Better Bus Route – Route 4

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What is Better Bus Routes?

• Investment in local bus service
• Focus on low-cost, common-sense improvements
• Began as pilot in 2018, now on-going program
  – Route 4 is sixth project
• Goal to implement new projects annually
• metrotransit.org/better-bus-routes
Better Bus Route Project Goals

Improve the rider experience on local bus routes

- Better reliability
- Bus stop accessibility
- Route simplification
- Operator satisfaction
Key Improvements – Stop Consolidation

Up to 1/4 mile apart so buses spend more time moving and less time stopping

Key considerations:
- Existing stop spacing
- Ridership
- Key transfer points
- Adjacent land uses
- Limited-mobility boardings

Typical Local Route
Better Bus Route
METRO BRT
Key Improvements – Improved Accessibility

Ensure all stops are ADA compliant; consider improvements to pedestrian network leading to bus stops
Key Improvements – Bus Shelters

Goal to place a shelter at all stops that meet boarding requirements
Key Improvements – Route Simplification

Simple, linear patterns are easier for customers to understand

– Reduce or eliminate branches
– More trips start and end at common terminals (fewer “shortline” trips)
Proposed Changes to Route 4

- Bus stop consolidation – remove about 75 stops
- 14 bus stops being improved
- New shelters at 5 locations
- No proposed changes to route alignment
- No proposed changes to frequency
Related Corridor Projects

Recent Projects

– Bryant Ave relocation to Lyndale Ave
– Johnson St reconstruction – Lowry to 18th Ave
– Hennepin Ave (downtown) reconstruction

Upcoming/Future Projects

– Bus lanes – Hennepin/1st Ave NE (2024)
– Lyndale Ave S design (2026)
– BRT (2030+)
# Project Timeline

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