

Milwaukee County Transit System Service Changes 2012

Through CMAQ grants, Milwaukee County Transit System was able to introduce new express service to maintain the majority of the current service levels even though State funding will be reduced by 10% in 2012 and 2013. If we would not have received the CMAQ funding, potentially, 21 bus routes could have been eliminated. This would have been devastating to the transit system. We are thankful for the County and their creative approach to maintain as much service as possible.

Our overall methodology for making necessary changes includes

- Maintain access to job corridors and public service. We want to get people to their jobs
 - Minimize loss of service to transit dependent areas
 - Consider availability of alternate service
 - Simplify routes where possible
 - Increase overall efficiency of service provided
- Minimal elimination of service on lowest producing routes or segments
 - Reduce service frequency on low producing route segments
 - Remove or modify branching of routes

The change in services will begin on Sunday, January 29, 2012. Schedules will be available on RideMCTS.com, by January 12, 2012. Printed schedules will be placed on buses, in information racks and sent to libraries and other locations by January 25, 2012. Also, look for a special edition of Buslines detailing all service adjustments in January 2012. Transit Plus service will increase 75 cents from \$3.25 to \$4.00. The Commuter Value Pass will increase from \$195 per quarter to \$201 effective January 1, 2012.

New MetroExpress Routes are **MetroExpress BlueExpress (Fond du Lac-National)** **MetroExpress GreenExpress (Bayshore-Airport)** and **MetroExpress RedExpress (Capitol Drive)**. Bus stops are spaced further apart with express service to provide quicker bus service for passengers. Regular service means bus stops are generally placed every 1/8 of a mile. Express bus stops would be spaced every 1/2 mile when there is another bus route on the street. However, when there is no other bus route, stops will be spaced every 1/4 of a mile. MCTS fares and passes will apply on the MetroExpress (**\$2.25 adult cash, \$1.10 for Seniors, Children and Individuals with Disabilities. Weekly pass, monthly pass, adult fare tickets, Freedom Pass, CVP and U-PASS**) Bike Racks will be available with no additional charge.

Some service changes will be necessary with the introduction of express bus service to avoid substantial cuts, duplication of bus service or reductions in transit service system wide. If a bus stop for a route is being eliminated, a temporary sign will be posted at the stop in early January. For all other changes, please read the special issue of Bus Lines carefully, review route guides (printed or online) or call MCTS Customer Service at 414-344-6711. All permanent bus stop sign changes will be made by January 29 when service begins. Due to the number of bus stops changing, we will be unable to put up temporary signs at bus stops that are being replaced by another route.

Service Hours & Frequency of MetroExpress Routes

MetroExpress BlueExpress (Fond du Lac-National): Service will operate from 4:30 am to 2:00 am, seven days a week
Frequency – Weekday: 15-30 minutes, Saturday: 30-45 minutes & Sunday: 30-45 minutes

MetroExpress GreenExpress (Bayshore-Airport): Service will operate from 4:30 am to 2:00 am, seven days a week
Frequency – Weekday: 10-15 minutes, Saturday: 20-25 minutes & Sunday: 25-30 minutes

MetroExpress RedExpress (Capitol Drive): Service will operate from 4:30 am to 12:30 am, seven days a week
Frequency – Weekday: 15-20 minutes, Saturday: 25-30 minutes & Sunday: 25-30 minutes

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ROUTE	SERVICE ACTION
7 Wisconsin Av Festival Shuttle	
10 Humboldt-Wisconsin	
11 Holton-Greenfield/Howell	Howell segment extended to Airport and replaced by MetroExpress GreenExpress . Layton, Pine & Bolivar segment, Hope Business Area segment and Greenfield Branch discontinued. Milwaukee-Holton segment replaced by realigned Route 15
12 Teutonia-Hampton	
14 Forest Home	
15 Oakland-Kinnickinnic	MetroExpress GreenExpress will replace Route 15 service from downtown to Bayshore along Water St., Brady St. , Oakland Ave., Marlborough Ave. and Silver Spring Drive. Realigned Route 15 service transferred from Route 11 Milwaukee St-Holton St segment, extended along Port Washington Rd from Capitol Dr. between downtown and Bayshore Towne Center. Clement-Pennsylvania branch transferred to New Route 52
17 Canal Street	
18 National-Greenfield	Realigned and merged with Route 23 at 2 nd -Wisconsin to 70 th -Greenfield. Will Jointly merge with MetroExpress BlueExpress between 70 th -Greenfield, National Ave, Downtown, Fond Du Lac Avenue to 60 th -Congress. New Route 23 will serve Congress Branch MetroExpress BlueExpress will serve Mill Rd branch. Greenfield branch transferred to New Route 56, 108 th -Cleveland Branch transferred to Route 54
19 M.L. King-S. 13th & S. 20 th	
21 North Avenue	
22 Center Street	
23 Fond du Lac Avenue	Realigned to Replace Route 18 service between 2 nd -Wisconsin and 70 th -Greenfield. Will Jointly merge with MetroExpress BlueExpress between 70 th -Greenfield, National Ave, Downtown, Fond Du Lac Avenue to 60 th -Congress. Realigned Route 23 will serve Congress Branch MetroExpress BlueExpress will serve Mill Rd branch
27 27th Street	
28 108th Street	
30 Sherman-Wisconsin	
31 State-Highland	
33 Vliet Street	
35 35th Street	
40 Ryan/College Flyer	
40U Holt/College UBUS	
42U 6th St Port Washington Rd UBUS	
43 Whitnall Flyer	

