### **LYNX Service Review**

**Potential FY 2009 Service Reductions** 

LYNX Board of Directors August 21, 2008



### Service Reductions in Response to Available FY 2009 Local Funding

- As much as \$11 million due to fuel, paratransit service demand, and labor agreement cost increases and remainder of FY2008 \$2.5 million service efficiency target.
- Assumes Seminole County is able to meet LYNX funding request.
- Assumes a \$700,000 gap in Osceola County.
- Assumes a \$8.3 million gap in Orange County in addition to remaining \$1.7 million in efficiencies.



#### **Impacts**

- Ridership is increasing at 6%, after a 17% fare increase.
- Over 3.6 million passengers a year are at risk if all service changes are implemented (approximately 14% of total bus ridership).
- Several areas could be left with no service at all so ACCESS LYNX costs could skyrocket.



### **Osceola County**

Osceola County is still looking for funds.

Efficiency improvement.





### **Orange County**

 Implemented first phase of \$2.5 million of efficiencies on August 17.

 Now need \$8.3 million more, so efficiencies become eliminations.

 Service reductions required total \$10 million in addition to the efficiencies implemented August 17.



### **Orange County**

- \$10 million reduction is a nearly 30% reduction in fixed-route service.
- Represents cut of 42 peak hour buses.
- Represents loss of over 100 full-time bus operator equivalents.



### **Orange County**

- Changes include:
  - Discontinue Low-Ridership Links
  - Discontinue Service after 7 PM on Selected
     Links
  - Reduce Frequency on Selected Links
  - Discontinue Sunday Service on Selected Links

