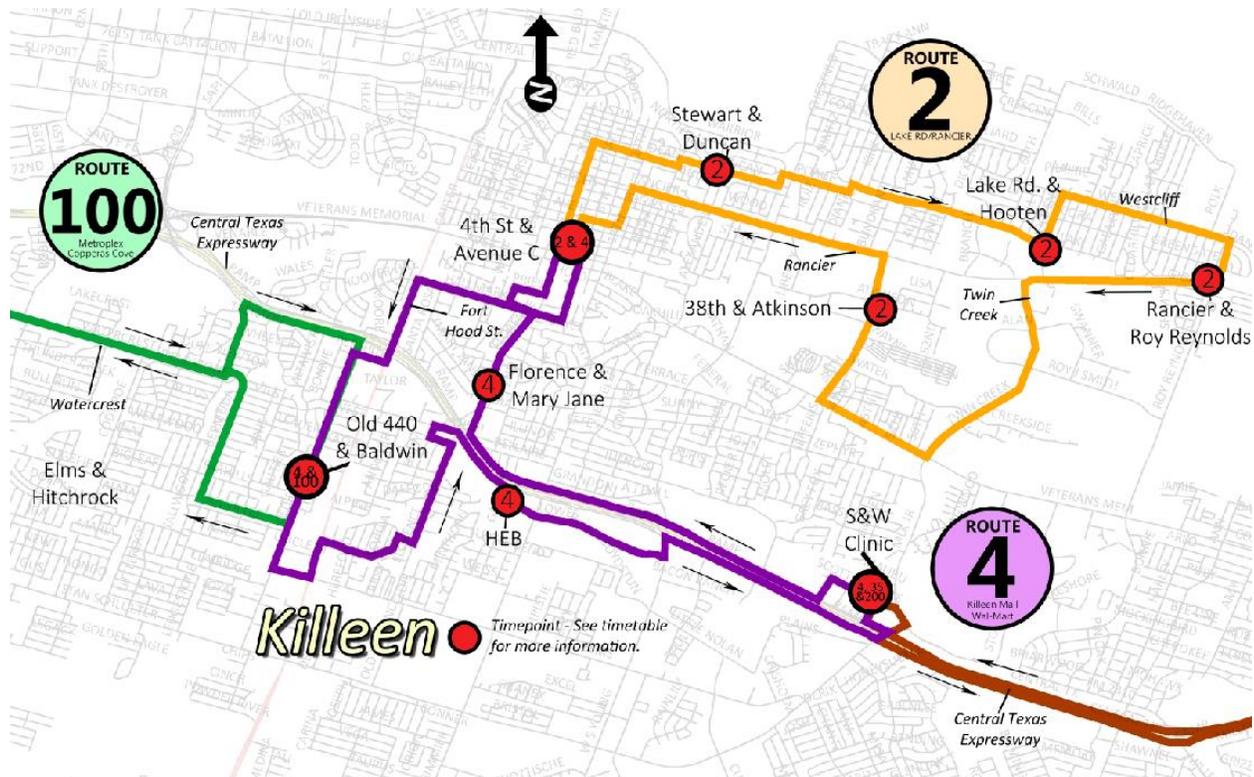


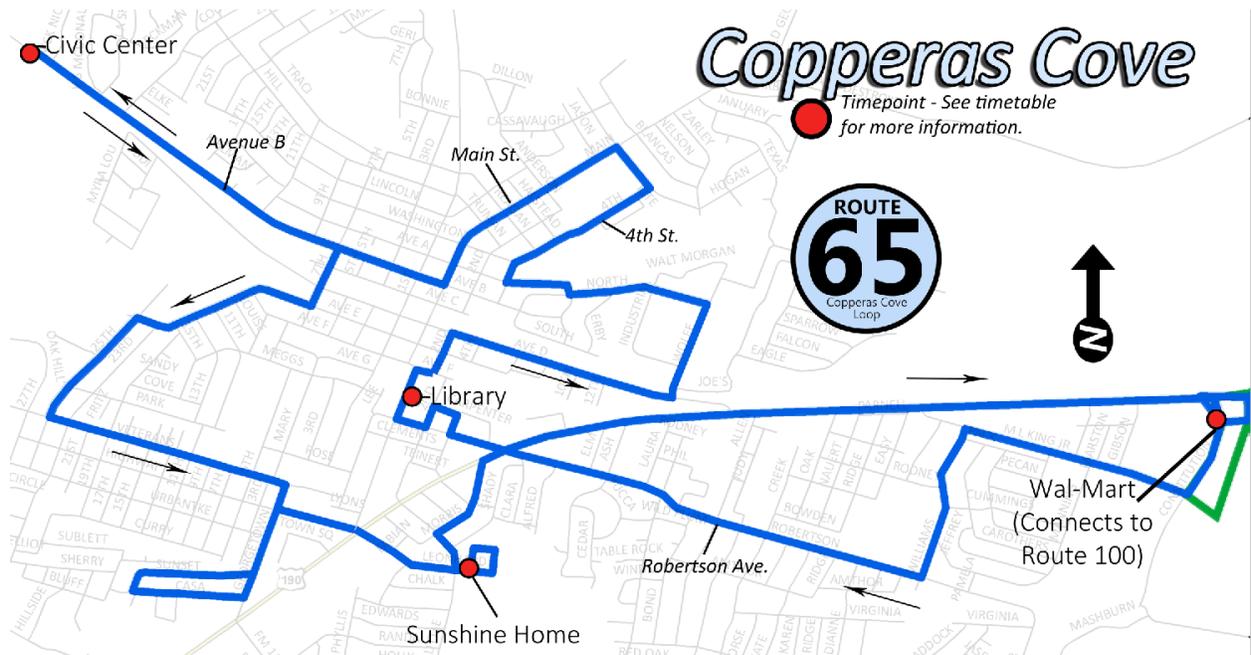
PRESS RELEASE

HILL COUNTRY TRANSIT DISTRICT (The HOP)

September 2018

Hill Country Transit District (HCTD), dba The HOP, is a regional public transportation provider that provides service to five cities – Temple, Belton, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights – and nine counties – Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Milam, Mills, and San Saba. HCTD began transit service in the mid-sixties and began fixed route and ADA complementary paratransit service to the Killeen area in 2000 and the Temple area in 2001. The system has experienced steady growth during the past four decades. However, due to increased costs and decreased revenues, service changes are now having to be made. These changes will go into effect October 1, 2018.