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44 Fair Park-National Flyer	
44U Fair Park-Whitnall Flyer	
46 Loomis-Southridge Flyer	
48 South Shore Flyer	
49 Brown Deer-Northshore Flyer	
49U Brown Deer UBUS	
50 Morgan Avenue	
51 Oklahoma Avenue	
53 Lincoln Avenue	
54 Mitchell-Burnham	Service extended west of West Allis Hospital to 108th & Cleveland Replacing Route 18 (108th-Cleveland Branch)
55 Layton Avenue	
57 Walnut-N. 92nd	
60 Burleigh Street	
62 Capitol Drive	MetroExpress RedExpress & Route 62 to Jointly serve W.Capitol Dr between Humboldt Blvd & N. 76th St. MetroExpress RedExpress service will serve entire Capitol Drive segment Between N. 124th St & UWM
63 Silver Spring Drive	Extended north of Bayshore Towne Center to Glencoe Rd (with N. Lake Dr Branch eliminated) replacing Route 68 service north of Bayshore Towne Center
64 S. 60th Street	
67 N. 76th-S. 84 th	
68 Port Washington	Elimination Proposed (Segments replaced by other routes) Realign Route 63 along Port Washington Rd between Bayshore Towne Center and Glencoe(with Lake Dr segment eliminated) & Realigned Route 15 to replace service along Port Washington between Bayshore Town Center and Capitol Dr. Segment between Keefe Ave and Capitol along Port Washington discontinued
76 N. 60th-S. 70 th	
79 Menomonee Falls Flyer	
80 6th Street	
85 Whitman-West	
87 Nathan Hale	
88 Cudahy	
89 St. Francis	
90 Miller Park	
137 House of Correction	
143 Ozaukee County Express	
219 Oak Creek Shuttle	
223 Park Place-Bradley Woods Shuttle	

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ROUTE CHANGES – REPLACEMENT - REALIGNMENT	
New MetroExpress service, service enhancement or replacement is listed, with brief detailed descriptions. Some routes will have physical changes, while other routes will have frequency changes or both. All changes are effective January 29th, 2012	
MetroExpress BlueExpress (National-Fond Du Lac)	New Express service added along National Ave/Greenfield Ave and Fond du Lac between 70 th -Greenfield, Downtown, Fond du Lac and Park Place/Mill Rd (replacing Route 23 Mill Rd Branch) Express service will stop primarily at transfer corners and major destinations. New aligned Route 23 will serve all local stops
MetroExpress GreenExpress (Bayshore-Airport)	New Express service added between Bayshore Town Center and General Mitchell Airport along Oakland, Brady and Water (replacing Route 15 segment) and Howell Ave (Replacing Route 11 Howell Branch and service along Bolivar, Pine, and Layton will be discontinued) daily Express service will stop primarily at transfer corners and major destinations (stops will be ¼ (4 blocks apart). No local service be available to parallel Express route
Metro Express RedExpress (Capitol Drive)	New Express service added along Capitol Drive between UWM and N. 124 th St daily Route 62 will continue to operate along Capitol Drive between Humboldt Blvd and N. 76 th St daily. Express service will stop primarily at transfer corners and major destinations. Route 62 will serve all local stops
15 Holton-Kinnickinnic (Proposed Route Name Change)	MetroExpress GreenExpress will replace Route 15 service from downtown to Bayshore Towne Center along Water St., Brady St. , Oakland Ave., Marlborough Ave. and Silver Spring Drive. Realigned Route 15 service transferred from Route 11 Milwaukee St-Holton St segment, extended along Port Washington Rd from Capitol Dr. between downtown and Bayshore Towne Center. Clement-Pennsylvania branch transferred to New Route 52
23 National-Fond Du Lac (Proposed Route Name Change)	Realigned to Replace Route 18 service between 2 nd -Wisconsin and 70 th -Greenfield. Will Jointly merge with MetroExpress BlueExpress between 70 th -Greenfield, National Ave, Downtown, Fond Du Lac Avenue to 60 th -Congress. New Route 23 will serve Congress Branch MetroExpress BlueExpress will serve Mill Rd branch
52 Clement-15 th Ave (Proposed Route Name)	Replace Route 15 Clement/Pennsylvania segment between Chicago/Drexel and Kinnickinnic and Mitchell St
54 Michell-Burnham	Service extended west of West Allis Hospital to 108th & Cleveland Replacing Route 18 (108th-Cleveland Branch)
56 Greenfield Avenue (Proposed Route Name)	Provide service along Greenfield Ave from 1 st /Mitchell to 124 th St-Greenfield. Replace service provided by Route 11 (Greenfield Branch) and Route 18 (Between S. 70 th St to S. 124 th St)
62 Capitol Drive	Route 62 will serve Capitol Dr. from 76th Street to Humboldt Blvd. Express service will stop primarily at transfer corners and major destinations. Route 62 will serve all local stops
63 Silver Spring-Port Washington (Proposed Route Name Change)	Extended along Port Washington Rd between Bayshore Towne Center and Glencoe (Lake Dr extension eliminated)

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