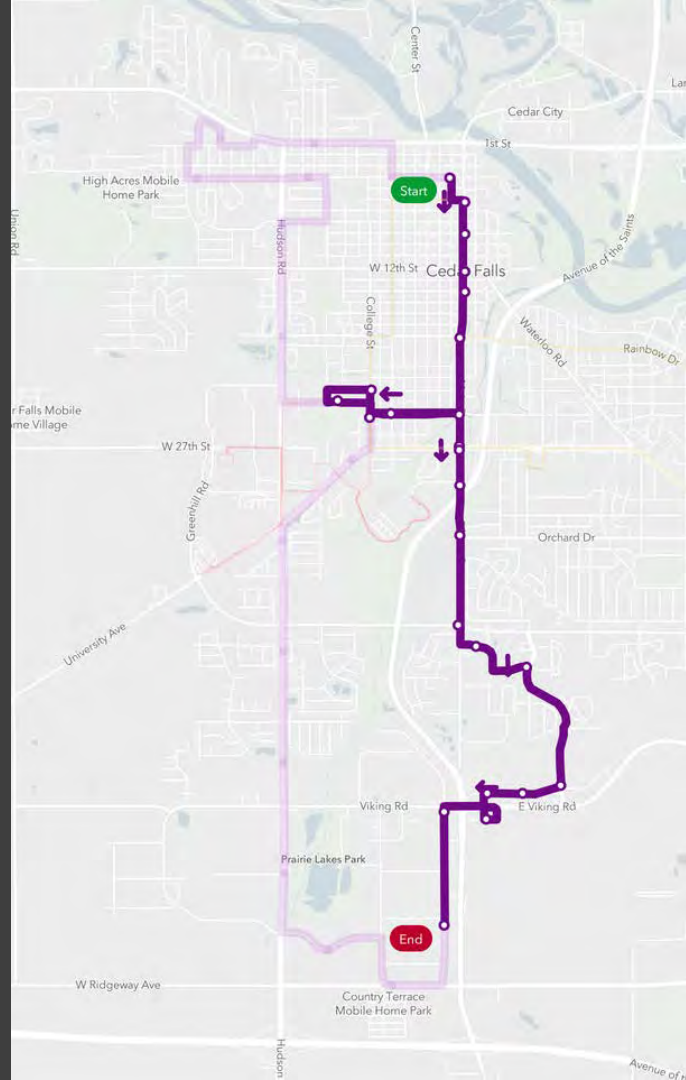


Route 9 Cedar Falls Loop

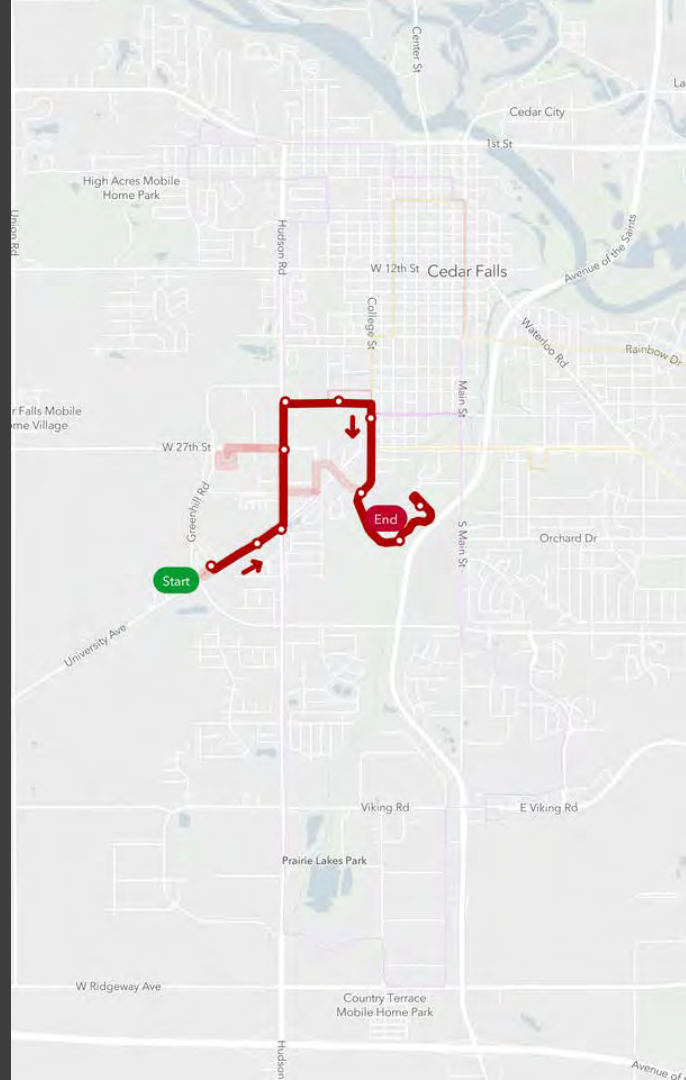


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