

Borough reveals new mass transit routes

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The Anchorage Borough Wednesday released details of its mass transit system scheduled to roll July 1 with 14 buses operating on six city routes.

The Borough will take over the city's existing bus system with minor route changes, and with plans to expand by July 1975 to a 10-route, 30-bus system that will shuttle riders from Ocean View to Eagle River.

The mass transportation system, 80 per cent funded by the federal government, is the one major new program introduced this year by Borough Mayor Jack Roderick.

RODERICK HAS described the program as an ambitious effort "to lure Anchorage residents out of their cars and into the bus system — with a resulting decrease in parking congestion downtown and clogged traffic arteries throughout the metropolitan area."

Buses are scheduled to operate between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., arriving and departing every half hour, leav-

ing an average waiting time of 15 minutes.

The transportation fare has yet to be decided, but borough officials say it may cost less than the city's 50-cent

BOROUGH TRANSIT officials are hoping initially to double the city's rate of 6,000 riders a week.

Because the energy crisis has created a national shortage of new buses, the Borough purchased 21 used buses for its system, and plans to replace them within the next year with new buses.

The new routes scheduled to begin July 1 are:

ROUTE 2, Muldoon - Providence: Includes DeBarr Road, Muldoon Road, Tudor Road, Lake Otis Parkway, Boniface Parkway and Northern Lights Boulevard.

Route 3, Providence - Sears: Includes East High School, Alaska Methodist University, Providence Hospital, Anchorage Community College, Lake Otis Parkway, East 15th Avenue, old Seward Highway to the Sears Mall, University Center, through Geneva Woods

to Northern Lights Boulevard, Tudor Road.

ROUTE 4, Mt. View-Gambell: Includes Alaska Native Medical Center, Gambell Street to 15th Avenue, 15th to Bragaw, through Mountain View along Hoyt Street and Bunn Street, down Bragaw, Third Avenue.

ROUTE 5, 36th Avenue and Fifth Avenue: Includes Fifth Avenue and C Street, Fireweed Lane, Gambell Street, Sears Mall, Northern Lights Boulevard, 36th Avenue, Arctic Boulevard, New Seward Highway.

ROUTE 6, Spenard-Fifth Avenue: Includes Fifth Avenue and E Street, L Street, West Anchorage High School, Forest Park Drive, Northern Lights Boulevard, Turnagain Boulevard East, MacRae Road, Spenard Road, Lois Drive, Arctic Boulevard.

ROUTE 7, Sand Lake-Spenard: Includes Spenard Road, International Airport Road, Jewel Lake Road, Dimond High School, Dimond Boulevard, Arctic Boulevard, Fireweed Lane, Spenard Road.