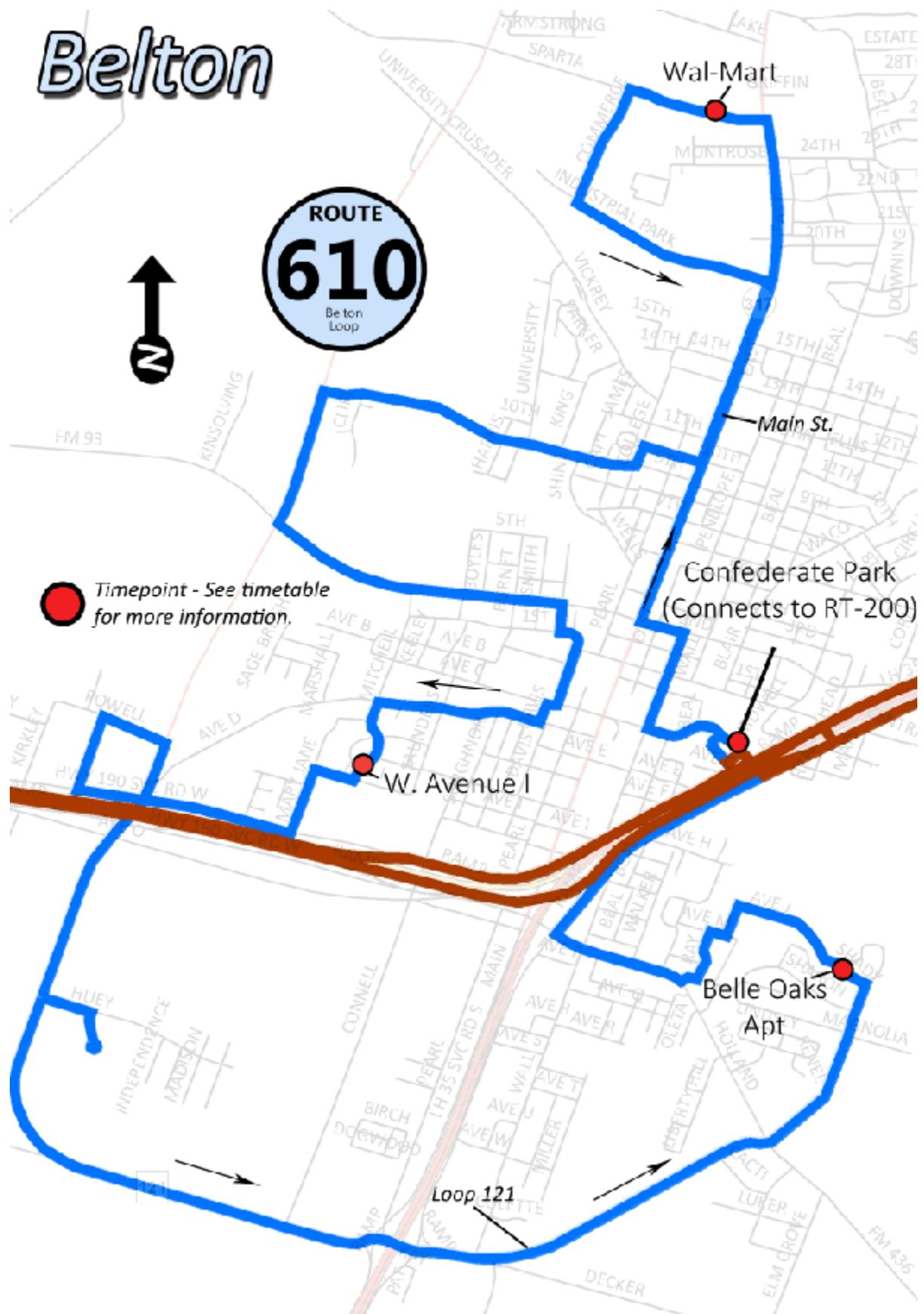


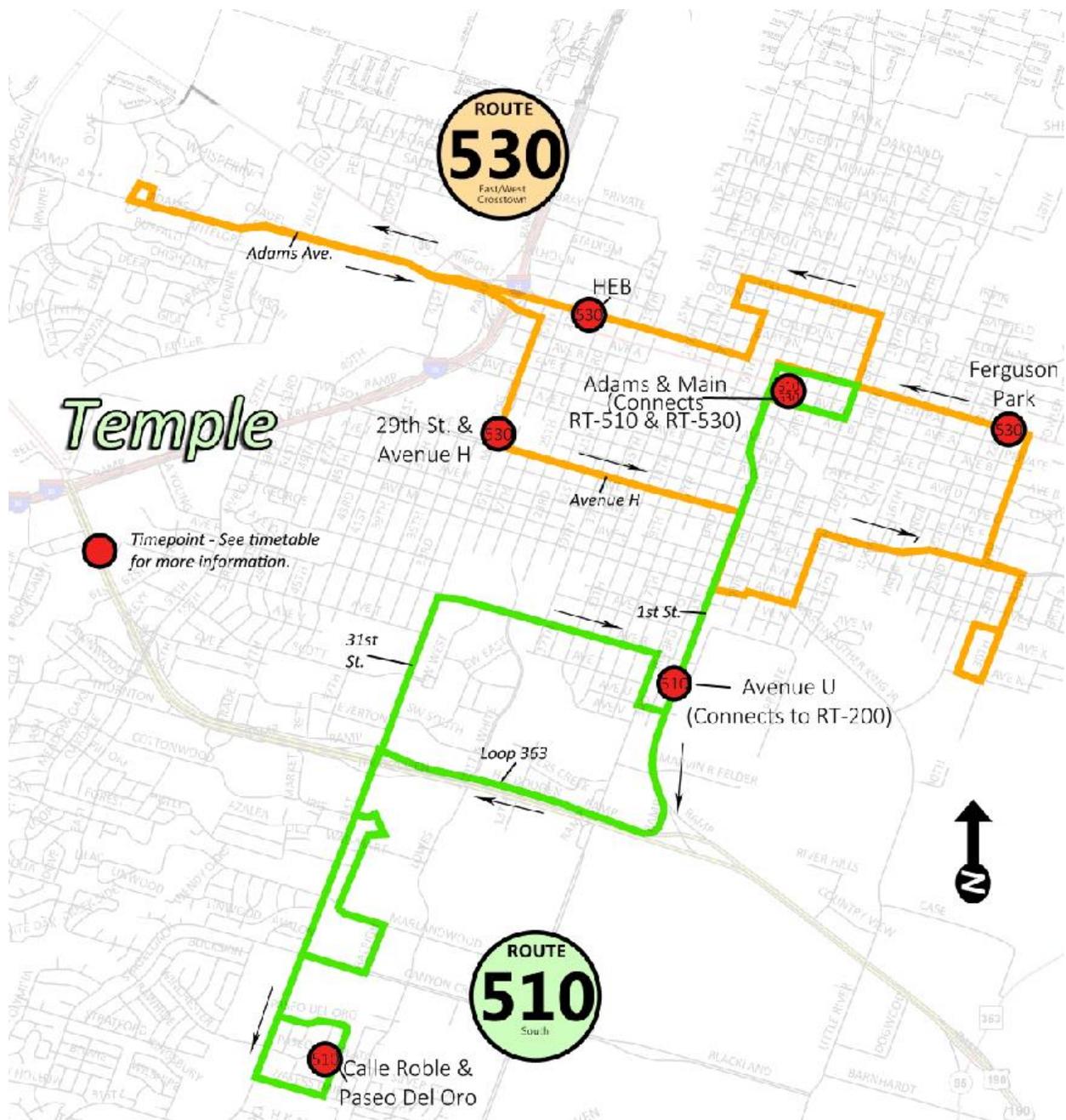
Belton



ROUTE 610
Belton Loop

 Timepoint - See timetable for more information.





Changes in service hours include elimination of off-peak hours (non-productive hours) in both Harker Heights and Copperas Cove, as well as discontinuing Saturday service in all cities. In Copperas Cove the last service hour of the day will be eliminated. The daily service will conclude at the Walmart at 5:45 PM. In Harker Heights, the last service hour of the day will also be eliminated along with three hours between 10:35 AM and 1:35 PM. The Harker Heights daily service will conclude at the Walmart Neighborhood Market at 6:06 PM. All Fixed Route and associated ADA service on Saturday will be discontinued.

Funding to operate the system is provided with federal money that must be matched in order to access those federal funds. Funding from the cities served by The HOP makes up a portion of those matching funds. A breakdown of how The HOP has been funded over the past seven years is shown below:

- 36.08% Federal Transit Administration
- 34.05 Hill Country Transit District (The HOP)
- 19.93% Texas Department of Transportation
- 6.48% Fares
- 3.47% Killeen, Copperas Cove, Harker Heights, Belton, Temple, Bell County

As noted by these statistics, HCTD must make adjustments in order to protect its remaining reserves.