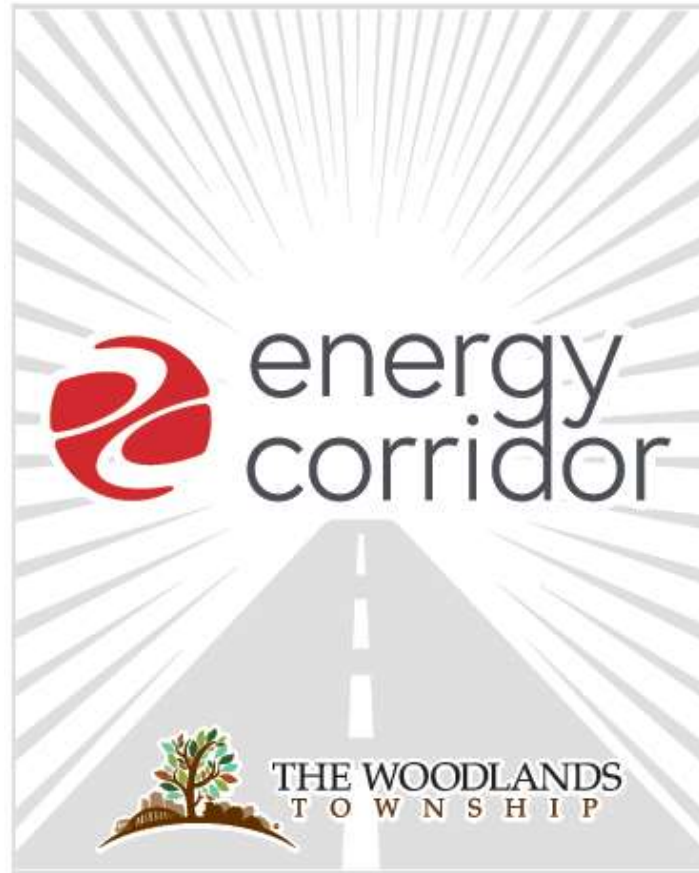


Energy Corridor Commuter Service Pilot Program



July 27, 2022

Surveys of Interest 2017-2019

Internal Polling (2017)



110 Respondents

Demand Survey (2019)



166 Respondents

Estimated 135 riders per day

Interested in commuter service options to
Energy Corridor District

Intergovernmental Agreement – H-GAC

- Draft Agreement approved by H-GAC's Executive Director in November 2021.
- Authorized first year of grant funding - \$605,830
- Termination
 - HGAC or The Woodlands may cancel or terminate with 30-day written notice
 - May be terminated for Convenience or Default



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Interlocal Agreement – The District

- The Woodlands invoices District for 50% of the 20% required local match
- Termination
 - Each part can unilaterally exercise option to terminate
 - Provide 90-day notice
- If budgeted Local Match is exceeded and additional funds are not authorized, parties can terminate with 90-day notice
 - Total Local Match 2022 NTE: \$121,170
 - The Township's 50% = \$60,585



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2022 Marketing Efforts



The Woodlands Express – The Energy Corridor District® Commuter Bus Service

SAVE TIME AND MONEY

Transform your drive to and from the Energy Corridor as we provide a comfortable, and economical way to travel. On average, the commute from The Woodlands and Energy Corridor is 1 hour and 15 minutes. The Commuter Bus is explicitly designed for the hard-working Energy Corridor employee to provide convenience and cost savings. As part of The Woodlands Express Transit, this new route serves only Energy Corridor District employees.

- AMENITIES**
- ▶ Comfortable Seating with Laptop Table
 - ▶ WIFI
 - ▶ Charging Outlets
 - ▶ Two Private Bathrooms
- \$13**
vs \$25+ in gas, wear and tear

- STOPS**
- ▶ Energy Center 1 & 2
 - ▶ Shell
 - ▶ ConocoPhillips/McDermott
 - ▶ Memorial
 - ▶ BP

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Woodlands Township to launch commuter bus service to Energy Corridor

Catherine Dominguez, Staff writer

Dec. 2, 2021

Comments



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The new service will depart from Sawdust Park and Ride and serve multiple stops along the Energy Corridor including Energy Center 1 & 2, Dairy Ashford at Shell Main Entrance, Eldridge at Energy Center 4 Drive (ConocoPhillips/McDermott), Memorial, Westlake at Gracie (BP #1), and Grisby at Helios (BP #2). The service will be offered Monday – Friday; the complete schedule and route map can be found online at <https://bit.ly/3sb315k>.

For more information, view our news release: <https://bit.ly/3dUGotK>

The Woodlands Township, in collaboration with The Energy Corridor District, will launch a pilot commuter bus service beginning January 4, 2022

Ridership To Date

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Departures Per Days	8	8	8/6	6	6	6
Total Riders (month)	260	437	573	495	565	726
Average Riders per Service Day	12	22	25	25	27	33
Average Per Departure	1.5	2.7	3.1	3	4.5	5.5
Total Net Cost Per Rider	\$325.35	\$185.30	\$176.22	\$184.07	\$146.29	\$100.43
Township Net Cost Per Rider	\$32.54	\$18.53	\$17.62	\$18.41	\$14.63	\$10.04

Options for Board Consideration

Option 1:

- Continue the program and reduce service to 8 hours/day
- Approve a FY22 budget amendment of \$16,295
- Revise proposed FY23 budget to reflect the lower use levels.

Option 2:

- Determine the District's interest in fully funding the additional 20% local share

Option 3:

- Provide a termination notice to the program partners and discontinue the program effective September 1, 2022.