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### **Minor alteration to REX schedule**

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The 11.05am flight out of Parkes will now add an extra half-hour to the arrival time at Sydney Airport.

However, the early morning flight will remain unchanged – a direct flight to Sydney.

REX has indicated to Parkes Shire Council that the change in route of the mid-morning flight is the result of low passenger numbers.

Council sees the change of providing reassurance to shire residents, particularly in light of the cancellation of a number of services within the region including the Mudgee to Sydney run.

Michael Greenwood (Council's Economic Development Manager) said passenger numbers for REX in and out of Parkes remain high.

'We're approaching 35,000 passengers out of Parkes for the current financial year and for the company to alter only the mid-morning Saturday flight to a stopover in Bathurst is reassuring to say the least,' Mr Greenwood said.

'It will only add 20 to 30 minutes to the travelling time of passengers.'

Both Deputy Mayor John Magill and Cr Alan Ward commented that Parkes should feel 'lucky' that REX had made only the one alteration to its weekly timetable.

'We have a good working relationship with Regional Express and council must do everything within its powers to ensure we maintain the current air services,' Cr Magill said.