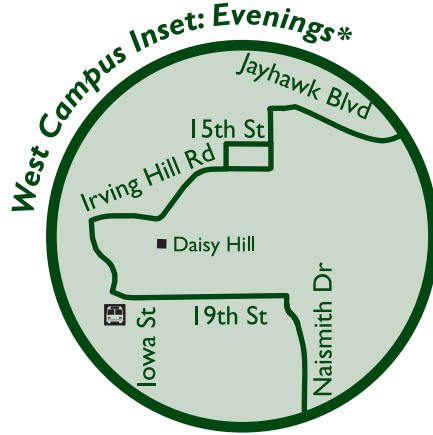
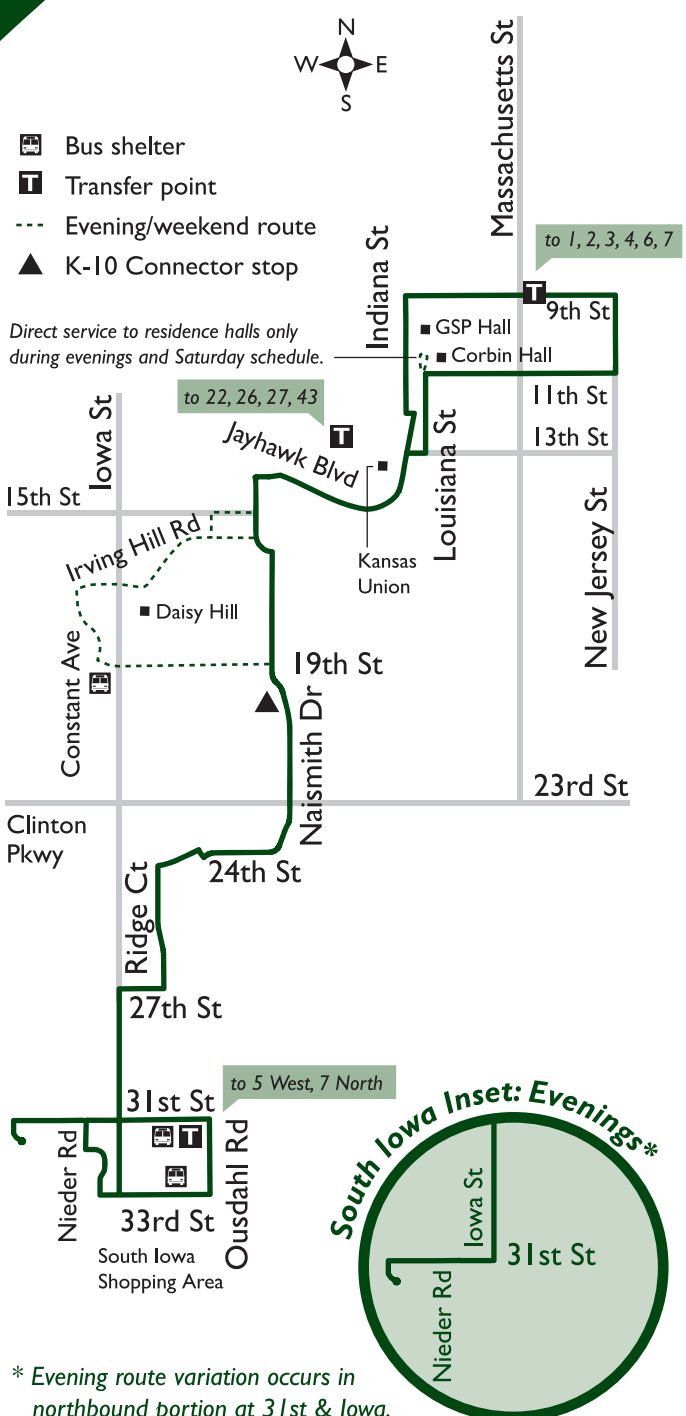
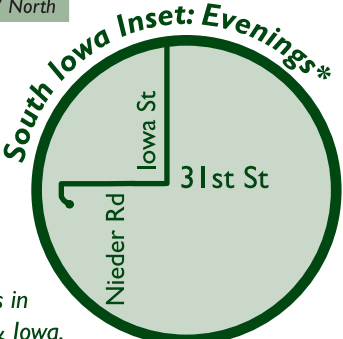




New coordinated transit route will serve downtown, KU, and South Iowa



* Evening route variation travels through West Campus and omits the section of Naismith Drive between 15th and 19th Streets.



* Evening route variation occurs in northbound portion at 31st & Iowa. Bus travels east on 31st Street and turns north on Iowa Street, omitting second loop through retail area.

Route 11 starts August 17

Riders of both the city and university bus systems will benefit from a new route that launches on Monday, August 17. Route 11 is a coordinated effort between the Lawrence Transit System and KU on Wheels.

For city bus riders, the route will offer increased frequencies, with buses running every 30 minutes during the weekday. University bus riders will gain service on evenings, Saturdays, and school breaks, when KU buses do not run.

The new route 11 will connect downtown, main campus, several apartment complexes, and the retail area at 31st and Iowa streets. One city bus route and two university bus routes were merged in order to create route 11. The T route 8 will no longer operate, nor will KU routes 24 and 25.

“This is the first step in our efforts to maximize resources and provide better transit service for the whole community,” said Robert Nugent, Transit Administrator. “Our coordination efforts will get bigger and bolder from here.”

“Coordinated route 11 is a win-win for both parties” said Derek Meier, KU on Wheels Transportation Coordinator. “Students along the corridor will benefit from increased hours of operation, six days per week, while city riders benefit from greatly improved frequency of service.”

The route is part of the first round of recommendations issued in March by a team of nationally recognized transportation specialists hired to assist in coordinating the two transit systems. More details at www.lawrencetransit.org.