



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

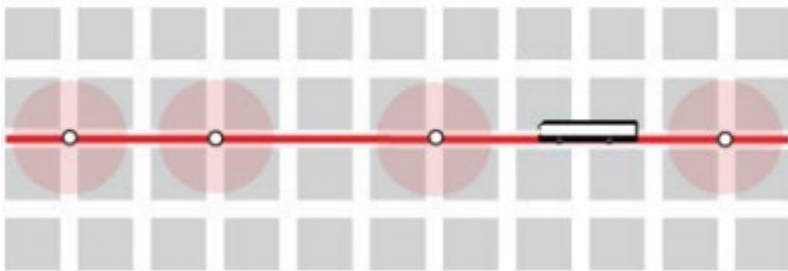


Key Improvements – Route Simplification

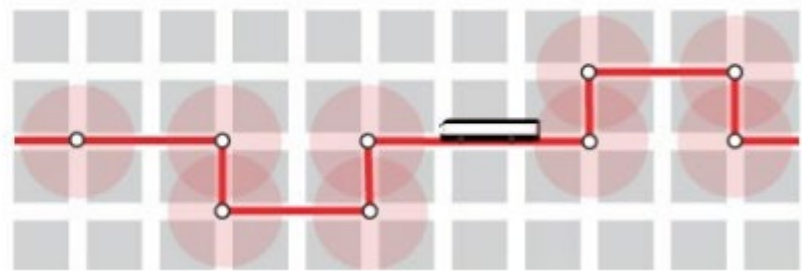
Simple, linear patterns are easier for customers to understand

- Reduce or eliminate branches
- More trips start and end at common terminals (fewer “shortline” trips)

Simple and direct



Indirect and more confusing



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

Task	2023				2024			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Initiate project			█					
Project team discussions			█	█				
Draft recommendations				█				
Public engagement					█		█	
Final recommendations						█		
Facility improvements						█	█	
Bus stop changes							█	
Service improvements							█	



Thank you.

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