

# Better Bus Dispatch

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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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## Routes to Progress: 100-Day Countdown to the New Bus Network!

Metro continues work behind the scenes preparing for implementation of YOUR new bus network. We are writing schedules for every bus route and stop; training operations and communications staff; updating bus stop signs, maps, and websites; and also ensuring our systems and data are updated to provide accurate customer information. **Friday, March 21 marked**



**100 days** until the new bus network launches  
on Sunday, June 29!

It's not too soon to learn your new bus route! Visit [wmata.com/betterbus](https://wmata.com/betterbus)  
to see maps of the new network by state, individual route profiles,  
summaries of what we heard from customers and the community, and  
more!

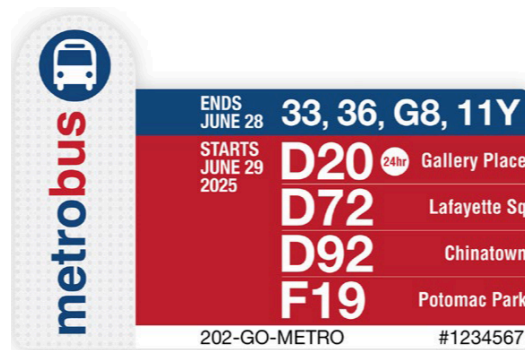
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## By the Numbers: Metro's March Madness

This March Madness isn't about basketball—it's about better bus stops and a smoother ride for everyone! Metro's signage teams are in full-court press, swapping out nearly **7,000 bus stop signs across the region** to bring you clearer, easier-to-read bus service information.

Earlier this month, we started installing **new bus stop signs** across the system. The new signs continue to list existing Metro routes, while including the name and destination of the new network routes. This strategy allows us to update the region's bus stop signs in time for the **new network launch on June 29**, without sacrificing the information you need to know about our existing service.



We've already installed **1,660** new bus stop signs in Alexandria, Fairfax, Tysons, and Springfield! Next up for new signs are Arlington and Wards 7 and 8 in DC—be on the lookout!

**Your favorite March Madness team has nothing on the Metro squad!**  
**Watch the video below to see our all-star bus stop sign installers in action!**

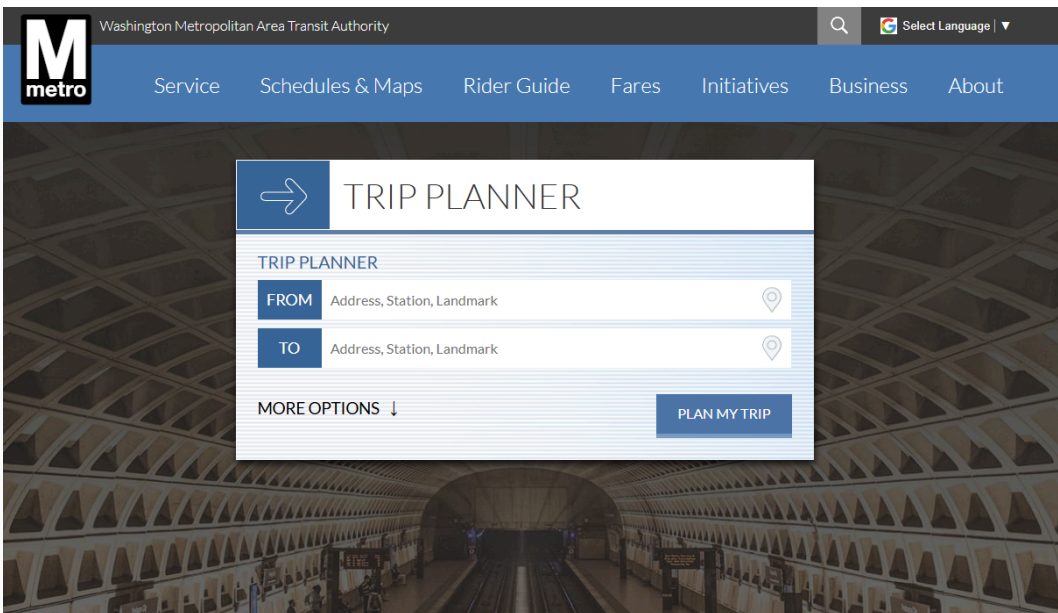


See a new bus stop sign in your neighborhood or at your bus stop?  
Snap a photo and tag Metro!



## Next Stop: The New Trip Planner

Our work to prepare for the new bus network includes making updates to our [Trip Planner](#) to help you understand, plan for, and seamlessly navigate your trips **once the new bus network launches on June 29**. In April, the Trip Planner will be updated with an option to see what your trips will be like with the new bus network, while continuing to provide information to get you where you need to go today. **We'll let you know when it's ready!**

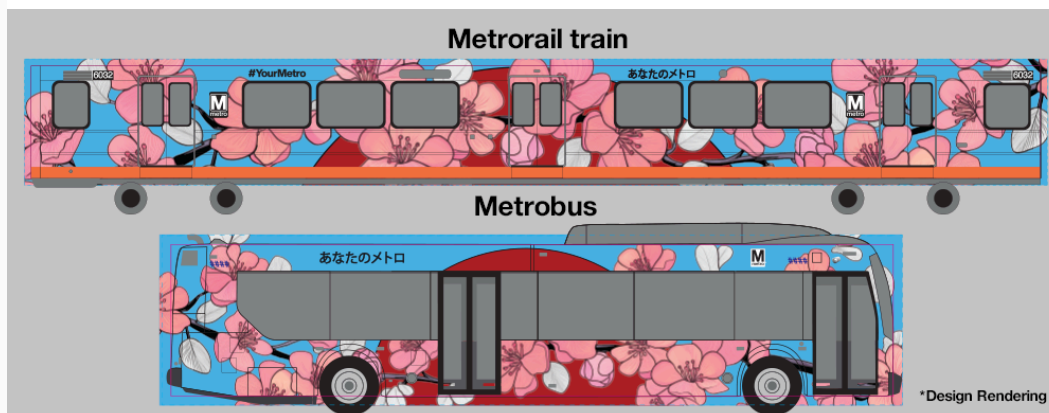


## Better Bus Spotlight: The Blossom Express—Ride the Bloom!

Happy spring, DMV! With longer and warmer days ahead, we are feeling refreshed and ready to continue moving the region and advancing the Better Bus initiative.

**Back by popular demand!** For the third year in a row, **we're wrapping a train, three buses, and a MetroAccess vehicle in a special cherry blossom theme to celebrate the season.** This year's design features a bright blue background, pink blooms, and "rising sun," a nod to Japan's national flag to symbolize the close relationship between the U.S. and Japan. You can track the train and bus vehicles live by visiting [wmata.com/live](https://wmata.com/live) and clicking on the "Special Edition" tab.

Metro also is partnering with the National Cherry Blossom Festival for our annual **keepsake SmarTrip card**—available while supplies last at specially marked fare machines inside Metro Center, Navy Yard, L'Enfant Plaza, and Smithsonian stations!



TRACK THE SPECIAL TRAIN AND BUSES 

Tell a Friend About Better Bus!

Your new bus network is coming soon—and you can help your friends and neighbors stay up to date on the latest information as we roll it out! Forward the Better Bus Dispatch to your friends so they can be the first to know about what's next.

**FORWARD TO A FRIEND!**



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