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WACKER EXPRESS ROUTE VIA LOWER LEVEL STREETS

An experimental, rush-hour, express, shuttle-bus service at a 10¢ fare between Union Station and Grand Avenue and St. Clair Street.

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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY AN EXPERIMENTAL, rush-hour, express, shuttle bus service between Union Station and Grand Avenue and St. Clair Street, via lower-level Wacker Drive and lower-level North Michigan Avenue, will begin operating Monday, April 9.

The new ten-cent shuttle service, to be known as Wacker Express, Route No. 158A, will provide fast service, Mondays through Fridays, between the Union and Chicago & North Western stations on the south end and such large buildings on the north end as Pure Oil, Esquire, 66 E. So. Water, Prudential, Bell, 333 N. Michigan, London Guarantee, Tribune Tower, Wrigley, Remington-Rand and 425 N. Michigan. Several of these buildings have lower level entrances.

ROUTE AND SCHEDULE

Buses will operate northbound from the Union Station at Canal and Adams, as follows: north in Canal, east in Washington, north in Wacker Drive to Randolph, north on the ramp leading down from Randolph and Wacker to the lower level of Wacker, north and east in the lower level of Wacker and South Water Street, north in the lower level of North Michigan, east in Illinois, north in St. Clair to Grand.

Southbound, these buses will operate west in Grand from St. Clair, south in the lower level of Michigan, west and south in the lower level of Wacker, south on the ramp reaching the surface at Monroe, continuing south in Wacker, and west in Adams to the Union Station entrance.

During the morning rush period, four roundtrip runs will be made from Union station, leaving northbound at six-minute intervals from 8:22 A.M. to 8:40 A.M., and leaving southbound from Grand and Michigan Avenues from 8:35 A.M. to 8:53 A.M., inclusive.

During the evening rush period, four roundtrip runs will be made from Grand and Michigan Avenues, leaving southbound at about sevenminute intervals from 4:40 P.M. to 5:02 P.M., and leaving northbound from Union station from 4:53 P.M. to 5:15 P.M., inclusive.

If this experimental shuttle operation attracts sufficient patronage, additional service as required will be added at a later date.

SERVICE STOPS

In the morning rush period only, buses will load at the Canal Street entrance to Union station. At all other times buses will service the Adams Street entrance. Other northbound passenger stops on the route are at Canal and Madison, Canal and Washington, Washington and North Wacker (northeast corner), East Wacker and Wabash (lower level), South Water and Michigan (lower level), Michigan and Wacker (lower level), Michigan and Hubbard (lower level), Michigan and Illinois (lower level), Illinois and St. Clair, St. Clair and Grand.

Southbound stops are Grand and Michigan (lower level), Michigan and Illinois (lower level), Michigan and Hubbard (lower level), Michigan and Wacker (lower level), East Wacker and State (lower level), South Wacker and Monroe (upper level) and the Adams Street en-trance to the Union station.

FASTER SERVICE

It is expected that this express operation at lower level for the greater portion of the trip will save in running time up to ten minutes by avoiding the heavy traffic congestion which exists on the upper level streets.

At this time no change will be made in the present Wacker-Depots No. 158 route which serves the same area via upper level streets.

