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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! Allies of Better Bus

Click below to hear more from community allies and advocates from across the region about how the network redesign will impact their neighborhoods and the people who live there. Find out how they think the bus brings freedom, opportunity, community, and safety.



## And the Winners Are...!



Nearly 2,000 of you responded to our survey online or at one of our Experience Live! events and entered into our gift card drawing. We want to say a big thank you for participating with us!

Check out the names of the winners below!  
A \$50 Visa gift card could be on its way to you.

**Drew T.**  
**Gilbert S.**  
**Jerry C.**  
**Jessica C.**  
**Robb D.**

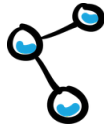
***Congratulations to our winners! Be on the lookout for an email from the Better Bus team with more details.***

## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work: Project Partners

Did you know that the Network Redesign project also includes [TheBus](#), which operates in Prince George's County, and [City-University Energysaver \(CUE\)](#) in the City of Fairfax? Metro is partnering with TheBus and CUE to redesign their bus networks in addition to the Metrobus network. What does this partnership look like?



The project's **Technical Committee** includes staff from TheBus and CUE—and all the other bus operators in the region—who know first-hand all the ins and outs of running bus service in their area. The Technical Committee provides input at key milestones in the network redesign process.



Recommendations for the City of Fairfax and Prince George's County have been developed together with staff from each of the jurisdictions. **Regular service design workshops** help to ensure that the draft network meets the needs of their communities.



We also **met with TheBus and CUE bus operators** as part of our engagement with customers and employees—most recently to share the draft Visionary Network and get feedback from the frontline employees that know their routes and the needs of customers better than anyone.

***And, we have more work to do! Our project partners will continue to work alongside us as we review your comments, develop a revised network, and determine which services changes to implement first. Click below to learn more about our project partners.***



## Better Together: Metro Receives \$104 Million Grant for Zero Emissions Initiative

Metro is working hard on the entire Better Bus initiative, and the network redesign is just one part of this important work. We are also making your Metrobus ride even greener! Earlier this year, we unveiled our Zero-Emission Bus Transition Plan, aiming for a complete transition to zero-emission buses by 2042.



Zero-emission buses produce no tailpipe emissions, resulting in improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and a quieter ride. This month, the Federal Transit Administration awarded Metro a \$104 million grant to support the transition of our Cinder Bed Road bus garage in Fairfax County to zero-emission buses. We are

also reconstructing our Northern and Bladensburg bus garages and planning for the conversion of our Western bus garage to accommodate zero-emission buses. These are significant milestones toward transitioning our fleet of more than 1,600 buses and nine bus garages to 100 percent zero-emissions bus operations by 2042.

[VISIT THE ZERO EMISSIONS PAGE](#)



## Tell a Friend About Better Bus!

We're glad to keep you informed through our Better Bus Dispatch, and we invite you to help others get involved, too, with our [Forward to a Friend](#) campaign.

Summer is a great time for your friends and neighbors to subscribe! They'll be the first to know all the exciting details about what we heard this past spring, plus learn first-hand what's next for the project.

*The more people who receive this newsletter, the more people who can stay informed, share their feedback, and 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... 😊*

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. How many Metrobus vehicles will have cameras installed in Fall 2023?

[A. 50](#)

[B. 79](#)



[C. 140](#)

[D. 20](#)

## How did you do on our last quiz?

**As Metro is designing new bus shelters for installation in 2024, we have begun replacing some of our oldest bus shelters with temporary wooden bus shelters. How many bus shelters will be replaced in 2023?** The correct answer was 75!

Bus stop and shelter improvements are a key component of Better Bus—click [here](#) to learn more about our ongoing work!

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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