

Bus Service Changes Effective December 14, 2025



Riders' Advisory Council

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
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Service Excellence

The Dec. 14, 2025 schedule update provides an opportunity to use performance and ridership data as well as feedback from bus operators and customers to enhance the network

Changes to 50 routes and the launch of a new route begin Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025:

- **DC:** C11, C15, C17, C25, C26, C27, C35, C37, C53, C63, C77, C83, C87, D1X, D32, D34, D40, D4X, D60, D70, D74, D90, D94, D96
- **Maryland:** M22, M42, M44, M52, M60, M70, M82, P1X, P15, P16, P35, P62, P66, P72, P93
- **Virginia:** A11, A12, A1X, A25, A29 (new), A40, A66, A71, F20, F28, F60, F61



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Changes will:

- Improve schedule reliability
- Address crowding
- Adjust routes to restore connections
- Adjust end of route stop locations and bus bay assignments
- Implement grant funded service improvements

Restoring Connections



Route C63:

- Extend service from Washington Hospital Center to Georgia Av-Petworth
- Provide direct access between the loops in front of the VA and Medstar hospitals and neighborhoods to the west, such as Parkview, Petworth, and Columbia Heights
- Provide connections to the Green Line from Fort Lincoln and Deanwood

Routes A40, A49, M52, P66, P72:

- Add earlier AM trips to restore hours of operation in the new network

Minor Routing Adjustments

Through continued coordination with partner jurisdictions, staff have identified route adjustments to increase safety and efficiency

- Route A66: Adjust alignment to serve Pentagon City in addition to Pentagon like the existing A27
- Routes A25, A27, A28, F23, F24: Adjust alignments to serve the new West Alexandria Transit Center
- Routes C25, C26, C27: Adjust alignments near Skyland due to road safety improvements implemented by DDOT
- Routes C25, C26: Adjust routes toward Anacostia to serve 23 St and Savannah St SE, ending the Congress Heights detour implemented to mitigate a right-turn hazard from westbound Alabama Av to Stanton Rd
- Route C27: Adjust alignment to mirror Route D10 between Mississippi Av and Alabama Av in response to feedback



Minor Routing Adjustments

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- Route C37: Adjust alignment to formally operate on Southern Av (existing detour becomes permanent)
- Route C87: Adjust route to incorporate the extension to Mt. Pleasant, enabling connections from Mt. Pleasant to schools in Tenleytown
- Route D32: Adjust alignment to use the 10 St NW terminal (Federal Triangle) to avoid 7 St/Gallery Place congestion
- Route D34: Adjust to use a more direct route to West Hyattsville from Queens Chapel Rd
- Routes D74, D96: Adjust alignment to reflect the detour in place to accommodate the DC Connecticut Av deckover project near Dupont Circle
- Routes M42, M44: Adjust route to serve Plum Orchard Dr near White Oak Adventist Medical Center, improving connections with other buses



Improve Schedule Reliability



Routes A71, C15, C17, C37, C53, C77, C83, C85, D70, D90, F61, M70, M82, P15, P16, P93:

- Scheduled bus travel times will be adjusted to reflect traffic conditions to improve service

Address Crowding

While extra trips were added since launch of the new network in critical locations, the December service changes allow us to add these trips more efficiently

- Routes C11, C85, D24, D94, D96, F28, P62: Add extra trips to provide additional capacity and respond to ridership based on crowding



New Services (Grant Funded)

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) I-395/95 Commuter Choice Grant Program invests toll revenues from the expressway corridor in Northern Virginia into transit and multimodal projects that benefit their respective corridor's toll road users

- Route A25, Pentagon-Landmark via I-395 Express Lanes: Improve frequency from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes during weekday rush hours
- Route A29, Metro Center-Van Dorn St via I-395 Express Lanes: new route providing weekday rush hour direct link between Metro Center, Shirlington, Alexandria's West End, and Van Dorn St Station



Customer Information

Informing customers and the public of the changes

- Website, MetroAlerts and advisory updates, including wmata.com/bus direct link
- Signs at bus stops, including at stops affected by routing changes
- On-board customer outreach with street teams at targeted locations to directly assist customers
- Social media engagement, news release prior to the change date

The screenshot displays the WMATA website header with navigation links: Service, Schedules & Maps, Rider Guide, Fares, Initiatives, Business, and About. Below the header, a 'SUBSCRIBE TO METRO NEWS RELEASES' button is visible. The main content area features a 'Metrobus' section with a photo of a bus and a 'Metrobus Service Changes' announcement dated Dec. 14, 2025, stating: 'Metro adds new Alexandria-Metro Center link, updates service on 50 Metrobus routes.' To the left, a Facebook post from 'Metro Forward' dated Nov 12 is shown, with the text: 'You spoke. We listened. Starting Dec. 14, DC's C63 route, serving Washington Hospital Center, will extend to Georgia Av-Petworth, providing a connection to the Green line and neighborhoods to the west of the hospital center.' Below the Facebook post is a photo of a Metrobus C63 route. To the right of the Facebook post is a photo of a Metrobus stop sign and a bus. Below the stop sign photo is a 'Service Changes' sign for the M42 and M44 routes, effective Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025, stating: 'M42, M44 buses will no longer serve this stop. Board M42, M44 at stop A on Marinelli Rd. Los autobuses M42 y M44 ya no pararán en esta parada. Suba al M42 y M44 en la parada A en Marinelli Rd.'