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**LeeTran to increase service to Fort Myers Beach as part of seasonal changes**

Fort Myers, FL, Dec. 17, 2018 — Increased seasonal LeeTran service to Fort Myers Beach will begin Thursday, Jan. 3. The county's Fort Myers Beach Trolley service will begin its two seasonal routes:

- Route 490, the Beach Park & Ride Trolley, has three trolleys that will travel between the Beach Park & Ride and Times Square until 10:23 p.m., seven days a week.
- Route 410, the Beach Trolley, has three trolleys that travel between Bowditch Park and Lovers Key until approximately 10 p.m., seven days a week.

Route 490 will depart from LeeTran's newly constructed Beach Park & Ride, which opened last December. The new facility, located at 11101 Summerlin Square Drive on the corner of Pine Ridge Road and Summerlin Square Drive, provides free parking, with more than 125 available spaces, for people to take the trolley to the beach. Passengers also can connect to LeeTran's routes 50 or 130 from the Beach Park & Ride.

In addition, the free beach tram, LeeTram, will resume for season.

Similar to last year, LeeTram will run from Bowditch Point Park to Matanzas Pass Preserve. The beach tram turns around near Matanzas Pass Preserve by looping around Bay Road, Oak Street, and School Street to return to the north end of Estero Island. The beach tram is estimated to run every 20 minutes, depending on traffic, seven days a week. Service starts 8 a.m. at Bowditch Park and ends 7:50 p.m. at Matanzas Pass Preserve.

This open-air, multi-car vehicle will continue to be free of charge and provide an easy, fun way to travel along the beach from hotels to restaurants, to shopping and other attractions in the area. It stops along Estero Boulevard and throughout the Times Square area, providing easy access to all Fort Myers Beach has to offer.

Both the Beach Trolley and the Beach Park & Ride Trolley are 75 cents a ride, \$2 for an All-Day Pass or \$4 for a Three-Day Pass.

The seasonal schedule runs through May 1.

Schedules can be found at [www.RideLeeTran.com](http://www.RideLeeTran.com). For questions, call LeeTran Customer Service at 239-533-8726 and press option 1, or email [rideleetrans@leegov.com](mailto:rideleetrans@leegov.com). To learn more about LeeTran, visit [www.RideLeeTran.com](http://www.RideLeeTran.com).

Plan a trip and find real-time bus information by using the Transit app for Android or iPhones or by using Google Maps and selecting the transit option.

Lee County Transit (LeeTran) is the public transit provider for Lee County, providing about 3 million rides annually. LeeTran operates 26 bus routes during season, 23 bus routes during off-season, a paratransit service called Passport, and an employer vanpool program. LeeTran employs about 265 people and has a fleet of 50 full-size buses, nine trolleys, three open-air trams and 45 paratransit vans.