



West Suburban Service Changes Concept Plan

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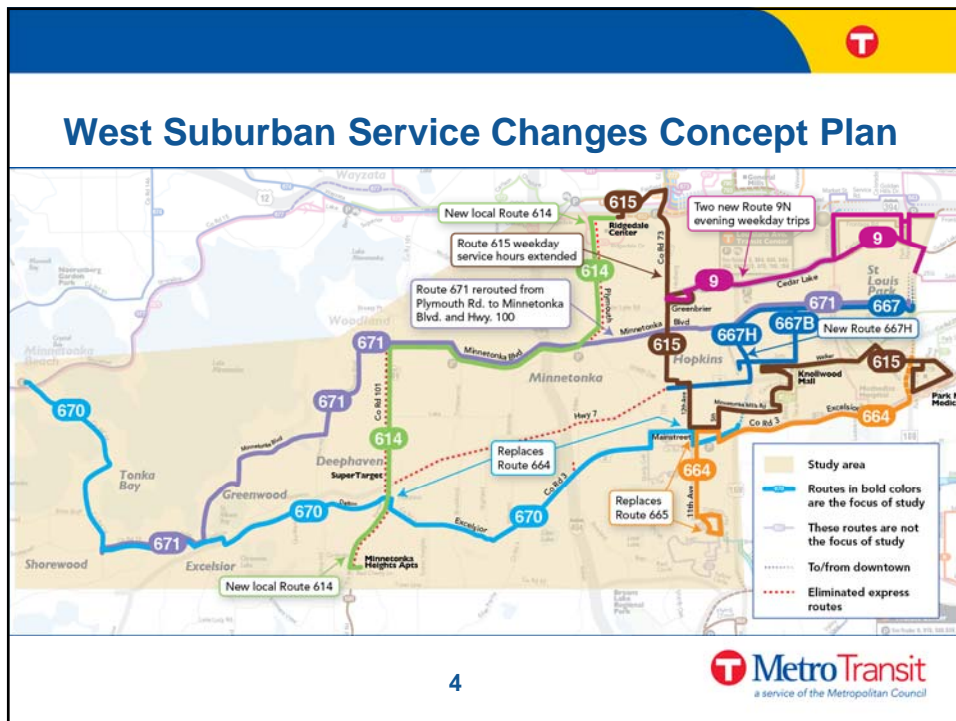
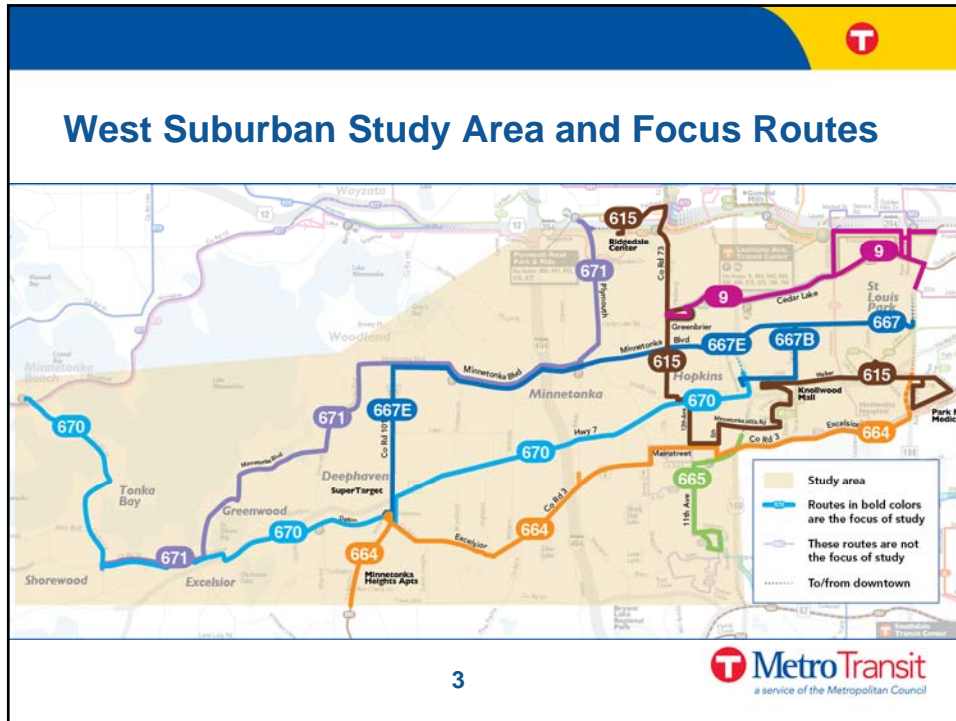



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- Study area includes the area west of Highway 100 in the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Deephaven, Greenwood, Excelsior, Shorewood and Tonka Bay
- Implement recommendations from the Minnetonka Transit Study to improve local service access and connectivity
- Changes to express routes to improve productivity



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- Local route improvements
 - New weekday evening trips on Route 9N to Greenbrier
 - Extending weekday evening hours on Route 615
 - New Route 614 operating hourly weekdays and Saturdays
 - Improves local circulation and access for transit-reliant residents and employees
- Express service consolidation
 - Five routes blended into four routes
 - Currently average 25 passengers per trip
 - Areas of overlap reduced, segments of low ridership eliminated
 - Fringe of rush hour trips with low ridership eliminated
 - Increased travel time for some riders

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West Suburban Service Changes Impacts

- Resource impacts
 - Increase in small bus service for local route improvements
 - Decrease in big bus service for express route changes
 - Annual operating cost is even or a small net reduction
- Title VI service equity analysis
 - Overall increase in transit service in the study area
 - No equity concerns for minority populations
 - Larger increase in service for non-low income populations compared to low-income areas
 - Further analysis of specific impacts of proposed service changes for low-income residents

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Next Steps

- Mar 13- Metropolitan Council accepts West Suburban Concept Plan for public review
- Apr 1 & 3 – Public hearings in Hopkins and Minnetonka
- Apr 14 – Public comment period closes
- Apr 22 – Transportation Committee adopts West Suburban Service Changes Recommended Plan
- May 8 – Metropolitan Council adopts West Suburban Service Changes Recommended Plan
- Aug 24 – Implementation of route changes

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Proposed Action – Business Item 2013-67

- That the Metropolitan Council accept the West Suburban Service Changes Concept Plan for public review

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