Metro Transit Service Improvement Plan

Help shape the future of Metro Transit bus service
We’re setting priorities for our growing transit system

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What is the Service Improvement Plan (SIP)?

• *Bus* service *expansion* plan
  – Builds on existing network
  – Identifies potential new routes, frequency and span improvements on existing routes

• Prioritized, specific list of how to grow and improve local and express bus service between 2015-2030

• Establish a **framework** of when and how to expand the bus network

• Implementation requires additional operating funds

• Informs the legislative program, Regional SIP, and other transit funding opportunities
SIP Evaluation Criteria

- **Productivity** criteria demonstrate the ridership potential of service improvements using land use and density factors (50% weight)

- **Social equity** criteria evaluate how well improvements serve people most reliant on transit (25% weight)

- **System connectivity** criteria establish how well projects improve connections and service throughout the Metro Transit service area (25% weight)
SIP Scoring

• Three project priority categories
  – **High** – 75 percent of possible points or greater
  – **Medium** – 55 percent of possible points or greater
  – **Low** – less than 55 percent of possible points

• High and Medium projects prioritized for implementation
  – Represent resource requirements and ridership growth in SIP
  – Arterial BRT included in resources but not evaluated under SIP

• Implementation Phases
Nov. 2014 Public Comment Period

Received 570 service suggestions; 176 contacts from individuals and organizations
SIP Modifications

• Guiding principles, evaluation criteria reviewed and clarified
  – Improve transit equity
  – Define key destinations
  – Weight high-frequency routes and transitways higher
  – Compared with regional solicitation evaluation criteria
  – Evaluated park-and-ride based routes in all relevant categories

• 24 new projects were evaluated
New or Modified Items in Recommended SIP
Evaluation Results

- **50** High projects
  - 9.7 Million new rides

- **87** Medium projects
  - 8.8 Million new rides

- **11** Arterial BRT projects
  - 10.2 Million new rides

- **48** Low projects
  - 2.7 Million new rides

148 projects on 94 routes

- **58** expand coverage/ improve connectivity
- **71** improve frequency on existing service
- **52** expand span of service
- **7** add reverse commute service

Recommended for Implementation
## Annual Ridership and Resources

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<td>Total Service Hours</td>
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<td>Additional Peak Buses</td>
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<td>New Annual Passengers</td>
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* Costs do not include capital costs of fleet, expanded bus operating facility
Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the Metro Transit Service Improvement Plan

Project report and additional information available at metrotransit.org/sip