Minnetonka Transit Study and West Suburban Service Changes

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Minnetonka Transit Study

- 2000 Legislature grants City opt-out authority
- 2002 Agreement with Metropolitan Council to continue providing transit service in Minnetonka
- 2010 City-funded study
 - Found high satisfaction with express service
 - Recommended further study of local bus routes
- 2012 Metro Transit-funded study focused on local service options
 - Review of local service in peer cities
 - Provided set of Best Practices
 - Recommended new local service





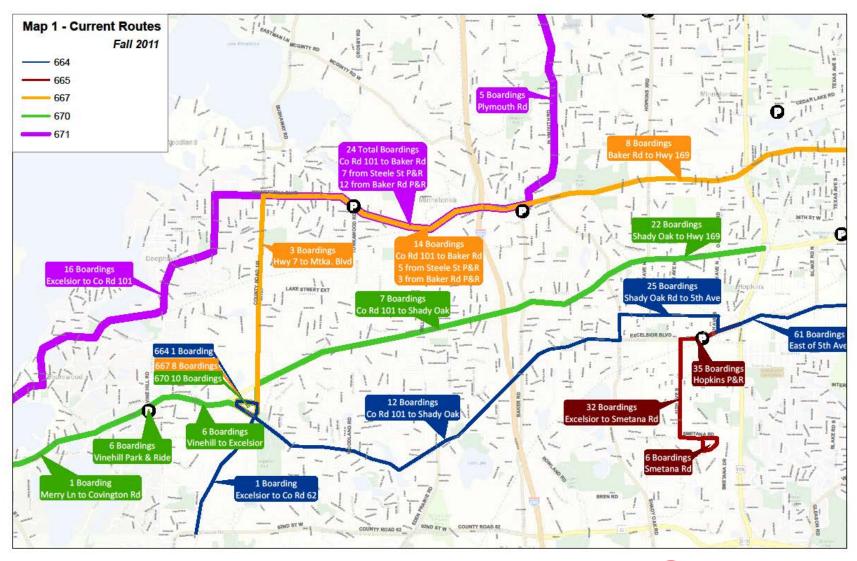
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West Suburban Service Changes

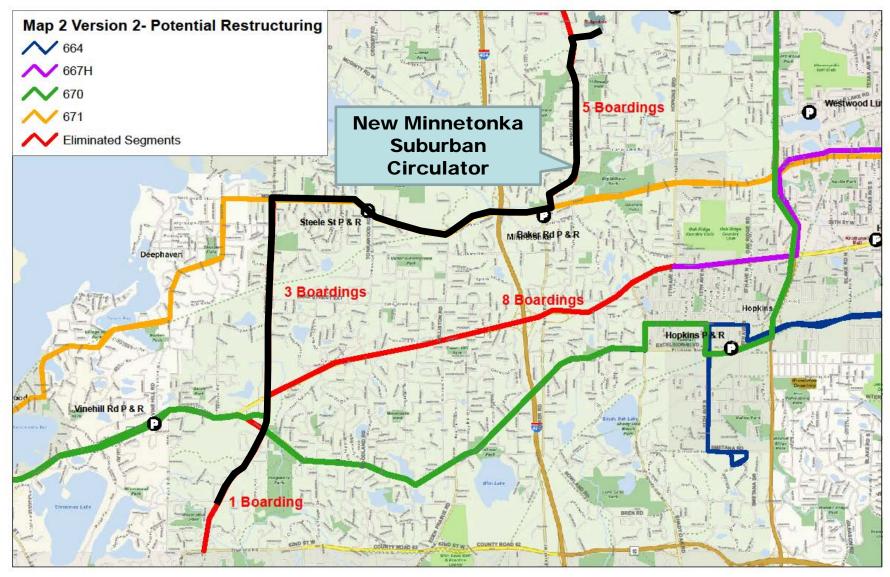
- Review of service performance identified areas of service overlap & low productivity in west suburban express routes
- Routes 664, 665, 667E, 670 & 671
 - Low productivity—around 25 passengers per trip on average
 - Areas of overlap between routes
 - Pockets of higher boardings mostly at park-rides
 - Staff prepared plan consolidating five routes into three to increase productivity and eliminate overlap













Next Steps

- Feb 13 Metropolitan Council authorizes public hearings
- Feb 25 Transportation Committee accepts West Suburban Concept Plan for public review & input
- Apr 1 & 2 Public hearings in Minnetonka and Hopkins
- Apr 14 Public comment period closes
- Apr 22 Transportation Committee adopts final West Suburban Service Changes Plan
- May 8 Metropolitan Council adopts final West Suburban Service Changes Plan
- Aug 24 Implementation of route changes





Proposed Action – Business Item 2013-37

 That the Metropolitan Council authorize public hearings for the public review and input on proposed West Suburban Service Changes



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