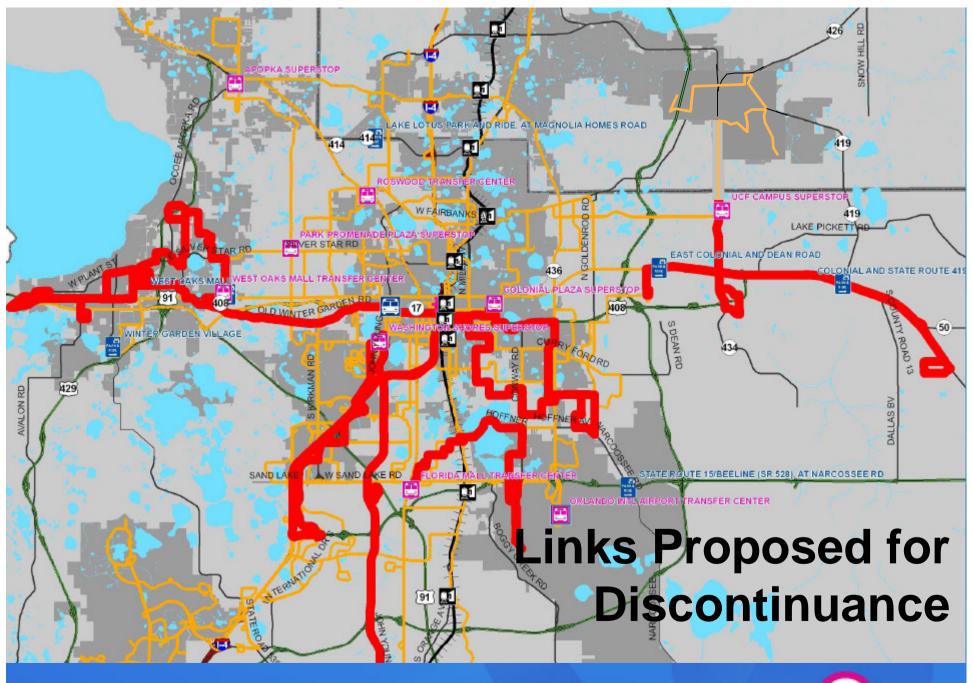


# Orange County: Discontinue Low Ridership Links

Mid-FL
rd JCF

27 Ocoee 53 Health Central



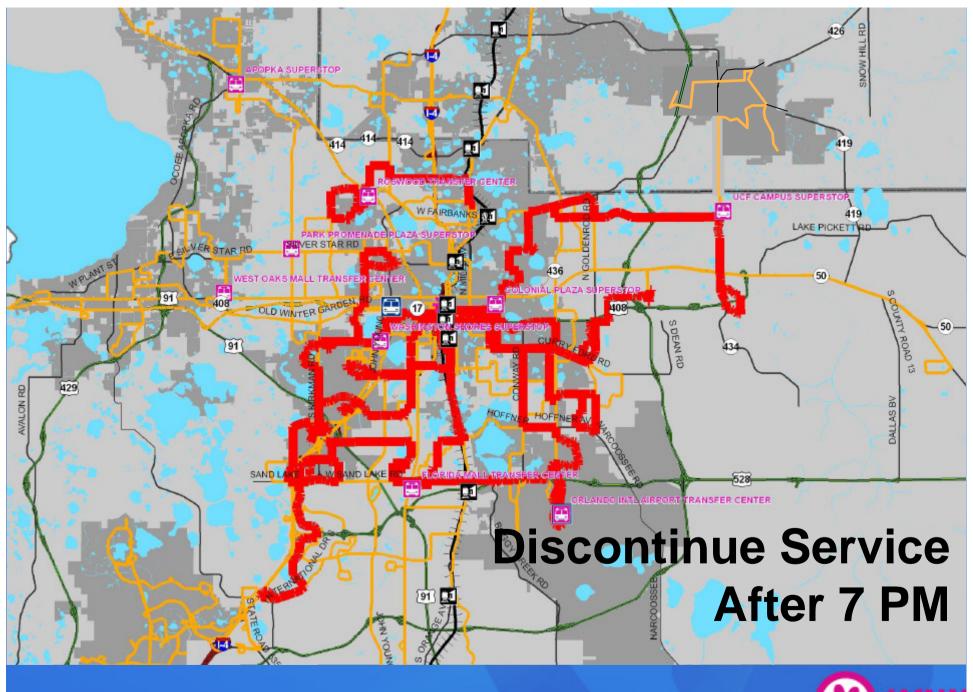




### Orange County: Discontinue Service After 7 PM

Eatonville, Universal **51** OIA Pine Hills, N. Studios, VCC Lane West **VA Clinic, WP OC Correctional** Mem. Hospital, 36 Fac., Gov's **UCF** Manor **FL Hospital** ORMC, Arnold 15 East, VCC **40** Palmer Hospital, **Amtrak East** Ivey Lane, OIA, FL Mall, **Citrus Bowl I-Drive** 







# Orange County: Reduce Frequency to 60 Minutes

11 Orange Ave., ORMC, OIA

20 Ivey Lane, Citrus Bowl 42 OIA, FL Mall, I-Drive

VA Clinic, WP

13 Mem. Hospital,
UCF

Universal
21 Studios, VCC
West

51 OIA

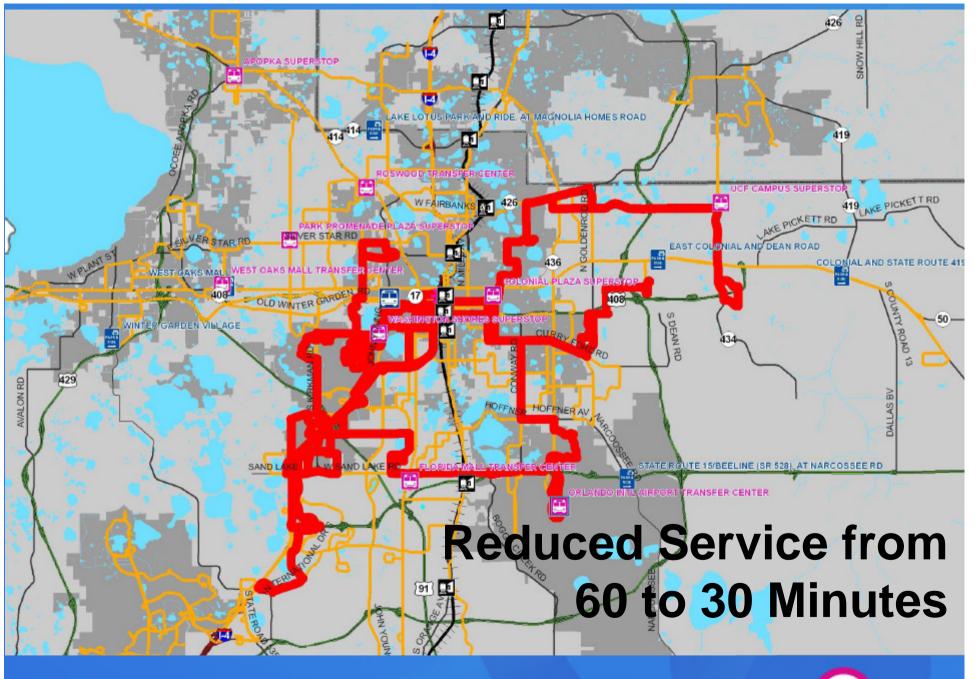
15 FL Hospital East, VCC East

22 Ivey Lane, CR Smith Ctr.

19 LC Allen Sr. Ctr., ELC, Arena

OC Correctional Fac., Gov's Manor







# Orange County: Discontinue Sunday Service

9 Eatonville, Pine Hills, N. Lane

20 Ivey Lane, Citrus Bowl

OC

19/ ELC, Arena, Ivey Lane, CR Smith Ctr.