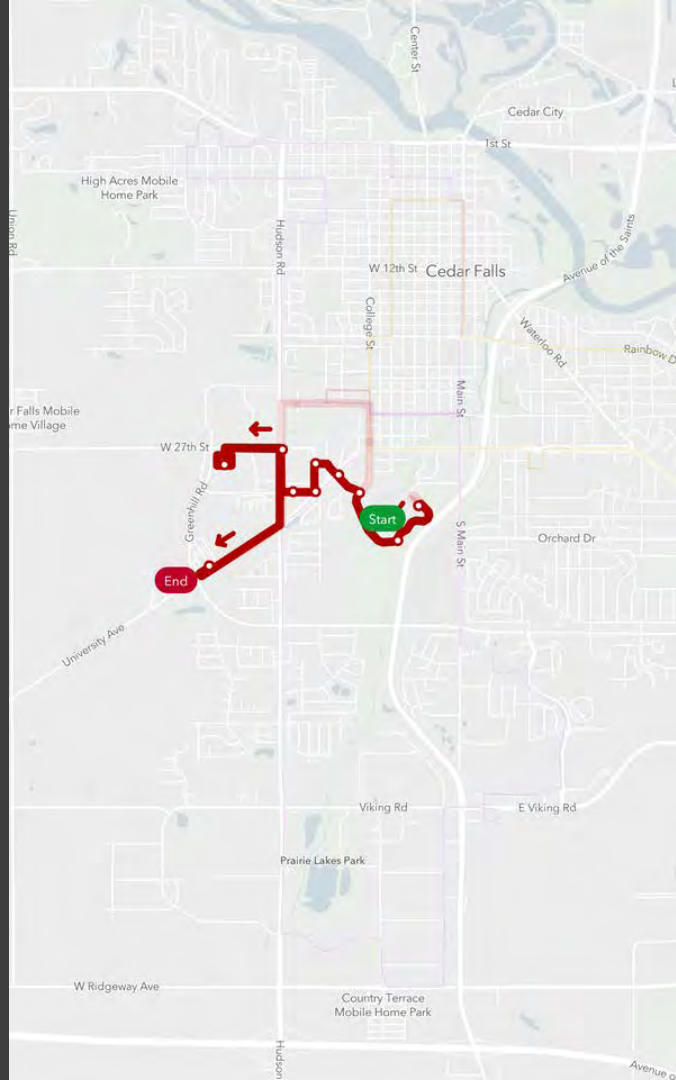
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Route 11 Panther Shuttle

