

Milwaukee County Transit System Doomsday 2012 Route Changes

A Message to the Dedicated Transit Advocate,

This is a projection of the service changes that would have taken effect on Sunday January 1st, 2012 had the Milwaukee County Transit System not received the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Funding (CMAQ) Grants to create the New MetroEXpress service, along with several route adjustments that went into revenue service on Sunday January 29th, 2012 in compliance with the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Funding (CMAQ) 2012 fiscal budget year.

I appreciate all the support from local transit advocates that are aware of the undying state of transit services provided by Milwaukee County throughout the past decade, which has endured either service cuts, fare increases or both during the implementation of fiscal year budgets presented to residence. I am ecstatic that there have been other local transit advocates that have voiced their opinion on transit issues that impact many commuters and that discussions were handled in a respectful manner.

I would like to personally thank all the followers that have supported the cause of transit issues presented through Chicagobus.org Forums under the discussion topic **"MCTS: Service Disruptions and Uncertain Future"**. I would like to extend a special thanks to the Chicagobus.org Transit Forums administrator **Kevin Zolkiewicz** for giving Milwaukee transit advocates an outlet on transit issues that are a concern to us and for using this platform to allow other transit advocates from the Metro Chicago area and across the country to have knowledge about the transit issues we face in Milwaukee. It was great to see users that would use the forum to observe what would develop throughout the 2012 budget process. I am also glad that politics wasn't used as a ploy for users to discuss their political objectives as this discussion was about the concerned state of transit issues

Overall, the headline of the forum discussion might have not been receptive with some users, but it was a topic of discussion that wasn't just for transit commuters in Milwaukee, but in major cities across the country. Transit agencies have had to face drastic service reductions, fare increases or both in some fiscal budget years because of the lack of either local, state or federal dollars being presented to provide reliable transportation. There has been transit referendums created in government institutions that created separate legislation on how to fund, operate and provide transit services to communities. Some of these referendums have passed and others have failed, but the dedicated input by transit advocates have remained strong as advocates continue to strive for transit agencies that are integrated into providing economic growth within the local communities they serve. By updating or creating reliable infrastructure, transit agencies will continue to provide equal opportunities for every citizen within communities to have safe, reliable transportation options.

Listed below is a demonstration of what could have happened had local, state and federal officials not worked together to maintain transit services that are vital to the community. It has been a pleasure to share this experience with all the local transit advocates and Chicagobus.org forum users. I hope by reading **MCTS Transit Budget | The Budget Crisis (2012 Budget Process)**, that readers understand that the decrease of transit infrastructure such as the one demonstrated has occurred since last decade to transit agencies across the country. Hopefully, local, state and federal officials continue to collectively join together on creating transit legislation that benefits commuter's mobility to travel to destinations that are vital to a community's economic growth.

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The Milwaukee County Transit System will introduce service cuts to maintain the majority of the current service levels as State funding will be reduced by 10% in 2012 and 2013. Elimination of Four School Routes (Beginning Fall 2012), Six Regular Freeway Flyer Routes, MCTS Summer Festival Service provided by Shuttles and Extended Freeway Flyers Shuttles, Local Route Restructures and Realignment, the Introduction of Nine New Local Routes and Some Fare Increases are to take effect for the fiscal 2012 Budget Year as of Sunday January 1st, 2012. Detail information about service changes are listed below.

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

The change in services will begin on Sunday, January 1st, 2012. Schedules will be available for preview on RideMCTS.com by Thursday December 15th, 2011. Printed schedules will be placed on buses, in information racks and sent to libraries and other locations by Wednesday December 28th, 2011. Also, look for a special edition of Buslines detailing all service adjustments in December 2011.

MCTS Fares Increases: Effective Sunday January 1st, 2012

Regular Adult Fare will increase 25 cents to from \$2.25 to \$2.50. Premium Fares will be maintained for Routes **79** (Menomonee Falls Flyer) (Plus the 25 cent Waukesha Zone Fare) and **143** (Ozaukee County Express) Transit Plus Fares will increase 75 cents from \$3.25 to \$4.00. The Commuter Value Pass will increase from \$195 per quarter to \$201.

