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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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Discover the proposed 2025 Better Bus Network!



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Ready for Your Review: The Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network

It's here! We are excited to share with you the proposed 2025 Better Bus Network, which incorporates your input and represents Metro's commitment to improving service and connections using the resources we have today.

The proposed 2025 Network includes:

- **A network of bus routes that better connect the region** — Current Metrobus routes would be replaced with 123 new routes that improve service and connect people to jobs, destinations, and other transit services across the region. Additionally, in Prince George's County, TheBus routes would be replaced with 23 routes to complement service in the County.
- **Improved service, especially during evenings and on weekends** — More than 146,000 customers will gain access to high-frequency evening service 7 days a week. Thousands more residents will have bus service

on Saturdays and Sundays in the proposed 2025 Network compared to today—22,000 more on Saturdays and 46,000 more on Sundays.

- **New route names** — Customers have told us that our bus route numbers can be confusing—and we agree! The proposed 2025 Network includes a new naming system that will help customers know where a bus operates—making it easier for regular customers, new customers, and visitors to use our regional bus system.
- **More efficient bus stop spacing** — To make service faster and more direct, we are removing some bus stops that are currently causing slower speeds and increased wait times because they are too close together. We also would remove some stops that, today, serve lower numbers of customers or do not offer safe pedestrian access.

The proposed 2025 Better Bus Network uses current resources to reconfigure bus service, providing more all-day and all-week service, to make buses more convenient to use, especially on nights and weekends. With the proposed service changes there will be some trade-offs, but the result will be routes that are more direct and save existing customers a combined 10,000 hours every weekday. The proposed network also standardizes route names across the system to make bus routes easier to understand.

This proposed 2025 Network prepares Metro for the future by creating the building blocks of the expanded bus network the region deserves, serving recent and planned growth areas, and providing more frequent all-day, all-week service. The year-one plan also ensures service is scalable to a Visionary Network that can be achieved as sustainable, predictable funding is made available.

Ready to learn more? Click below to discover the proposed 2025 Network, plan your trip, explore the routes, and share your input.



This Summer's Hottest Blockbuster: The Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network

The real heroes in the Better Bus story are YOU! People across the region have stepped up to help Metro develop a better bus network and defeat villains like Confusing Routes and Service Gaps. Now's your chance to be a hero again—just by providing your comments on the proposed 2025 Network. **Click below to learn more and answer the call today!**

The following **PREVIEW** has been approved for **ALL AUDIENCES** who want fast, frequent, and reliable bus service in the **DMV** by the **WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**.



Share Your Feedback in Person or Online!

You can discover and offer comments on the proposed 2025 Network in person as part of our **Better Bus Discovery Tour** or online via the **Discovery Hub** between now and 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2024!



Comment on proposed routes using an interactive comment map



Take a survey



Submit written comments or upload a document



Attend a virtual or in-person Public Hearing

Public feedback will be used to revise the 2025 Better Bus Network and will be provided to Metro's Board of Directors in fall 2024 as part of the final decision-making process. Once approved, Metro will begin implementing the network in summer 2025.

Visit [wmata.com/betterbus](https://www.wmata.com/betterbus) for details and to provide feedback.



The Better Bus Discovery Tour

Don't miss your chance to be a part of something SUPER! Be a Better Bus Hero and join us at any stop along our 2025 Better Bus Discovery Tour to make your voice heard. On our Better Bus Discovery Tour, you can talk with project staff, ask questions, provide feedback, and enjoy a few Better Bus surprises.



Launch Event

Join us to kick off the 2025 Better Bus Discovery Tour and be part of a Metrobus photo collage... that's right! Discover the proposed 2025 Network, take in the excitement, enjoy special Better Bus giveaways, and more. Share your feedback and show that you played a part in making the bus better for all of us by sticking your own Better Bus Hero photo on an actual Metrobus!



Wednesday, May 15, 2024

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Hyattsville Crossing Metro Station
3575 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, MD 20782

In-Person Discovery Days & Public Hearings

Metro will host three in-person Public Hearings across the region. Discover the proposed 2025 Network and share your feedback with us. You can provide testimony at the Public Hearing on site.



Join us at a Discovery Day as part of the in-person Public Hearings. Stop by to learn more about the proposed 2025 Network and ask questions. Each Discovery Day features:

- **Discovery Depots** – A series of interactive stations and activities will introduce you to the proposed 2025 Network and your route with the Better Bus team
- **Discovery Day Fun** – Better Bus fun and photo ops are back by popular demand! Enjoy free fun and treats for the whole family—with caricature

artists, photo ops, giveaways, gift card drawings, surprises, and more!



Virginia

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Arlington Mill Community Center

909 S Dinwiddie St, Arlington, VA 22204



District of Columbia

Thursday, June 20, 2024

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Columbia Heights Education Center

3101 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20010



Maryland

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Creative Suitland Arts Center

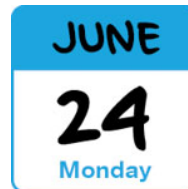
3719 Silver Hill Rd, Suitland-Silver Hill, MD 20746

Virtual Public Hearings



Tuesday,
June 18, 2024

10:00 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.



Monday,
June 24, 2024

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

All public hearings will stream live at [youtube.com/MetroForward](https://www.youtube.com/MetroForward).

Unable to attend a Discovery Day & Public Hearing? No worries—we are taking the Better Bus Discovery Tour on the road to a community near you! Visit any of our Discovery Tour events to explore the proposed 2025 Network, share your feedback, and have all your questions answered by the Better Bus team. All participants will receive a special Better Bus giveaway!

We will continue to update our calendar of events—check back often to see the latest on when and where we will be in your community!

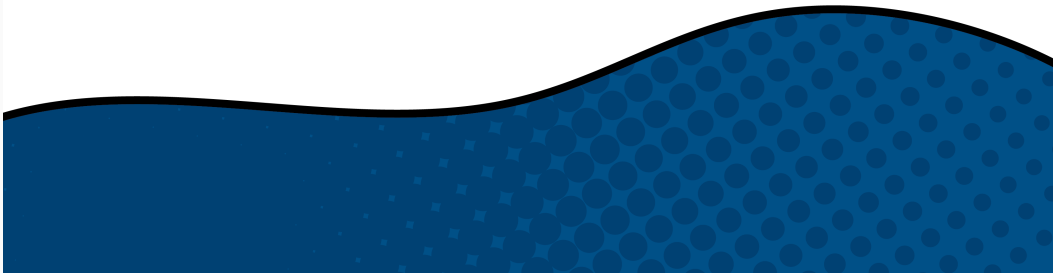
[VIEW ALL EVENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS](#)



Tell a Friend About Better Bus!

Help your friends and neighbors stay up-to-date on our latest events and opportunities to share feedback! **Forward the Better Bus Dispatch to your friends and encourage them discover the proposed 2025 Network and share their feedback.** We're glad to keep you up to date through our Better Bus Dispatch, and we hope you will bring in others to learn more about this project too.

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