

# From Chaos to Coordination: Transform Service Adjustments with Integrated ITS Solutions

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***Eliminate data silos and manual updates. Keep dispatch, supervisors, and reporting systems in perfect sync — every time.***

Transit operations are dynamic by nature. From pull-out to pull-in, any number of disruptions can require immediate service adjustments including operator callouts, vehicle breakdowns, road closures, or even schedule delays. The ability to respond quickly and cohesively depends on more than human effort. It depends on a fully integrated transit technology system.

But not all systems are built the same. Many agencies rely on a mix of software tools, often without realizing that some are third-party solutions disconnected from

their core ITS infrastructure. These tools consume GTFS-RT (General Transit Feed Specification - Real-Time) to show vehicle locations or share detour alerts, but **GTFS-RT was never designed to manage operations**. It simply reflects what's happening right now, not how or why it was decided.

If changes are made in these third-party tools, they often aren't reflected across the agency's internal systems, leaving gaps in dispatch visibility, performance reporting, and customer communication.

**That's why understanding where your transit data comes from, and how it flows, is critical.**

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## WHAT IS TRANSIT DATA – AND WHY DOES INTEGRATION MATTER?

Transit data is generated in real time by your core ITS systems including CAD/AVL, yard management, planning and scheduling, automatic passenger counters, and RTPI systems. These systems capture everything from vehicle movements to schedule adherence. But when you use tools that only consume GTFS-RT data, like some passenger-facing apps or third-party tools, you're relying on a limited snapshot, not the full operational story.

Third-party tools that consume GTFS-RT can provide visibility and can publish service changes to passengers, but they do not cover all the points where operational decisions must happen. More critically, they don't automatically sync with internal systems, meaning that unless updates are manually entered elsewhere, they may never be captured for performance reporting, regulatory compliance, or operational planning.

### KEY DIFFERENCES:

- **GTFS-RT** reflects real-time conditions
- **Integrated ITS** manages decisions at their source – and keeps every system in sync.

In contrast, a fully integrated ITS platform (CAD/AVL, real-time passenger information and Yard Management) ensures that every service adjustment is made within a single system and is instantly reflected across the organization. Depot managers, dispatchers, street supervisors, operators, customer service teams, and riders stay aligned, with no manual workarounds and no data gaps.

With full integration, your entire operation moves together – accurately, efficiently, and with complete visibility.



## WHAT THIRD-PARTY TOOLS MISS

Third-party tools that consume GTFS-RT offer visibility into vehicle locations and schedule adherence, but here's what they can't do:

- **They don't connect to yard systems.**

Operator callouts and vehicle substitutions must be manually updated and may not be reflected at all.

- **They aren't connected to dispatch decisions.**

Street supervisor reroutes, trip interlines, or short turns don't register in reporting unless entered manually elsewhere.

- **They don't sync with reporting tools.**

Adjustments made outside of the agency's primary ITS system won't appear in service performance reports, potentially skewing KPIs, on-time performance metrics, and internal audits.

The result isn't just a bottleneck, but a data blind spot. And over time, those gaps impact operational decisions, customer satisfaction, and planning accuracy.





## THE POWER OF **INTEGRATED ITS** FOR MAKING SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS

A fully integrated ITS platform addresses all the places where service changes happen and ensures those changes are recorded and reflected automatically across your systems.

### **Yard Management Integration**

- Operator no-shows, vehicle substitutions, late pull-outs or early pull-ins are tracked in real time.
- Dispatchers can reassign runs on the fly — no manual updates needed downstream.

### **Street Supervisor Tools**

- Supervisors with tablets can make live adjustments based on actual field conditions.
- Reroutes, reliefs, short turns, or trip combinations are pushed to the system immediately and reflected in CAD and dispatch logs.

### **Dispatcher-Centric Workflow**

- Every operational decision is made on one platform.
- No need to chase down data in multiple systems or update reporting tools manually.

### **Reporting and Accountability**

- Because all changes originate within the system, they're automatically captured in performance dashboards, KPIs, and planning exports.
- Accurate data means more informed decisions, clearer audits, and better long-term planning.

## MAKE EVERY ADJUSTMENT COUNT

Service adjustments aren't rare — they're a daily reality. With a fully integrated platform, every change made by dispatch, the yard, or field supervisors is tracked, implemented, and measured.

### That means:

- Less manual entry
- Fewer data gaps
- More accurate reporting
- Faster, more coordinated responses

Integrated ITS gives you more than visibility — it gives you control and confidence across your entire operation.

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## INTEGRATED SERVICE ADJUSTMENT MANAGEMENT IN ACTION



### Yard-Level Control

Instantly reassign runs and vehicles when operators call out or buses go down with all updates tracked for reporting.



### Supervisor Tablets

Empower street supervisors to issue real-time adjustments from the field that sync back to dispatch and system logs.



### Connected Dispatch Decisions

Manage every change from a single platform with no duplication or lost data.



### Customer Service Alignment

Agents see the same system dispatch does, enabling accurate, timely communication with riders.



### Clean, Accurate Reporting

Every adjustment is automatically recorded — no more missing data, untracked detours, or inaccurate KPIs.