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Placid XPRSS joins ORDA Winter Bus to Provide Service to Village and Whiteface

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. - Starting December 15, the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA), as in previous years, will begin its winter public transit service between Lake Placid hotels and Whiteface in Wilmington. This year, though, service is being expanded to include all of the usual Placid XPRSS trolley stops, which will be served by the Village's green trolleys. The two lines will intersect at the Olympic Center Box Office in order to transfer riders between them.

Starting at 6:35 a.m. on December 15 at the Olympic Ski Jumping Complex, and making its usual stops along the way, the trolley will rendezvous with the ORDA bus at 7:10 a.m. and hourly thereafter at the Olympic Center Box Office. Monday through Friday, the last bus from Whiteface into Lake Placid will leave at 4:35 p.m., with the trolley running its route until 6:35 p.m. On Saturdays and Sunday, the trolley line will run until 10:35 p.m. This service will remain in place until March 23, 2008.

The ORDA bus will cover some of the usual trolley stops at Mirror Lake Inn, Crowne Plaza, the Hilton and Summit hotels, the Golden Arrow, and Devlin's Motor Inn.

It will stop in Wilmington on weekends starting at 7:40 a.m. at the Candy Man, 7:45 a.m. at the Whiteface Chalet, and every hour thereafter until the last pickup at 4:45 p.m. The trolley will cover its usual summer stops, including the Greenwood Apartments in Lake Placid, starting at 10:30 a.m.

"We have been hoping to expand the trolley service so that residents can depend on it year-round and this is the perfect opportunity to start," said Mayor Jamie Rogers, "We couldn't have put it into operation without the ORDA system already being in place, and the trolley, in turn, allows ORDA to service more skiers and employees and still keep the loop under one hour."

Further information is available by calling Angel Marvin Granger or Ground Force One at 523-0294. Ski groups larger than 10 people should reserve a space on the bus 24 hours in advance.

Both public transit services are supported by the Essex County Transportation Department and the NYS Department of Transportation.