Route 37 drops Main Street Pub stop after complaints

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The Route 37 Off-Campus Apartment Shuttle lost its Main Street Pub stop Monday after the landowner requested it be eliminated.

Stuart Becker, owner of the Sleep Inn, filed the request weeks ago with university operations that the stop be removed. He said the buses are too big to operate on the driveway, and the wear and tear from The Rapid extends the added traffic about 19,400 rides caused extra maintenance to GVSU students.

Operations management decided a week ago to cut the stop from the route and has since printed new maps and schedules and notified bus drivers and students of the change. Removing this stop saved time on Route 37, but not enough to add another stop in its place, leaving students to walk to the next closest stops at Burger King or Boltwood Apartments.

Confier Creek resident Paul Zielinski said the change is an inconvenience for him because now he must cross Lake Michigan Drive to get home.

Operations management hopes this change does not reflect negatively on the bus system.

"A lot of students are upset, but I hope they continue to ride," Babson said.

She has coordinated the bus routes for the past four years and has seen student use of the buses increase heavily. Currently, The Rapid extends about 19,400 rides to GVSU students per day.

The addition of a new bus to Route 50 Campus Connector has helped to alleviate overcrowding on that route, especially since it runs evenings and weekends as well as day routes.

In the future, Babson hopes to see more streamlining of the bus system, with creative additions to the routes to compensate for budget restrictions.

Extended weekend hours are one of their goals, though the Campus Connector’s times will stay the same, she said.

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By Chelsea Fitch

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The program was introduced to GVSU five years ago by Kibloun, a movement to promote the use of bicycles throughout campus and students in the Engineering and Science departments. Kilbourne has brought the bikes to area schools to promote healthy energy, exercise and saving energy.

"It is fun for the young people when they see what electricity comes from," said Babson. "Most young people do not understand where electricity comes from."

As people exercise on the bike, they are creating the energy to power someone else can.