

Public Transit System Coverage on Cape Cod

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The existing seasonal and year-round public transportation available on Cape Cod is shown on the Peak-Season, Fixed-Route Public Transit Options map (<http://www.capecodedc.org/documents/PublicTransitCoveragePeakSeason.pdf>) and the Off-Season, Fixed-Route Public Transit Options map (<http://www.capecodedc.org/documents/PublicTransitCoverageOffSeason.pdf>).

The services shown have been in place for a number of years, however some summer services have been tested and were not continued due to lack of ridership. These include:

- Coach of Dennis (COD) operated from 1995 to 2000
- Mashpee/Barnstable Fair Shuttle operated from 1995 to 2001
- The Hyannis Park and Ride Shuttle operated from 1999 to 2000
- The Relax and Ride service from Dedham to the Woods Hole Ferry operated in 2001 and 2002
- The Chatham Area Trolley (CAT) operated in 2001 and 2002

A major new year-round service was implemented in June 2006 on the Outer Cape. This service is called The Flex (<http://theflex.org>) and serves Brewster, Harwich, Orleans, Eastham, Truro and Provincetown. Most of these towns currently have no year-round or seasonal CCRTA transit service available. The Flex combines traditional fixed route service with an on-demand service that accommodates locations within 3/4 mile from the fixed route with a reservation. The service has been designed to accommodate work trips, youth transportation, visitors and human service needs.

In addition to the new Flex service, a number of local transportation centers have been proposed by the 2002 5-Year Plan for Public Transportation on Cape Cod, developed by the Cape Cod Transit Task Force. Design funds have been provided for centers in Orleans and Provincetown and a comprehensive transportation study for the Upper Cape will define appropriate locations for this area of Cape Cod. The local centers will compliment the regional Hyannis Transportation Center opened in September 2002.

The local transportation centers are expected to provide key transfer and assembly points for public transportation, especially in Provincetown where the seasonal ferry service patronage has been growing steadily (approximately 275% in 5 years) and a "Gateway" concept will be pursued. The ferry passengers will be able to access local public transportation including the Flex service and the Provincetown/Truro Shuttle, interregional bus services and the Provincetown Airport. This is expected to help promote a "car free vacation" concept and reduce the need for additional roadway and parking infrastructure.