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# ‘Where on this spectrum should Asheville be?’



An Asheville Rides Transit (ART) bus stops at the downtown transit station on Oct. 2. JOSH BELL/ASHEVILLE CITIZEN TIMES

## Study: Bus system weighs ridership versus coverage

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ASHEVILLE - The city of Asheville’s bus system is facing a fundamental question: Should it prioritize ridership? Or coverage?

A \$300,000 study is searching for answers. The city and its contractor, Portland-based Jarret Walker and Associates, are looking for feedback from riders and residents.

The current system leans toward coverage, with many routes spreading to the farthest corners of the city. But this

means buses run less frequently — every 30 minutes or an hour, versus, say, every 15 minutes.

A ridership concept would favor frequency, with routes concentrated along areas with more people and jobs — a significant reduction in wait times, but much fewer routes.

At a Sept. 30 meeting, hosted by non-profit MountainTrue, in coordination with the city, attendees were presented with the extreme sides of either option.

The ultimate solution could fall somewhere in the middle, said Ricky Angueira, a principal with Jarret Walker and Associates, and lead project man-

ager for the city’s study.

“It’s really hard to choose between these two,” Angueira said of the concepts. “They both include things that I’m sure that each one of you care a lot about.”

The good news, is that it is a spectrum, he said: “The question we are asking in this study is where on this spectrum should Asheville be?”

**What will the study do?**

The study will result in a redesigned

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## Brevard Police names interim chief

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The Brevard Police Department has a new interim chief.

Jack Moorman, former chief of the NC State University Police Department, fills the position left by retiring Chief Tom Jordan.

Jordan announced his retirement in July, telling the Times-News at the time that he had achieved the goals he set out to accomplish at the department and that he wanted to spend more time with his family.



The city expects Moorman to serve a three-month term while a permanent replacement is found, it said in a Sept. 29 news release.

“Brevard is a beautiful city, and being able to serve the City of Brevard for a short time is an honor. Partnering with the residents, town officials, organizations, business leaders, and the BPD provides an exciting opportunity to build connections and to collaborate on public safety,” Moorman said in the release.

Moorman served the first 19 years of his career as a patrol officer at the Raleigh Police Department, where he left as a district captain.

He went on to serve 13 years at the NC State University Police Department, eight of them as chief.

After retiring, he’s been interim chief at the North Carolina A&T State University and Presbyterian College police departments.

Moorman holds a master’s degree in public administration and a doctorate in education focused on adult and continued learning from NC State.

He will work a full-time 40-hour

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## Vet group to Guard: Follow conscience over Trump orders

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CHICAGO – In the desert, he realized Humvees don’t uphold the Constitution: People do.

Twenty years later, Iraq War veteran Aaron Hughes continues spreading his realization that soldiers can better champion American ideals by following their conscience over orders.

The 42-year-old is sharing the message more vociferously than ever as President Donald Trump moves to deploy troops to cities around the United States in what he has said is an effort to fight crime and support immigration enforcement.

“When people withdraw themselves from the gears of the machine, that’s power, and service members need to know they have power to withdraw their consent,” said the Chicago-area native.

Hughes is an Illinois-based member of About Face: Veterans Against the War, an organization formed to stop “militarism



President Donald Trump has moved to deploy troops to cities around the United States. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

and endless wars” that has been slamming the White House’s efforts to use soldiers to police Americans and is urging troops to resist being deployed.

“We’re trying to rebuild the GI resistance movement,” Hughes said, referring to the sweeping efforts veterans and service members made to end the Vietnam War. “We don’t want our brothers and sisters participating in this authoritarian adventurism.”

Efforts to build a new resistance movement come as Trump deploys troops to Los Angeles; the District of Columbia; and Memphis, Tennessee. Most recently troops have been deployed to Portland, Oregon.

The Trump administration has already signaled an unwillingness to allow dissent in the ranks. At a recent gathering of generals, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth (formerly known as secretary of defense) lambasted “decades of decay” at the Pentagon and said new measures would weed out so-called woke influence among the world’s most powerful armed forces.

“If the words I’m speaking today are making your heart sink, then you should

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