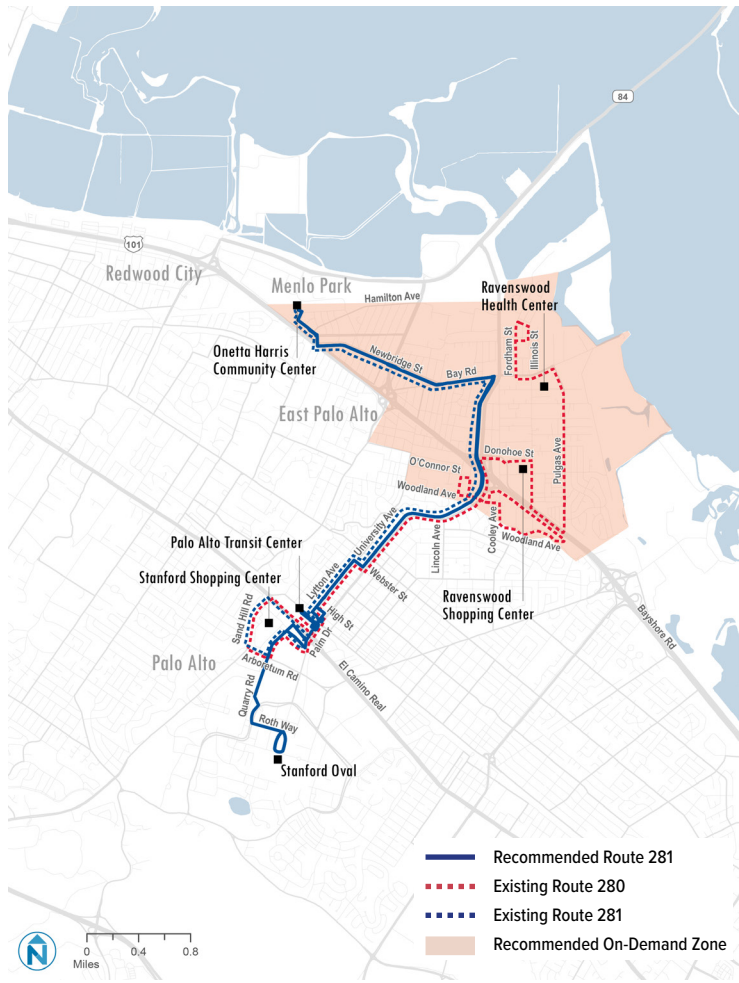


Route 280 & 281

Purdue / Fordham — Stanford Mall // Onetta Harris Center — Stanford Mall



Service Change Description

Existing Service

Route 280 serves Palo Alto and East Palo Alto. Route 281 serves Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, and Menlo Park (Belle Haven). Routes 280 and 281 overlap in Palo Alto between the Stanford Shopping Center and Donohoe Street along University Avenue. Both Routes 280 and 281 connect to Route 296 offering transfers to Redwood City and Menlo Park. Route 280 serves hard-to-reach areas but this creates long travel times.

During public outreach, people indicated the routes are unreliable or do not come often enough, especially on weekends. Routes 280 and 281 often get stuck in traffic on University Avenue, making it hard to keep the bus on schedule.

Recommended Changes

Coverage (Where it goes)

In the recommended network, Routes 280 and 281 are combined into one new Route 281. Route 281 would continue to serve the Onetta Harris Community Center, Bay Road, University Avenue, and the Palo Alto Transit Center. Route 281 is also extended to the Stanford University campus to connect riders with jobs and services near Stanford.

Woodland Apartments, Pulgas Avenue, and Fordham Street would no longer be served by Route 280. Routes 81 and 83 would continue to provide school-day-only service in these areas.

A recommended service called “on-demand” would be provided in East Palo Alto. This service allows people to call or use a mobile app to schedule a ride from where they are to where they want to go within a certain zone. This service would connect riders directly to places in East Palo Alto and to bus routes 281, 296, and EPX to reach more destinations.

Frequency (How often it runs)

The recommended Route 281 would run more often. It would operate every 20 minutes during the peak and midday weekday periods. On evenings and weekends, the route would operate every 30 minutes.

Hours of Service (When it runs)

Route 281 would receive later service on weekends. The route would run two hours later on Saturdays, until 10 p.m., and one hour later on Sundays, until 8 p.m.

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Route 280 Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Existing	5:30 AM-10:30 PM	7:45 AM-8:15 PM	7:45 AM-8:15 PM
Recommended	Delete		

Route 280 Frequency

	Day	Peak (minutes) (6-9am, 3-7pm)	Midday (minutes) (9am-3pm)	Evening (minutes) (7pm-12am)
Existing	Weekday	60	60	60
	Saturday	60	60	60
	Sunday	60	60	60
Recommended	Weekday	Delete		
	Saturday			
	Sunday			

Route 281 Hours of Service

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Existing	6:00 AM-10:30 PM	8:00 AM-8:15 PM	8:00 AM-7:15 PM
Recommended	6:00 AM-10:30 PM	7:45 AM-10:00 PM	7:45 AM-8:00 PM

Route 281 Frequency

	Day	Peak (minutes) (6-9am, 3-7pm)	Midday (minutes) (9am-3pm)	Evening (minutes) (7pm-12am)
Existing	Weekday	30	30	30
	Saturday	30	30	30
	Sunday	40	40	40
Recommended	Weekday	20	20	30
	Saturday	30	30	30
	Sunday	30	30	30