Freeway Flyer Service Eliminated: Effective Monday January 2nd, 2012

Route **79** (Menomonee Falls Flyer), Route **143** (Ozaukee County Express) and **UBUS Service will be maintained and are not affected.** Routes **40** (Ryan/College Flyer) **43** (Whitnall Flyer), **44** (Fair Park-National Flyer), **46** (Loomis-Southridge Flyer), **48** (South Shore Flyer) and **49** (Brown Deer-Northshore Flyer) will be eliminated. **Last Day for service on Freeway Flyer Routes is Friday December 30th, 2011.**

Summer Festival Service Eliminated: Effective June 2012

Summer Festival Shuttle to Lakefront Festivals along Wisconsin Avenue, Route **90** (Miller Park) and Summer **Freeway Flyer** Service to Summerfest, State Fair and Select Lakefront Events will be eliminated.

School Routes Eliminated

Beginning Fall Semester 2012, The following school routes will be eliminated

50 (Morgan Avenue), **85** (Whitman-West), **87** (Nathan Hale), **88** (Cudahy), **89** (St. Francis).

Local Routes Restructured: Effective Sunday January 1st, 2012

Over 21 Routes will be restructured and some segments along some routes will be eliminated. Most service areas will be maintained, but with frequency reductions, especially on the restructured routes. As a result, 9 New Local routes will be introduced to accommodate the loss of some service areas and to maintain service in other areas. **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.**

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ROUTE	SERVICE CHANGE
7 Wisconsin Av Festival Shuttle	Route Eliminated
10 Humboldt-Wisconsin	
11 Holton- Howell Route Name Change	Service along Bolivar-Pine, Hope Business Area and Greenfield Avenue (maintained by New Route 56) Eliminated. Service Extended south to Mitchell Airport along Howell and north to Bayshore Towne Center along Capitol and Port Washington
12 Teutonia Avenue Route Name Change	Service along Hampton, North of Good Hope along Teutonia and East of 6th St eliminated. Service to Cherrywood/Green Bay maintained by New Route 65. Realigned to Terminate at Intermodal Station, service east of 6th St maintained by other Routes. Service along Hampton to be realigned as a Branch of Route 80.
14 Forest Home	
15 Oakland-Kinnickinnic	Service will operate between Bayshore Town Center and Oklahoma/Superior. Route 51 will be realigned to extend south to Chicago-Drexel at Kinnickinnic & Oklahoma. Service along Madison-5th Ave eliminated. New Route 52 to replace service along Clement- Pennsylvania
17 Canal Street	
18 National Avenue Route Name Change	Service to operate between Downtown and S. 70th-Greenfield. Service west of S. 70th maintained by New Route 56 (along S. 70th to S. 124th & Industry for the Blind) and realigned Route 54 extended to 108th-Cleveland
19 Atkinson-M.L. King Drive Route Name Change	Maintain service between Silver Spring and Downtown along Atkinson and King Drive. Service along S. 13th realigned to New Route 13 and Service along S. 20th realigned to new Route 20
21 North Avenue	Extended to Provided Year-Round Service to UWM along Downer Avenue along with Frequency Reductions
22 Center Street	Frequency Reductions
23 Fond du Lac Avenue	Service East of 2nd along Wisconsin eliminated along with Frequency Reductions
27 27th Street	Eliminate service along Green Bay to Glendale Industrial Park & service along S. 35th Street
28 108th Street	Weekday Frequency Reductions
30 Sherman-Wisconsin	Realigned to serve between Sherman/Rohr and UWM along Maryland with Frequency Reductions. Route 35 realigned to extend north to Florist, service along Keefe realigned to New Route 61.
31 Highland Route Name Change	Service between Downtown, Regional Medical Center , County Research Park and Mayfair maintained along 108th, Watertown Plank Road and Milwaukee . Service along Ludington & Milwaukee west of 68th eliminated. State St Branch realigned to Route 33 at Highland Rd/Vilet

