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ST. LOUIS — Loop Trolley returns April 27:

April 27 has been set as this year's starting date for the Loop Trolley by the Bi-State Development Agency, which took over operations of the line at the request of top local elected officials.

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As it did last year during a three-month limited run that ended in October, the trolley will run free of charge from 11 a.m. to 7

Thursdays through Sunday. The last day of service this year will be Oct. 29. Bi-State, which also runs Metro Transit, agreed to run the trolley because of fears by area leaders that killing it would hurt the region's chances of getting future federal grants for MetroLink expansion and other projects.

When the trolley line reopened last August, it was the first regular service since it shut down in late 2019 after a year of financial issues, slim ridership and repeated mechanical problems.

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