

## 1. Background—Route Highlights (as of January 2026)

### *Pirate's Passage: Raleigh to Jacksonville*

- Operator—Greyhound Lines, Inc.—(schedules #312 and #391)
- This service currently receives local funds through the In-Kind Match.
- 185 one-way total miles with 6 stops.
- Connecting Raleigh to Jacksonville via Wilson, Greenville, Kinston, and New Bern
- The Greenville Transfer Center is a state of the art facility functioning as an East Coast Hub connecting to the Norfolk—Myrtle Beach route.
- This is one of 2 routes that serves Jacksonville.

### *Tidewater Connector: Raleigh to Norfolk, VA*

- Operator—Greyhound Lines, Inc.—(schedules #330 and #4845)
- This service currently receives local funds through the In-Kind Match.
- 203 one-way total miles with 6 stops.
- Connecting Raleigh to Norfolk, VA via Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, and Ahoskie
- This service must connect in Norfolk, VA to the Tidewater Current service
- 2 rural NC connections in Ahoskie and Tarboro.

### *Wave Rider: Raleigh to Wilmington*

- Operator—Greyhound Lines, Inc.—(schedules #391, #392, #393 and #444)
- This service currently receives local funds through the In-Kind Match.
- 166 one-way total miles with 6 variable stops.
- Connecting Raleigh to Wilmington via Smithfield, Goldsboro, Clinton, and Wallace
- Operating twice (2) daily service, but bypassing Clinton, Wallace, and Smithfield during certain trips
- Few intermediate stops with endpoint connection to the Norfolk—Myrtle Beach route in Wilmington.

### *Coastal Plains Connector: Norfolk, VA to Myrtle Beach, SC*

- Operator—Greyhound Lines, Inc.—(schedules #387 and #388)
- This service currently receives local funds through the In-Kind Match.
- 373 one-way total miles with 9 stops.
- Connects the eastern coast of the state, linking Norfolk, VA to Myrtle Beach, SC via Elizabeth City, Edenton, Greenville, Washington, New Bern, Jacksonville, and Wilmington
- This is one of two routes that serves Jacksonville.
- Connections to Wave Rider and Dogwood Dasher in Wilmington

### *High Country Gateway: Boone to Winston-Salem*

- Operator—Sunway Charters (Formerly *Mountaineer East-West*)
- This service currently receives state match funds.
- 88 one-way total miles with 4 stops

- Connecting Boone to Winston-Salem via Wilkesboro and Yadkinville
- Few intermediate stops and sparse population between Winston-Salem and Boone.
- Transfer available to the Triad-Danville Connector Route in Winston-Salem
- High ASU ridership; ridership peaks and valleys correspond to the Appalachian State University (ASU) class schedule.

#### **Mountaineer: Boone to Charlotte**

- Operator—Sunway Charters (formerly the *Mountaineer North-South*)
- This service currently receives state match funds.
- 108 one-way total miles with 7 stops.
- Connecting Boone to Charlotte via Lenoir, Hickory, Newton, Lincolnton, and Gastonia
- Connections available in Charlotte both to and from this route and connection available coming from Asheville in Hickory traveling toward Boone.
- Ridership peaks and valleys correspond to the ASU class schedule.

#### **Dogwood Dasher: Charlotte to Wilmington**

- Operator—Greyhound Lines, Inc. –(schedules #3736 and #3769)
- This service currently receives local funds through the In-Kind Match.
- 259 one-way total miles with 8 stops.
- Connecting Charlotte to Wilmington via Monroe, Rockingham, Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Lumberton, and Whiteville
- Connections to Coastal Plains Connector in Wilmington

#### **Cardinal Flyer: Raleigh to Asheville via Forest City**

- Operator—Greyhound Lines, Inc. –(schedules # 3748 and # 3747)
- This service currently receives local funds through the In-Kind Match.
- 300 one-way total miles with 9 stops
- Connecting Charlotte to Wilmington via Monroe, Rockingham, Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Lumberton, and Whiteville
- Connections available at Asheville, Gastonia, Charlotte and Raleigh.

#### **Mid-State Express: Winston-Salem—Fayetteville**

- Operator— Sunway Charters –(route referred to as *Mid-State Express*)
- This service currently receives state match funds.
- 148 one-way total miles with 7 stops.
- Connecting Winston-Salem to Fayetteville via Lexington, High Point, Asheboro, Siler City, and Sanford
- Connects the central region of the state with a stop in Sanford

#### **Piedmont Pass: Asheville—Raleigh via Hickory**

- Operator—Greyhound Lines, Inc. –(schedules # 3748 and # 3747)
- This service currently receives local funds through the In-Kind Match.
- 255 one-way total miles with 7 stops.
- Connecting Raleigh to Asheville via Hickory, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and Chapel Hill

- Formerly unsubsidized route requiring subsidy to continue serving as a “trunk” route.
- Connections in Hickory/Newton-Conover, Winston-Salem and Raleigh

**Triad-Danville Connector: Winston-Salem to Danville, VA (New Route!)**

- Operator— Sunway Charters (Newest Service)
- 78 one-way total miles with 4 stops
- Connecting Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Reidsville, and Danville, Va.
- Formerly unsubsidized route provided by Greyhound. Discontinued in 2017
- Connections in Danville, VA to the DRPT Virginia Breeze service in the morning and evening and connections in Winston-Salem.