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33 Vliet-State Route Name Change	Service east of N. 6th St eliminated and realigned to operate Clockwise on N. 6th, W. Wisconsin and N. 12th to Vilet. Realigned to replace Route 31 along State to Wauwatosa/Milwaukee
35 35th Street	Realigned to extend north to Florist
40 Ryan/College Flyer	Route Eliminated
40U Holt/College UBUS	
42U 6th St Port Washington Rd UBUS	
43 Whitnall Flyer	Route Eliminated
44 Fair Park-National Flyer	Route Eliminated
44U Fair Park-Whitnall UBUS	
46 Loomis-Southridge Flyer	Route Eliminated
48 South Shore Flyer	Route Eliminated
49 Brown Deer-Northshore Flyer	Route Eliminated
49U Brown Deer UBUS	
50 Morgan Avenue	Route Eliminated Beginning Fall 2012
51 Oklahoma –South Chicago Route Name Change	Realigned to extend South to Chicago/Drexel along Kinnickinnic Ave & Chicago Ave. Service along Madison-5th Ave eliminated. Service to Superior/Oklahoma maintained by realigned Route 15
53 Lincoln Avenue	Frequency Reductions
54 Mitchell-Burnham	Service realigned west of West Allis Hospital to 108th & Cleveland Replacing Route 18 (108th-Cleveland Branch)
55 Layton Avenue	Frequency Reductions
57 Walnut-N. 92nd	Route Eliminated : Service between 92nd-Grantosa and Downtown realigned to merge with Route 19 (along S. 13th between Downtown and College Ave) as New Route 13. Service between 92nd-Grantosa & 60th-Center maintained as Weekday limited service. Service to Intermodal Station maintained by realigned Route 12.
60 Burleigh Street	Frequency Reductions, UWM Extension Eliminated
62 Capitol Drive	Frequency Reductions west of N.76th St.
63 Silver Spring-Port Washington Route Name Change	Route Frequency Reductions. Realigned North of Bayshore Towne Center and Glenoce Rd along Port Washington
64 S. 60th Street	All trips will serve between W. Greenfield Ave & Southridge along S. 60th St with service along Hawley Rd from Vilet to Greenfield transferred to New Route 65

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67 N. 76th-S. 84th	Route Eliminated: Service along N. 76th St from State St to Brown Deer Rd will be replaced by Realigned Route 76, New Route 92 serving the S. 92nd St Branch.(Service on 92nd between Medical Regional Center, Bluemound Rd & Greenfield Ave eliminated). New Route 84 serving along S. 84th St between Harwood to Howard.
68 Port Washington	Route Eliminated: Realigned Route 11 extended to serve Bayshore Towne Center along Port Washington Rd & Capitol. Route 63 Realigned North of Bayshore Towne Center and Glenoce Rd along Port Washington. Service between Keefe and Capitol along Port Washington and along Port Washington between Bayshore Towne Center, Lake Drive and Glencoe Rd Eliminated
76 76h Street Route Name Change	Realigned to replace Route 67 service along N. 76th between Servite and Medical Regional Center. Route 76 will operate service along S. 76th St between Bluemound & Southridge. Service on S. 68th-S. 70th from Vilet Street to Forest Home Ave transfered to New Route 70. Service along S. 68th St between Grange Ave and Forest Home Ave eliminated
79 Menomonee Falls Flyer	
80 6th Street	Service along Hopkins realigned to New Route 61, Route 12 Hampton service realigned as Route 80, service to Oak Creek realigned to New Route 20
85 Whitman-West	Route Eliminated Beginning Fall 2012
87 Nathan Hale	Route Eliminated Beginning Fall 2012
88 Cudahy	Route Eliminated Beginning Fall 2012
89 St. Francis	Route Eliminated Beginning Fall 2012
90 Miller Park	Route Eliminated
137 House of Correction	
143 Ozaukee County Express	
219 Oak Creek Shuttle	Route Eliminated and Realigned to New Route 20
223 Park Place-Bradley Woods Shuttle	
MCTS 2012 Route Eliminations (Some Route Segments to be maintained by other routes)	
7 Wisconsin Av Festival Shuttle 40 Ryan/College Flyer 43 Whitnall Flyer 44 Fair Park-National Flyer	
46 Loomis-Southridge Flyer 48 South Shore Flyer 49 Brown Deer-Northshore Flyer	
50 Morgan Avenue 57 Walnut-N. 92nd 67 N. 76th-S. 84th 68 Port Washington 85 Whitman-West	
87 Nathan Hale 88 Cudahy 89 St. Francis 90 Miller Park 219 Oak Creek Shuttle	
MCTS Freeway Flyer Shuttle Service to Summerfest, State Fair, Lakefront Festivals	
Reduce Transit Plus Service Area to the federally mandated ¾ mile of the fixed route system and increase Transit Plus fare to \$4.50. Currently we are providing service outside of that area.	
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MCTS NEW LOCAL ROUTES

