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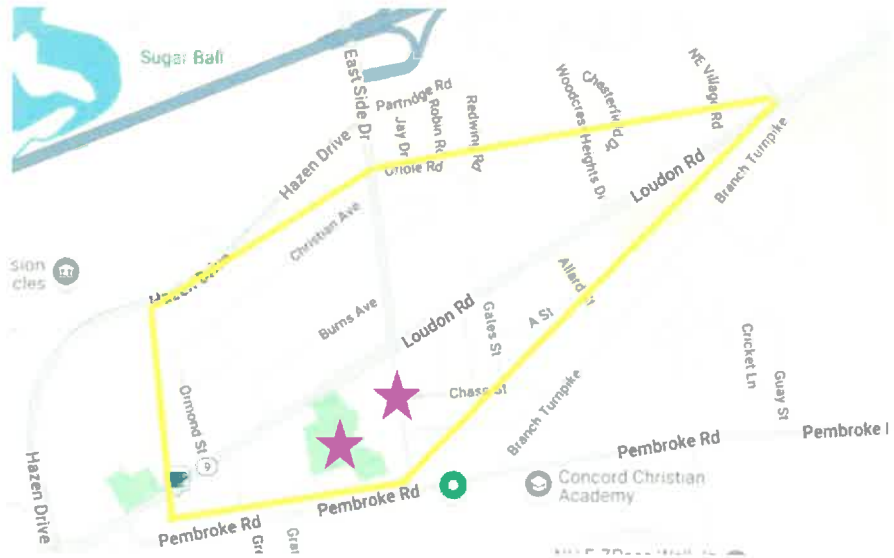
To the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee:

- CAT's Heights bus doesn't stop at 2 of the City's popular locations, Keach Park and the City-wide Community Center.
- The Heights bus serves Ward 9, the most densely populated ward in the city. Those without cars must walk 1/5 of a mile from the Ormond Street bus stop to get to Keach Park or 1/2 a mile to get to the City-wide Community Center. Or they must go to these locations by cab, an unaffordable expense for many people. The change requested here ensures that Keach Park and the City-wide Community Center can be used by all citizens, and not merely those affluent enough to have a car or afford a cab or fit enough to walk any distance.

- I talked to Terri Paige at Concord Area Transit. The Heights route cannot be modified due to the lack of room on roads to safely disembark passengers.

**Terri suggested, rather, a shuttle service, that served the Heights.**

This shuttle, funded by a combination of DOT and other governmental monies and City funding, could service the locations we currently do not serve. The area enclosed in yellow would serve Morningstar, Salisbury Green, Parkview, Prescott Place, Royal Gardens and Hodges apartments, and provide more direct transportation to the CWCC & Keach Park (noted as purple stars on the map), and shopping. The shuttle route has not yet been set.



#### Impact on City goals:

- CIP #44 – City Wide Community Center The requested change would impact the City's plan to design a parking lot (\$60,000 in FY2026) and build it (\$900,000 in FY2027) by making the CWCC readily available by bus.
- Energy & Environment Advisory Committee – Initiating a shuttle service that would serve existing facilities and, at the same time, spare trees that would be destroyed in expanding the CWCC parking lot is in keeping with this committee's sustainability goals for the City.
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice & Belonging Committee – The requested change furthers this committee's goals by creating transportation so all Concord residents feel a sense of belonging and can authentically participate in events that impact their lives. Specifically, a shuttle service would make both Keach Park and the CWCC available to the underserved Ward 9 immigrant community.

While many details of this service have yet to be determined, and funding has yet to be obtained, I urge the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee to endorse this proposal and schedule it as an agenda item for fuller discussion at its February meeting.

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