

UPDATE: 9/23/2014, 4:15 p.m. - The original headline for this piece, and information contained within, was based information provided during and after the presentation suggesting it would take place on September 23. While preparing to re-share the piece this afternoon, we learned that it will instead be held on a new, yet to be confirmed date in the near future. It will be shared here once it is finalized.

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Birmingham area residents living along U.S. Highway 280 may soon have another option to consider during their morning and evening commutes. Members of [the Birmingham City Council's Transportation and Communication committee](#) heard from Henry Ikwut-Ukwa, manager of planning and development for the [BJCTA](#), on Wednesday afternoon about proposed commuter route along the perpetually congested thoroughfare.

The proposed route, which would be known as Route 201, would run four times a day initially (two trips [inbound](#) at 5:45 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. and two trips [outbound](#) at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.). The buses would operate between the Walmart location along Highway 280 near Lake Purdy and State Highway 119 and the BJCTA's Central Station (soon to be replaced by the intermodal facility now under construction), stopping at The Summit, St. Vincent's Hospital UAB, the central business district, and the Social

Security Building (located at the corner of 14th Street North and Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd). It was stressed that the route is only proposed at this point and is subject to changes.

It is one of three routes currently under consideration for pilot commuter service in the area. One of the other proposed routes would operate during peak morning and afternoon travel periods between downtown Bessemer and the Galleria in Hoover. A third route would serve as the long-talked about shuttle service between downtown Birmingham and Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport.