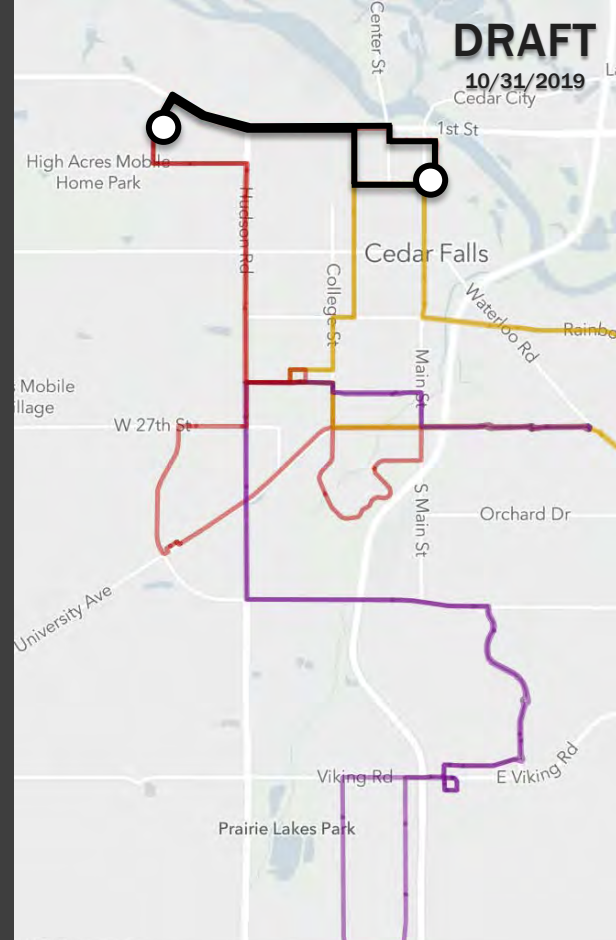


Route 11 Panther Shuttle



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10/31/2019



12:10

Magnolia Dr and Crescent Dr

12:18

Cedar Falls Public Library

1:18

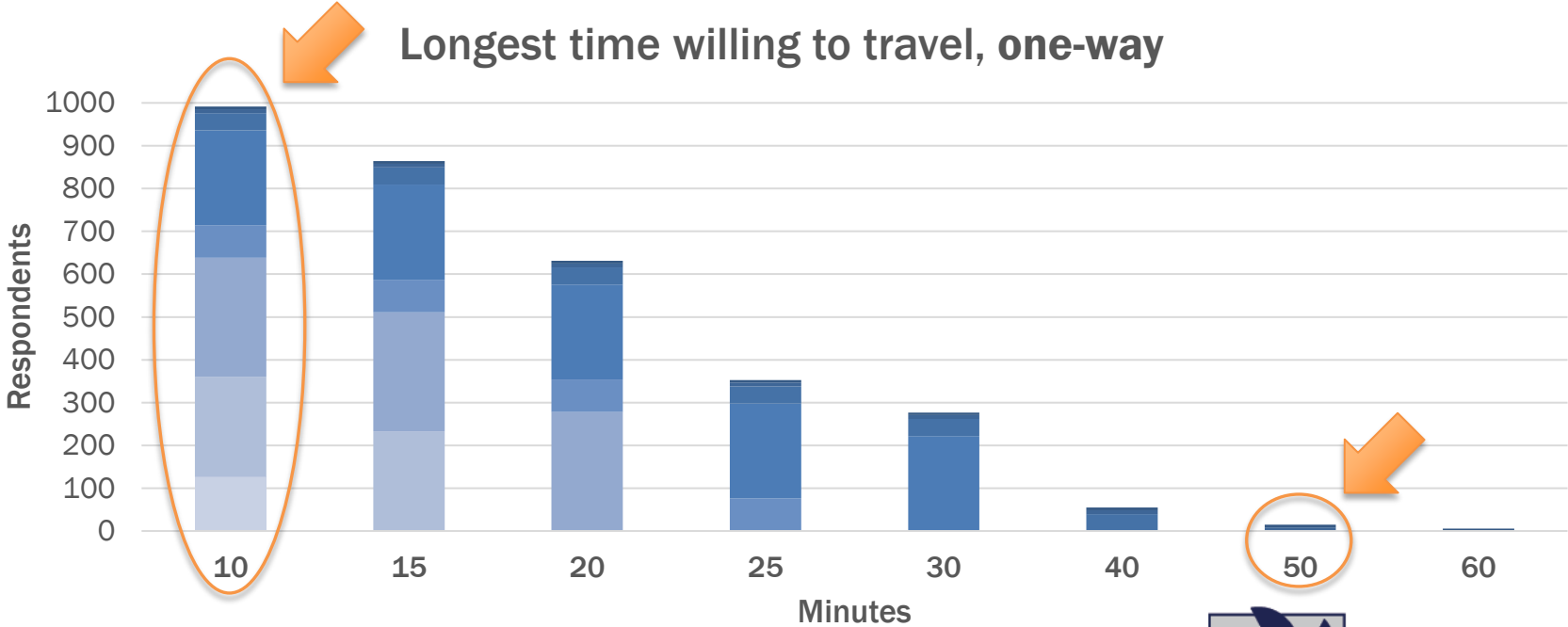
Cedar Falls Public Library

1:26

Magnolia Dr and Crescent Dr

Travel Time: 16 minutes

Travel Times



Recommendation

- No changes for FY21
- Consider adding new bus route in FY22





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