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

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WATCH NOW: Metro's Bus Priority Program

Metro is working hard to make your bus experience better, safer, and more reliable. With our Better Bus initiative, plus working with regional partners, we are advancing multiple projects to improve bus service across the region as we look forward to our future Network Redesign. **Check out the video below to see how we are investing in technology and resources to get you to your destinations on time.**



Metro Invites Local Students to Submit Earth Day Artwork for Display

In honor of Earth Day, Metro's Art in Transit program is inviting K-6 students from Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia to submit artworks that highlight and celebrate the significant role of public transportation in fostering a sustainable environment and healthy communities.

The art will be prominently featured on three specially-themed Earth Day Metrobuses that will travel the region.



Students are asked to illustrate Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess' role in protecting our environment, combatting climate change, and supporting sustainable and livable communities. Let your creativity shine as you showcase why these eco-friendly transportation options are truly remarkable.

The deadline for submission is Thursday, February 29th!
Click below to learn more and review application instructions.

[VISIT THE EARTH DAY ARTWORK PAGE](#)



Better Together: Clear Lanes



Metro and DDOT are partnering to clear the way for buses! The new Clear Lanes program, which aims to keep bus lanes and bus stops clear of traffic, has equipped Metrobuses serving the District with new camera technology that identifies vehicles parked, standing in, or traveling through bus lanes or blocking bus stop zones.



Bus lanes are clearly marked with red paint and help keep buses out of traffic, getting you to your destinations on time, safely, and more reliably. The footage from the on-board camera is transmitted directly to DDOT for processing. DDOT began enforcement at bus stop zones on November 15, 2023, and bus lane enforcement began on January 29, 2024.

Click below to learn more about the Clear Lanes program and enforcement.

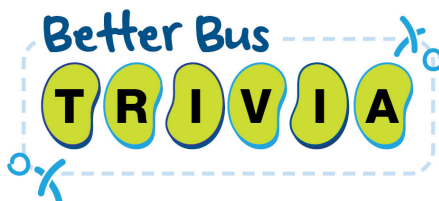
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Test Your Knowledge!

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

Before the Metrobus system was created, the Washington, DC region was served by a number of smaller, private bus companies that were eventually bought out and merged to create Metrobus. **How many of these private bus companies were there?**



[A. Three](#)

[B. Four](#)

[C. Eight](#)

[D. Eleven](#)

How did you do on our last quiz?

Metro has had many bus garages throughout the years, which also are known as divisions. The two oldest divisions were originally streetcar houses that we rebuilt and converted into bus garages. Which two bus divisions were these?

The correct answer was Northern and Western (Northwest DC) Divisions!

[Click here](#) to learn more about the history of Metrobus (and study up for future Better Bus Trivia questions) with our new interactive e-book.

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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