

DATTCO to Stop All Services to Greater New Bedford

DATTCO announced the following on their website a few days ago:

“It is with much regret that DATTCO is announcing our service between SouthCoastal Massachusetts and Boston will be ending on April 16, 2023. This is a decision we have struggled with for several months as we looked at options to both reduce our operating costs and increase fares substantially. Unfortunately, we have not found a solution that would provide a cost-effective commute option for you, our passengers, while overcoming the deficit we have been experiencing for several years.

We have notified both the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation of this decision. We are taking steps to ensure continuity of the service through this date and hope this provides ample time for you to find an alternative to our service. To explore options, we suggest visiting www.massridematch.com . We thank you for your patronage through the years.”

This announcement apparently has come as a surprise to city officials and folks in general.

Today the City of New Bedford released the following statement from Mayor Mitchell:

“I am troubled by the decision of the DATTCO bus company to cancel, with little warning, its bus service between New Bedford and Boston. DATTCO gave just three weeks’ notice to residents now scrambling for alternate transit options. Equally inexcusable is DATTCO’s lack of any engagement with the City, which would have been open to discussions regarding

the possible takeover of affected routes by another carrier in a way that provides for a seamless transition. The City has reached out to the state Secretary of Transportation to determine how best to rectify the situation.”