

Option A1: Southern Loop (Taken from 2009 DEWA Alternate Transportation Study Full Partnership with MCTA Conceptual Short-Term Recommendations)

CONCEPT

In Option A1, the NRA would partner with MCTA to extend the existing Yellow Route to Dingmans Falls Visitor Center (via US 209). A second route would provide transit service along River Road in the southern portion of the park. This "River Road" route would operate in a one-way loop traveling along River Road and US 209. Both routes would be operated by MCTA. For cost estimating purposes, it is assumed that the NRA would be responsible for securing the additional funding required to operate these services and that no additional costs would be borne by MCTA. This option would be developed in three phases, as described below:

Short Term (0 to 2 Years)

The existing MCTA Yellow Route would be extended to the north to the Pocono Environmental Education Center. The River Road Route would operate one-way, traveling in a counterclockwise loop from Kittatinny Point Visitor Center to Bushkill Meeting Center via River Road, then to Marshalls Creek via US 209, before returning to Kittatinny Point Visitor Center. Proposed short-term actions would be to:

- Complete the McDade Trail
- Upgrade the Bushkill Meeting Center to a visitor center
- Provide supportive infrastructure (such as bus stops, trailheads, kiosks, wayfinding, etc.)
- Initiate design of the Country Road Trail

Medium Term (0 to 5 Years)

There would be no enhancements to Option A1 during the medium term, except to finalize the design of the Country Road Trail and potentially improve headways.

Long Term (0 to 20 Years)

The MCTA Yellow Route would be extended to Dingmans Ferry and would connect to the Lackawanna Cutoff rail line, when rail service is initiated. Transit service on the River Road route would remain unchanged. Proposed long-term actions would be to:

- Construct Dingmans transit center
- Construct Country Road Trail
- Connect to Lackawanna Cutoff rail station
- Provide supportive infrastructure (such as bus stops, trailheads, kiosks, wayfinding, etc.)

