

Washington Avenue Transit Mall Update

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Washington Avenue Transit Mall map





Bus Service Returned Dec 7

- Background
 - On long-term detours since May 2011
 - Ridership declines
 - Additional running time needed
 - Multiple providers
 - Approximately 20 routes
- 5E Approach Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation
- Training (POD13)
- Bike boxes installed w/additional signage
- Website & Bike safety video launched
- Staff in the field



Washington Avenue Transit Mall Certification

- Denny Johnson and Dan Stoffer
- Certification includes:
 - Classroom presentation
 - SOP review (Restricted Speed/No Passing)
 - Behind-the-wheel experience
- Provided "Train the Trainer" to regional partners
- Transit Supervisors on-site for controlled access
- Nearly 1,500 Metro Transit operators trained
- All regional operators trained
- Ongoing effort





Washington Avenue Transit Mall

Entering Corridor from Washington Ave Bridge

Proceeding to Coffman bus stop









Washington Avenue Transit Mall

Eastbound entering Joint Use Section

Eastbound exiting Joint Use Section







Washington Avenue Transit Mall

Westbound entering Joint Use Section



Westbound on Joint Use Section







Next Steps

- Staff on-site to monitor service
- Refine procedures and responsibilities
- Education & "measured enforcement" efforts
- Compliance monitoring
- Evaluation of operations w/ operator focus groups
- Continue training
- Integration of bus with Green Line





Questions?