The following service changes will be implemented based on the following criteria. Minimize the loss of service to transit dependent areas while increasing overall efficiency. Realign, Restructure routes or Segments of routes that have low productivity but warrant limited service. Restructure route to allow for improvement in operational efficiency and simplification of routes while maintaining access to job corridors, shopping, medical facilities and businesses at reduced levels of service. **Service changes are Effective Sunday January 1st, 2012**

13 Lisbon-S.13th St	Merging Route 57 Between 92nd/Grantosa & Downtown (Providing Limited Weekday Service between N. 60th-Center & 92nd/Grantosa) and Route 19 (S. 13th St Branch) to College Ave
20 S. 16th St-S. 20th St	Limited Weekday Service merging Route 19 (S. 20th St Branch) Route 219 & Route 80 Oak Creek Extension
52 Clement-15th Avenue	Replace Route 15 Clement/Pennsylvania segment providing Limited Weekday Service terminating at Chicago/Drexel
56 Greenfield Avenue	Provide service along Greenfield Ave from 1st/Mitchell to 124th St. Replace service provided by Route 11 (Between 1st St & Miller Park Way) and Route 18 (Between S. 70th St to S. 124th St)
61 Keefe Ave-Hopkins St	Combine branches provided by Route 30 (Keefe Ave Branch) & Route 80 (Hopkins Branch) with new terminals at 76th & Capitol on the west end and Richards & Capitol on the east end
65 N. 60th St-Hawley Rd	Operate branches between Alexian Village (Route 67) & Green Bay Road/Cherrywood Lane (Route 12) along Brown Deer Road. Service on N. 60th St between Brown Deer Rd & Vilet St transferred from Route 76. Service on Hawley Rd from Vilet St to Greenfield Ave transferred from Route 64 to terminate at 70th-Greenfield
70 S. 68th St-S. 70th St	Service on S. 68th-S. 70th from Vilet St to Forest Home Ave transferred from Route 76 (S. 68th-S. 70th Branch) with Limited Weekday Service. Service on S. 68th St between Grange Ave and Forest Home Ave eliminated
84 South 84th Street	Route 67 (S. 84th St Branch) transferred to New Route 84 Limited Weekday Service
92 South 92nd Street	Route 67 (S. 92nd St Branch) transferred to new Route 92 Limited Weekday Service between Greenfield & Howard (with Regional Medical Center Service provided by realigned Route 76. (Service along S. 92nd St from Bluemond to Greenfield eliminated)

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

SUMMARY

This is a summary of changes that will take Effective Sunday January 1st, 2012. These changes have been proposed by the County Executive, discussed through community meeting held during Fall 2011 and approved by the County Board in November to be implemented beginning in the 2012 Fiscal year budget. Routes listed in **BOLD TEXT** reflect Official 2012 route change, taking effective Sunday January 1st, 2012. Routes listed **WITHOUT BOLD TEXT** will not have any change. The New Route chart gives detailed information about route realignments, replacements and creations.

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Milwaukee County Transit System Fare Chart Effective Sunday January 1st, 2012			
Fare Type	2011 Fare	2012 Fare	Fare Change
Adult Cash	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$0.25 Increase
Adult Ticket	10 for \$17.50	No Change	No Change
Premium Cash*	\$3.25	Routes 79* & 143 Only	Routes 79* & 143 Only
Premium Tickets*	10 for \$23.50	Routes 79* & 143 Only	Routes 79* & 143 Only
All Half Fare Cash	\$1.10	No Change	No Change
All Half Fare Tickets	10 for \$11.00	No Change	No Change
Adult Weekly Pass	\$17.50	No Change	No Change
Monthly Pass	\$64.00	No Change	No Change
Student Pass (Special)	\$16.50	No Change	No Change
U-Pass	\$45.00	No Change	No Change
Commuter Value Pass	\$195.00	\$201.00	\$6.00 Increase
Paratransit Fare	\$3.25	\$4.00	\$0.75 Increase
Premium Fares applies to Routes 79 Menomonee Falls Flyer & 143 Ozaukee County Express for 2012 *Route 79 Menomonee Falls Flyer Zone Fare (Premium Fare plus additional \$0.25) continues in 2012			

