Route 515

Route Information
The route would be simplified from three variations to one with no branches. In Richfield it would be modified to travel via 66th St, Richfield Pkwy, Bloomington Ave, 77th St and 24th Ave S to the Mall of America. This route change requires that the 77th St underpass at Hwy 77 is open.

Service is proposed to be eliminated on Longfellow Ave between 66th and 77th streets. No alternative bus service exists.

Service on Route 515 is also proposed to be eliminated in the Nokomis neighborhood between 28th Ave/ Hwy 62 and the VA Medical Center. Alternative service is available on Route 22, and Route 7 with a transfer at Cedar Point Commons to Route 515 for service along 66th St.

Finally, Route 515 would not operate on 12th Ave and American Blvd south of 76th St. Routes 5, 542 and 552 will continue to serve this area.

METRO Orange Line Station:
66th St

Scenario A Frequency
20 minutes

Scenario B Frequency
Rush Hours: 15 minutes
Midday: 15 minutes
Evening: 20 minutes
Saturday: 15 minutes
Sunday: 20 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 5:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Saturday: 6:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Sunday: 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
**Route 534**

**Route Information**
This new suburban local route would serve both the 98th St Station and Knox Ave & American Blvd Station. The route will travel on 98th St, 94th St, Lyndale Ave and American Blvd in Bloomington. Select trips will also serve employers near 94th and James (peak only). Service every 30 minutes during the off-peak is a significant upgrade over today’s Route 535 service.

**METRO Orange Line Station:**
American Blvd
98th St

**Frequency**
Rush Hours: 20 minutes
Midday: 30 minutes
Evening: 30 minutes

With Scenario B only
Saturday: 30 minutes
Sunday: 30 minutes

**Span of Service**
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saturday: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Route 535

Eliminated

Route Information
Route 535 will be mostly replaced by the Orange Line. Local route segments off I-35W are replaced via connections with the following Concept Plan Routes:

- Along I-494: Routes 538, 540 and 542
- Along Lyndale Ave and I-35W in Bloomington: Routes 534 and 553
- Along James Ave and 94th St: Route 534
- Along W 98th St and to Normandale College: Route 539.

Frequency
None

Span of Service
None
Route 536

New

Route Information
This new suburban local route would serve the Knox Ave & American Blvd Station. The route will connect Normandale College, France Ave, Old Shakopee Rd and Penn Ave with American Blvd in Bloomington. Route 536 would replace most of existing Route 539 west of I-35W.

METRO Orange Line Station:
American Blvd.

Frequency
Rush hours: 30 minutes
Midday: 60 minutes
Evening: 60 minutes
Saturday: 60 minutes
Sunday/holiday: 60 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saturday: 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
**Route 537**

**Scenario B Only**

Route Information

In Scenario A this route will continue to be suspended. With Scenario B, the route would be restored, and frequency would be improved to every 30 minutes during peak hours. This is an improvement over the hourly service available prior to the pandemic.

**METRO Orange Line Station:**
None

**Frequency**
- Rush Hours: 30 minutes
- Midday: 60 minutes
- Evening: no service

- Saturday: no service
- Sunday/holiday: no service

**Span of Service**
Weekday: 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Route 538

**Route Information**
No routing changes are planned, but there is a frequency improvement in Scenario B. In Scenario A, trips will run every 30 minutes during peak periods and every 30/60 minutes at other times. Weekday midday service is upgraded to every 30 minutes in Scenario B.

**METRO Orange Line Station:**
American Blvd

**Frequency**
- Rush Hours: 30 minutes
- Midday: 30 to 60 minutes
- Evening: 30 to 90 minutes
- Saturday: 30 to 60 minutes
- Sunday: 30 to 60 minutes

**With Scenario B Only**
Midday: 30 Minutes

**Span of Service**
- Weekday: 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Route 539

Route Information
Route 539 would connect Normandale College, 98th St and Old Shakopee Road with the Orange Line at the 98th St Station. It will be streamlined so that all trips follow the same routing via 98th St between the Orange Line station, Normandale College and Normandale Village. The route would replace most of existing Route 535 west of I-35W.

See Routes 536, 537 and 540 for service on Penn Ave, Old Shakopee Rd and France Ave. 90th St between France and Penn avenues would no longer have transit service.

METRO Orange Line Station:
98th St

Frequency
Rush Hours: 20 min. (AM), 30 min. (PM)
Midday: 30 minutes
Evening: 30 to 60 minutes
Saturday: 30 to 60 minutes
Sunday: 30 to 60 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saturday: 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
**Route Information**

The route would be simplified from four variations to one with no branches. In Richfield, Route 540 would travel on 77th St and 24th Ave S going to and from the Mall of America using planned 77th Street underpass at Hwy 77. In Edina, all trips will follow the same routing to the Normandale Lakes Office Park in Bloomington.

Service would be eliminated on 12th Ave S and on American Blvd. Alternative service available on Route 5.

**METRO Orange Line Station:**

76th St.

**Frequency**

- Rush Hours: 20 minutes
- Midday: 30 minutes
- Evening: 30 to 60 minutes
- Saturday: 30 to 60 minutes
- Sunday: 30 to 60 minutes

**Span of Service**

- Weekday: 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Route 542

Route Information
This suburban local route is currently suspended but would be restored under both Scenario A and B. Route 542 would be streamlined via American Blvd between Lyndale and Penn avenues, staying south of I-494 and no longer serving 76th St. All trips will follow the same routing and would be extended west to 78th St/ Hwy 169 to providing new bus access to employers located west of East Bush Lake Rd.

Route 542 would no longer serve the B branch on 84th St and on Penn Ave south of American Blvd. This area is also served by Route 558, which is currently suspended.

METRO Orange Line Station:
American Blvd

Scenario A Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 to 60 minutes

Scenario B Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 minutes
Midday: 30 to 60 minutes
Evening: 90 minutes
Saturday: 30 to 60 minutes
Sunday: 30 to 60 minutes

Span of Service (Scenario B)
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday: 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Route 547

**Route Information**
This suburban local route will provide a connection at 98th St Station for access to southwest Bloomington employers on Old Shakopee Road. It would also transport residents from Auto Club Rd, Normandale Blvd, and 110th St to the 98th St Station for connections with the Orange Line as a replacement for Route 597 express.

**METRO Orange Line Station:**
98th St

**Frequency**
Rush Hours: 30 to 60 minutes

**Span of Service**
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Route 548
New

Route Information
This new suburban local route would replace Route 597B, connecting residents along 102nd St with the 98th St Station. The route would be streamlined via Hyland Greens Dr, Normandale Blvd, W 102nd St and Old Shakopee Rd.

METRO Orange Line Station:
98th St

Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.,
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Route 553

Route Information
The route would be extended south of 98th St to replace existing Route 535E branch, connecting the 98th St Station with Lyndale Ave and 102nd St to Portland Ave.

METRO Orange Line Station:
98th St

Scenario A Frequency:
Rush Hours: 2 trips each peak period

Scenario B Frequency:
Rush Hours: 30 minutes

Span of Service:
Weekday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Scenario B Only:
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Route 597
Eliminated

Route Information
In both scenarios, this commuter and express route would be replaced by routes 547, 548, and the Orange Line. Timed transfers will be scheduled at the 98th St. Station. Route 539 would replace service on W 98th St. There will be no alternative service on Xerxes Ave S between 102nd and 98th streets.

Travel time between 98th St Station and downtown Minneapolis will be about 4 minutes longer on the Orange Line as compared to Route 597. Timed transfers of about 5 minutes between routes 547, 578 and the Orange Line will ensure solid connections.

Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 to 60 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.