



November – December 2023

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

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Happy Holidays from Better Bus! As we wrap up an incredible year, we want to celebrate how you made 2023 such a success.

- In 2023, the number of Better Bus Dispatch subscribers **grew by 39%**—to more than **3,200 subscribers!**
- We held an incredible **63 events in 62 days** to celebrate the launch of the draft Visionary Network and interacted with **more than 20,000 of you.**



63 events
62 days

20,000+
in-person
interactions

600,000+
social media
impressions

40,000
unique
website users

8,000+
comments
on routes

- We are grateful to **YOU**, our customers and community partners, for helping to shape Better Bus. With your feedback, we now have the information we need to create the future bus network that the region deserves. **We look forward to seeing you again and hearing what you think in 2024, when we introduce the draft Year One Network**, which includes the first set of improvements we want to implement on our path to realizing the revised Visionary Network.



Thank you for coming along for the ride this year!
We hope your holiday season is merry and bright 🌟

WATCH 2023'S MOST VIEWED BETTER BUS VIDEO



24/7 DC Bus Service Starts December 17!

Introducing 24/7 DC BUS SERVICE Serving All 8 Wards

Thanks to funding from the District of Columbia, Metro is excited to announce the start of **24/7 bus service on 14 routes** throughout DC! Starting **Sunday, December 17**, Metrobus will operate around the clock on routes serving all eight DC wards, providing the convenience of affordable, reliable, and secure transportation to those who power—and enjoy—our nation's capital after hours.

Whether you need to get to work, get home from work, or even get home from a night out, Metrobus will help you get there for only \$2 each ride.

The following DC Metrobus routes will run 24/7 **every 20 minutes or better!**

- Overall map: [24/7 DC Bus Route Map](#)
- [32 Pennsylvania Avenue](#)
- [33 Wisconsin Avenue](#)
- [52 14th Street](#)
- [70 Georgia Avenue-7th Street](#)
- [80 North Capitol Street](#)
- [92 U Street-Garfield*](#)
- [A6, A8 Anacostia-Livingston**](#)
- [B2 Bladensburg Road-Anacostia](#)
- [H4 Crosstown](#)
- [S2 16th Street](#)
- [V2 Capitol Heights-Minnesota Avenue](#)
- [W4 Alabama Avenue-Deanwood](#)
- [X2 Benning Road-H Street](#)

* When Metrorail closes, **Route 92** service will extend to **Duke Ellington Bridge** from 14th & U Streets NW.

** When Metrorail closes, **Route A6 and A8** service will extend to **L'Enfant Plaza** from Anacostia station.

Click below to visit our website, get the details,
and get where you need to go, day and night.

VISIT THE 24/7 BUS SERVICE PAGE





It's Electric! Metro's First 60-Foot Electric Buses Hit the Street

Great news! Metro's first two 60-foot battery-electric buses rolled into service on November 13 and are now serving customers along the W4 route from Anacostia to Deanwood. This important milestone is key to our transition to a fully zero-emission bus fleet.



Zero-emission buses have no tailpipe emissions, which means improved air quality for the region. They also provide smoother and quieter rides for customers. Metro will continue to integrate zero-emission buses into our fleet, as outlined in our [Zero-Emission Bus Transition Plan](#). The next 10 battery-electric buses are expected to be delivered starting in 2024.

The battery-electric buses look similar to our current buses. So, if you're looking to take a trip on one of our new New Flyer electric buses, check for the green plug and "Zero-Emission Electric Bus" on the side. You can also follow the buses when they're out on their route on wmata.com/live by clicking the "special edition" tab.

Every ride taken on transit is an environmentally friendly decision. These new buses will help improve air quality for our communities and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ZERO-EMISSIONS



Metro's First Stop Pop-Up Shop

November 25 – December 17



[VISIT THE DC METRO GIFT SHOP](#) ➔



Also in December, a train and four buses will turn into the sweetest ride of the season as we roll out vehicles in a gingerbread motif to celebrate the season. The vehicles will be decorated inside and out with candy canes, lollipops, gumdrops, red bows, gingerbread men, and more accouterments that make for a fancy gingerbread “house”—just don’t try to eat them!

TRACK THE HOLIDAY BUSES



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