

Presented at 1/22 mtg
Pet #3

Petition Against Proposed Bus Route #19 on 40th Ave. North

The undersigned people are against using 40th Ave. north for bus route #19 (scenario "F" in proposed transit options at metrotransit.org/Robbinsdale) for the following reasons:

- The current route on 42nd is a more central route for the Victory neighborhood and serves a higher population density. 40th Ave. is a secondary street compared to the major collectors on Lake Drive and 42nd Ave.
- A route on 40th Ave. N. and Shoreline Drive that borders Crystal Lake has a lower population density and will likely have a lower ridership.
- Maranatha School is located on the corner of 40th Ave. N. and Thomas Ave. N. This is an extremely congested area during school hours. Whether Maranatha School continues in this location is not a consideration because another school may use this same building in the future.

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A bus route that turns onto 40th at the existing Thomas Ave. bus stop adds more congestion and creates a safety concern.

There are school buses loading and parents picking up children on this corner. This would mean two streets around the school would have city bus traffic compared to the existing bus stop on Thomas in front of the school.

In addition, in the Spring and Fall, school children walk to the Victory Memorial park for school activities because there is limited playground space at the school.

- A route that includes a short portion of Victory Memorial Parkway would have less negative impact on residents. No bus stops on Victory Memorial are proposed, and bus traffic will have less impact given the distance of homes from the parkway. Housing is a much greater distance from the Parkway.
- There is a plan to close off 39th Ave. N. from the parkway and this will increase traffic on 40th Ave. N. Adding a bus route will add even more traffic on a secondary residential street.
- A bus route on Shoreline Drive would also increase congestion with parking and activities at the park across from Crystal Lake.