11 Orange Ave., ORMC, OIA

36 Correctional Fac., Gov's Manor

VA Clinic, WP

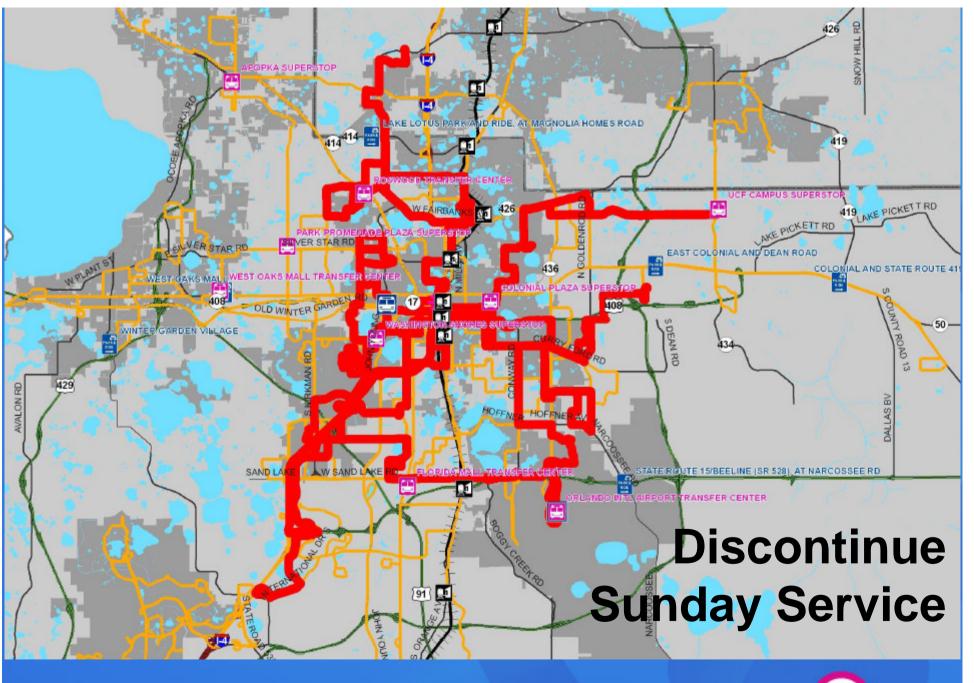
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UCF

42 OIA, FL Mall, I-Drive

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**51** OIA





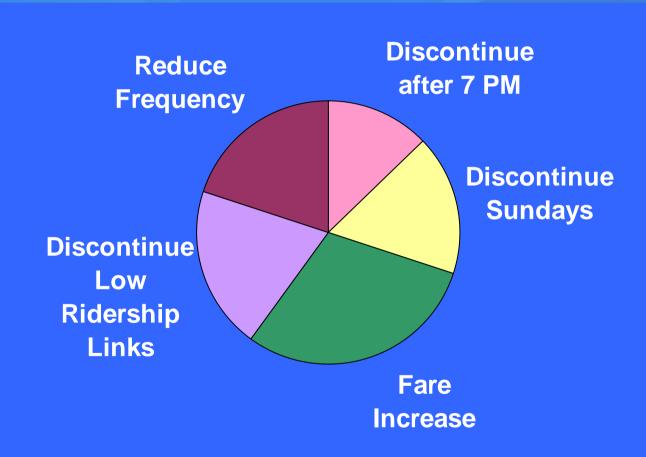


### **Initial Public Response**

- LYNX held two public workshops; one on July 15 and another on July 29.
- 512 people attended the workshops.
- 994 comment cards received. Participants asked to rank possible changes, with 5 being the most acceptable, 1 being the least.



# Public Rating of Acceptability of Proposed Changes





#### Conclusion

- Assumes Seminole County is able to meet LYNX funding request.
- Osceola County funding gap represents opportunity for service efficiency if funding is not found.
- Orange County funding gap results in reductions that are 3 to 4 times the amount that can be obtained through efficiencies (\$10 million = 35 million passengers).
- Reductions will be effective Dec. 7, 2008



### **Next Steps**

- Board finalize FY09 budget August 21
- Public hearings September 16, 17, 23
- Board update September 25
- Board receives final reductions October 23
- Reductions implemented December 7

