



Johnson County Transit **Snow Plan** Rider Information

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The following plan describes the procedures that JCT will follow to provide service on **The JO** and inform passengers before and during a severe winter weather event. Depending on the severity and timing of the event, JCT may operate regularly-scheduled service, operate reduced **Snow Plan** service (as described in this document), or cancel all service. **Special Edition** and **SWIFT** are not included in this document; operation of these services during winter weather events will be determined separately from **The JO**.

Snow Removal

JCT works with our community partners to clear snow for our passengers. However, JCT does not control snow removal from sidewalks and streets. JCT has multiple contracts to clear snow from official Park & Ride lots, JO bus shelters and the Roth-Mission Transit Center. However, with hundreds of bus stop locations, most in public right-of-way adjacent to city streets, clearing snow from all is difficult. Riders may need to adjust what stop they access during inclement weather.

The JO Notification Timeline

Two operating days prior to a forecasted winter weather event, JCT will begin informing passengers—on www.thejo.com, E-mail, and social media—of the **Snow Plan** and the possibility that service may be disrupted or changed on a certain day. JCT will notify the public of service modifications (e.g. **Snow Plan** service) or cancellations as soon as these decisions are made.

The JO Service Cancellation

JCT must ultimately determine whether or not to operate transit service based on the safety of passengers and personnel. However, in making this decision, JCT will consider the status of Johnson County Government, local municipalities, colleges and universities, local school districts, other transit providers in the region, and KDOT travel advisories.

The JO “Snow Plan” Service

The timing or severity of winter weather may require operation of a minimal level of transit service. The **Snow Plan** describes the routes that will be provided, but does not list specific times. This allows flexibility in implementing these routes at a time that is based on the specific weather event. When the **Snow Plan** is activated, JCT will release the following statement:

The JCT Snow Plan is in effect for A.M. and/or P.M. trips on [date]. Northbound trips will begin at [time] and southbound trips will begin at [time].

After this statement has been released, the following service will operate (see **Table 1** for detailed route information):

- Each route will begin operation at the time specified in the announcement. Northbound trips will generally depart 90 minutes before southbound trips, unless otherwise noted. For **Route 710**, the westbound trip will depart 90 minutes before the eastbound trip.
- JCT will announce the time that the trips will begin but cannot provide a schedule for individual stops along a route. Passengers should use the normal route schedule as a guide to estimate travel time, although trips may take longer due to weather conditions.
- All buses will follow the regular route to the extent possible. If JCT is aware in advance of street closures or incidents that require a bus to deviate, this information will be provided on the JCT website. Unless otherwise noted, plan to board the bus at your normal boarding location.
- For routes **546, 556/Connex, 660, and 667** that serve the Mission Transit Center (MTC), transfers will be provided to the extent possible. Note that “northbound to southbound” transfers may require a long wait time and that “southbound to northbound” transfers will not be possible.

See **Table 1** on next page for information by route.

Table 1: The JO Snow Plan Routes

Route	A.M. Snow Plan		P.M. Snow Plan	
	Northbound (Westbound for 710)	Southbound (Eastbound for 710)	Northbound (Westbound for 710)	Southbound (Eastbound for 710)
546	one trip, starting at Oak Park Mall	one trip, starting at 16th & Central	one trip, starting at 127th & Mur-Len	one trip, starting at 16th & Central
556 / 856	one trip, starting at 137th & Antioch, no flex	one trip, starting at Universities MAX, no flex	one trip, starting at 137th & Antioch, no flex	one trip, starting at Universities MAX, no flex
575 / 875	one trip, starting at KU-Edwards, no flex	one trip, starting at 75th & Troost MAX, no flex	one trip, starting at KU-Edwards, no flex	one trip, starting at 75th & Troost MAX, no flex
660	one trip, starting at K-7 & Santa Fe	one trip, starting at 12th & Washington	one trip, starting at K-7 & Santa Fe	one trip, starting at 12th & Washington
661	one trip, starting at Great Mall	<i>see 661/670 combined route below</i>	<i>see 661/670 combined route below</i>	one trip, starting at 12 th & Washington
664	one trip, starting at Rosana Square	one trip, starting at 12th & Washington	one trip, starting at Rosana Square	one trip, starting at 12th & Washington
667	one trip, starting at 107th & Nall	no service	no service	one trip, starting at 12 th & Washington
670	one trip, starting at New Century Pkwy	<i>see 661/670 combined route below</i>	<i>see 661/670 combined route below</i>	one trip, starting at 12 th & Washington
672	normal route will operate unless otherwise noted, may travel slower than normal		normal route will operate unless otherwise noted, may travel slower than normal	
673	one trip, starting at 151st & Mur-Len	no service	no service	one trip, starting at 12th & Washington
678	one trip, starting at K-7 & Santa Fe	no service	no service	one trip, starting at 12th & Washington
710	one trip, starting at JCCC	one trip, starting at KU-Lawrence	one trip, starting at JCCC	one trip, starting at KU-Lawrence
812	no service		no service	
661 / 670*	<i>see 661 or 670 above</i>	one trip, starting at 12th & Washington	one trip, starting at New Century Pkwy	<i>see 661 or 670 above</i>

* 661/670 "reverse commute" service will stop at all 661 and 670 stops and the Mission Transit Center