Eliminated Freeway Flyer Alternative Travel Options
As of Monday January 2nd, 2012, Freeway Flyer service on 6 Freeway Flyer Routes will no longer be provided. Route 79 Menomonee Falls Flyer , 143 Ozaukee County Express and UBUS service are not affected by this change and will continue to serve there designated Park & Ride Lots. With the elimination of 6 Freeway Flyers, there are additional travel options that customers may use to serve their travel commutes. Listed are alternative travel options for the Eliminated 6 Freeway Flyers, which have Local service that parallel the Park and Ride lots. Please plan according to suggestive alternatives
Route 40 Ryan/College Flyer Service Alternative
<u>Alternative Service for College Avenue Park & Ride Lot</u> Route 20 (Limited Weekday Service) Northbound to Downtown or Route 13 Northbound to Downtown <u>Alternative Service for Ryan Road Park & Ride Lot</u> No Alternative Service Options Available for this location
Route 43 Whitnall Flyer Service Alternative*
<u>Alternative Service for Whitnall Park & Ride Lot</u> Route 28 along S. 108th Northbound to Bluemound, Transfer to Route 10 Eastbound to Downtown <u>Alternative Service for Grange Avenue & Forest Home Ave (Greenfield Branch)*</u> Please see service alternative for Route 46 Southridge Park & Ride
Route 44 Fair Park-National Flyer Service Alternative
<u>Alternative Service for 102nd/Lincoln or 108th/Cleveland (West Allis Branch)</u> Route 54 Eastbound to 1st/Mitchell, Transfer to Route 11 or 15 Northbound to Downtown <u>Alternative Service for State Fair Park Ride Lot</u> Route 56 to S. 70th, transfer to Route 18 to Downtown . Route 76 to Medical Regional Center, transfer to Route 10 at Medical Regional Center Eastbound to Downtown. Route 84 (Limited Weekday Service) to Glenview/Bluemound, Transfer to Route 10 Eastbound to Downtown

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Route 46 Loomis Southridge Flyer Service Alternative*
<u>Alternative Service for Southridge Park and Ride Lot*</u> Route 14 Northbound to Downtown
<u>Alternative Service for Loomis Park & Ride Lot</u> Route 55 Eastbound to S. 6th St, Transfer to Route 80 Northbound to Downtown
<u>Alternative Service for Holt Park & Ride Lot (Limited Service)</u> Route 80 at S. 6th & Holt Northbound to Downtown
Route 48 South Shore Flyer Service Alternative
<u>Alternative Service for Drexel/Chicago (South Milwaukee)</u> Route 52 Northbound to Kinnickinnic/Mitchell, Transfer to Route, 11 or 15 to Downtown Route 51 Northbound to Oklahoma/Kinnickinnic, transfer to Route 15 to Downtown
<u>Alternative Service along Hwy 100 & along Chicago between Ryan and Drexel</u> No Alternative Service Options Available for this location
Route 49 Brown Deer-Northshore Flyer Service Alternative
<u>Alternative Service for Green Bay Park & Ride Lot</u> Route 65 (Green Bay Rd Branch) Southbound to Transfer Routes 80 (at Villard & Hampton), 23 (at Congress/Fond Du Lac), 13 (at Center/Lisbon), 31 (at 60th-Violet) (all transfer routes serve Downtown)
<u>Alternative Service for Brown Deer East Park & Ride Lot</u> Route 63 Southbound to Bayshore Towne Center, transfer to Routes 11 or 15 Southbound to Downtown
<u>Alternative Service for Northshore Park & Ride Lot (Bayshore Towne Center Branch)</u> Route 63 Eastbound to Bayshore Towne Center, transfer to Routes 11 or 15 Southbound to Downtown From Glendale & Bayshore Towne Center use Routes 11 or 15 Southbound to Downtown
*Route 43 Grange Avenue & Forest Home Ave Segment (Greenfield Branch) & Route 46 Southridge Park & Ride Lot Service Alternatives are the same. Please plan according to suggestive alternatives

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Special Hotline Regarding Sunday January 1st, 2012 Service Changes

Beginning on Monday December 26th, 2011, a special hotline at (414) 937-0460 will be available every day from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm for a limited time which MCTS Staff will be available to answer any questions about upcoming changes.

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