



Supplemental information about UTA's Route 209 bus route.

The Greater Avenues Community Council has been asked by local Avenues residents to join their request to UTA to stop Route 209 buses from operating in the Avenues from 9pm to 6am daily or replace the current buses to quieter and less road vibrating equipment. The Council is holding a vote at the June community meeting.

Route 209's schedule is here: <https://www.rideuta.com/Rider-Tools/Schedules-and-Maps/209-900-East>

and here https://www.rideuta.com/-/media/Files/Rider-Tools/Schedules-and-Maps/Route-209/209schedule_Apr2023.ashx

The following information, and a video pertaining to the Route 209 proposal was supplied by Rone Tempest, Avenues resident and professional journalist:

"In tests conducted by Penn State University for the Federal Transit Administration the 40-foot Gillig diesel buses currently used on UTA 209 fail to meet "maximum grade" performance standards needed for the steep Avenues streets. Grade levels on L Street reach 12%. The buses currently used on 209 have a maximum grade rating of 8.1% at 25 mph and 9.3% at 20 mph. According to federal examiners, buses are much less efficient and noisier if they exceed grade standards. Here's link to federal report: <https://www.altoonabustest.psu.edu/bus-details.aspx?BN=1801-P>. "

See a YouTube video of Route 209 operations during the proposed curfew period, posted by Rone Tempest: [Route 209 Ghost Buses](#)

Ghost Bus Article in the Salt Lake Tribune
<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2023/02/24/rone-tempest-ghost-buses-avenues/>

see the UTA Fact Sheet about the Avenues routes here:

https://slc-avenues.org/images/pdfs-doc/UTA_AugCD_Aves_Fact_Sheet.pdf