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Welcome to the **Better Bus Dispatch**—your up-to-date news source for Metro's **Better Bus** initiative!

In This Issue...



Download our coloring pages and color Better Bus your way!



Meet our community partners who made our spring workshops possible!



Courtesy stops have started on Metrobus—watch to learn more!



...and more!

Download Better Bus Coloring Pages!

Looking for a fun summer activity for the kids before school starts? Bring Better Bus to life with these terrific coloring pages! Young visitors to our Experience LIVE! workshops enjoyed these, and now, the young—and young-at-heart—in your home can enjoy them, too.

Click below to view the coloring pages and print them at home!



DOWNLOAD THE LOGO COLORING PAGE



DOWNLOAD THE ANIMALS COLORING PAGE



A BIG Thank You to Our Community Partners!

We teamed up with amazing partners to bring you Better Bus Experience LIVE! special events this past spring. Learn more about our event hosts and the local talent who participated at our workshops—including the performers and creative artists who made the events so fun and entertaining!

THEARC Black Box

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our
Launch Party host!

**Building
Bridges
Across
The River**

Creative Suitland Arts Center

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our
Sunday-jazz workshop host!



A key initiative of Building Bridges Across the River, the **Town Hall Education Arts & Recreation Campus (THEARC)** opened in 2005 to serve families east of the Anacostia River. The 203,000-square-foot facility provides a wide array of arts and cultural experiences that empowers artists and audiences.



Creative Suitland Arts Center seeks to enhance the local creative industry through job creation, artist opportunity, audience development, creative placemaking, and art education. From farmers' markets to classes to performances, Creative Suitland Arts Center has something for all ages!



Dancing with Markers®

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the artists that developed our workshop [community murals!](#)

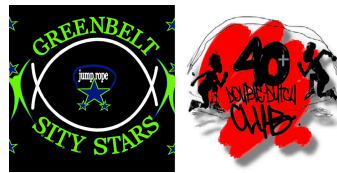


Dancing with Markers® is a team of facilitators, visual notetakers, and designers who use visual tools to collect and capture ideas, so knowledge sticks and teams can do their best work. It is through inspirational visuals that they invited workshop guests to transform their words and feedback into an impactful community mural.



Greenbelt Sity Stars & 40+ Double Dutch Club

Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to check out our double-dutch partners in action!



Greenbelt Sity Stars and 40+ Double Dutch Club wowed everyone at our workshops, and they stole the show! Their dynamic energy and positive spirit inspired us all. They champion good mental and physical health by encouraging jumpers of all ages to keep moving to stay strong and healthy.



Jolie Faces

Enjoy the shimmering smiles courtesy of Jolie's magnificent face painting

[HERE!](#)



Many, many thanks to **Jolie's Faces** for bringing so much imagination and joy to the kids who joined us at the Better Bus workshops. AND we sincerely apologize to the parents who had to negotiate bath time afterward!



Too Much Talent Band

Click [HERE](#) to enjoy the spectacular talent of the DMV's finest musicians!



Too Much Talent Band made our launch party too tough to leave! They performed in front of THEARC's west building and entertained the community until it was time to wrap it up... none of us wanted it to end



WATCH NOW! New Courtesy Stops

Metrobus customers who travel at night now have the option to get off between bus stops along the route, closer to their destination to provide a safer, better experience. These "courtesy stops" put customer safety first when it is darkest outside. Click below to learn more!



Next Step: What We Heard in Phase 2

We are almost finished reviewing the more than 8,000 comments we received from you. We will share what we learned with you when we release the Phase 2 Engagement Summary—*coming soon!*



63 events
62 days

20,000+
in-person
interactions

600,000+
social media
impressions

40,000
unique
website users

8,000+
comments
on routes

Tell a Friend About Better Bus!

Are you ready for an easy summer challenge? This August, would you please **forward the Better Bus Dispatch to one friend?** We invite you to get others involved, and thanks again for staying engaged with the Better Bus team!

The more people who receive this newsletter, the more people who can help make the bus better for everyone.

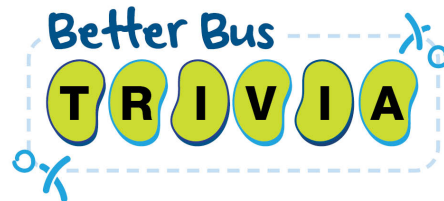
CLICK HERE TO FORWARD!



Test Your Knowledge!

How well do you know the region's bus network? For bragging rights only... 😊

How many new bus tires were delivered to our operations and maintenance staff last year for routine replacement across the Metrobus fleet?



[A. 1,350](#)

[B. 5,500](#)

[C. 6,300](#)

[D. 9,200](#)



Are you interested in becoming part of our amazing Metrobus maintenance staff?
Check out our upcoming information sessions and job openings!

VIEW METRO CAREERS PAGE



How did you do on our last quiz?

The [Clear Lanes Project](#)—a joint initiative between Metro and the District Department of Transportation—aims to improve bus travel times and enhance bus stop safety by using camera technology to identify illegally parked and stopped vehicles in dedicated bus lanes.

Let's Keep DC Moving

The Clear Lanes Program begins September 18, 2023

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Metro are partnering to keep dedicated bus lanes and bus stop zones clear of traffic. The Clear Lanes program will begin with a 45-day warning period in late July.

For more information, visit ddot.dc.gov/clearlanesprogram



Step 1:
Cameras are mounted inside the bus windshield. If a violation is detected, a video and photo are captured.

Step 2:
The violation evidence is securely transmitted to DDOT for further processing.



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

How many Metrobus vehicles will have cameras installed in fall 2023? **The correct answer was 140!**

If you got the answer correct, great job! Check back in the next edition to see how you did on this quiz.

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