MAP 1. METRO Orange Line and Route 535

**METRO Orange Line**

*Replaces Route 535*

**Route Information**

The 17-mile line will replace Route 535 with frequent, all-day service between downtown Minneapolis and Burnsville. Service frequency will be improved most significantly in Bloomington and Burnsville. High-capacity, three-door 60-foot articulated buses will be used. Off-vehicle fare collection will speed up service.

**METRO Orange Line Stations:**

- 3rd St
- 5th St
- 7th St
- 11th St
- Lake St
- 46th St (existing)
- 66th St
- 76th St
- American Blvd
- 98th St
- Heart of the City
- Burnsville Parkway

**Frequency**

- **Rush Hours:** 10 minutes
- **Midday:** 15 minutes
- **Evening:** 15 to 30 minutes
- **Saturday:** 15 minutes
- **Sunday:** 15 minutes

**Span of Service**

- **Weekday:** 5:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- **Saturday:** 5:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- **Sunday:** 5:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Map 2. Route 7 – 34th Ave S – 66th St – VA Medical Center - Cedar Point Commons

Route 7

Route Information
All trips will be extended to serve Cedar Point Commons at 66th St and Cedar, providing a direct transit connection between the Nokomis East neighborhood and Route 515 and the 66th St corridor. This extension will replace Route 515E on weekdays and Saturdays between 34th Ave and Richfield with daily service.

weekday peak trips will be diverted northbound in the morning and southbound in the afternoon via the VA Medical Center, creating a direct link with 66th St at Cedar Point Commons, connections with routes 14 and 515. This link will help replace the Route 515E trips with the highest ridership.

METRO Orange Line Station:
3rd St Downtown Minneapolis

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

Span of Service
Weekday: 5:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Saturday: 5:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Sunday: 5:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Map 3. Route 27 – Phillips Neighborhood - South Minneapolis Employers

Route 27

Route Information
Route 27 will directly serve the new Lake St Station, providing a direct connection with the Orange Line and many express routes going via I-35W. This link will improve access to the large employers in south Minneapolis such as Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Allina, Children’s Hospital and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. The route will also link residents in the same area with employers and schools in the south suburbs via the Orange Line and connecting bus lines.

METRO Orange Line Station:
Lake St

Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 minutes
Midday: 30 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 5:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Map 4. Route 501 – Mall of America – Air Cargo Employers

Route 501

Route Information
This route will be designed to serve the evening work shifts at the large air cargo companies on Cargo Rd at the Minneapolis Saint Paul International Airport. The new route will make connections with many lines at the Mall of America Transit Station.

Service will be very limited, specific to the work shift. These companies have a large early morning shift that now starts at 4:00 am, too early for useful connections via the transit system, so the new bus service will focus on the weeknight jobs.

Regular communication between Metro Transit and FedEx, UPS will be maintained to report on bus ridership and make sure the bus service is well-timed for shifts.

METRO Orange Line Station:
None

Frequency
Rush Hours: none
Midday: none
Evening: 30 minutes, limited
Saturday: none
Sunday: none

Span of Service
Weekday: 5:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Map 5. Route 515 – Southdale - 66th St – Cedar Point - Mall of America

Route Information
The route will 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, 76th St, 12th Ave, 77th St and 24th Ave S to the Mall of America.

This route will change the when the 77th St Hwy 77 Underpass opens in late 2022.

Service will be eliminated on Longfellow Ave between 66th and 77th streets. New Route 501 will replace the essential need for the branch weeknights.

Route 515 34th Ave, 54th St, VA Medical Center will be eliminated and replaced by:
- Route 7 - S15 connections at 50th St & Richfield Pkwy every day for 58th St, 34th; weekday morning and afternoon peak
- Route 7 via VA Medical Center; or S15 - METRO Blue Line connections at the Mall of America.

Finally, Route 515 will not operate on 12th Ave and American Blvd south of 77th St. Routes 5, 542 will be alternatives.

METRO Orange Line Station: 66th St

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 will serve both the 98th St Station and Knox Ave & American Blvd Station. The route will stop on Lyndale Ave, American Blvd, Penn Ave, 90th St, Poplar Bridge Rd, Collegeview Rd, and end at Normandale Community College. Replaces most of the western part of current Route 539 north of 98th St.

Service every 30 minutes during the off-peak and every 60 minutes on weekends will be a significant improvement over weekday-only Route 535.

METRO Orange Line Station:
American Blvd
98th St

Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 minutes
Midday: 30 minutes
Evening: 60 minutes
Saturday: 30 minutes
Sunday: 60 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 5:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Saturday: 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Map 7. Route 537 – Southdale – York Ave – France Ave S – Normandale College – Valley West

Route 537

Route Information
Route is restored as it was before the Covid-19 pandemic. Connecting Edina and Bloomington via Southdale, York Ave, 76th St, Minnesota Dr, France Ave, Normandale College, Valley West Center.

METRO Orange Line Station:
None

Frequency
Rush Hours: 60 minutes
Midday: 60 minutes
Evening: none
Saturday: none
Sunday/holiday: none

Span of Service
Weekday: 7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Map 8. Route 538 – Southdale – York Ave – Souhtown – 86th St – Mall of America

Route 538

Route Information
No routing changes are planned, but there is a frequency improvement. Weekday midday service will be upgraded to every 30 minutes.

METRO Orange Line Station:
American Blvd

Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 minutes
Midday: 30 minutes
Evening: 30 to 90 minutes
Saturday: 30 to 60 minutes
Sunday: 30 to 60 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 will connect Normandale College, 98th St, Old Shakopee Road and the Mall of America with the 98th Street Station. All trips will follow the same simplified route. The route will replace most of existing Route 535 west of I-35W.

See Routes 534, 537, 540 and 546 for replacement bus service west of I-35W.

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: 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.
Map 10. Route 540 – Mall of America – E 77th St – W 76th St – Edina Industrial Area – Normandale Lakes

Route 540

Route Information
The route will be simplified from four variations to one with no branches. In Richfield Route 540 will travel on 77th St and 24th Ave S going to and from the Mall of America using the 77th Street underpass at Hwy 77, planned to open in late 2022.

In Edina all, all trips will follow the same routing to the Normandale Lakes Office Park in Bloomington.

Service will 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 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.
Map 11. Route 542 – Mall of America – American Blvd – Normandale Lakes – W 78th St – Braemar Arena

Route 542

Route Information
Route will be restored and re-routed direct via American Blvd between Lyndale and Penn avenues. Between France Ave and Normandale Blvd, all trips will follow 84th St rather than American Blvd to serve more residents. Route will extend west via 78th St to Braemar Arena in Edina, providing new access to employers located near I-494 west of East Bush Lake Rd.

METRO Orange Line Station:
American Blvd

Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 minutes
Midday: 30 minutes
Evening: 30 to 60 minutes
Saturday: none
Sunday: none

Span of Service
Weekday: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Map 12. Route 546 – 98th St – Penn Ave - Old Shakopee Rd – Valley West – France – Normandale College, Village

Route 546
New

Route Information
This new suburban local route will serve the 98th St Station. The route will stop on 98th St, Penn Ave, Old Shakopee Rd, at Valley West Center, on France Ave, at Normandale College, on W 98th St and at Normandale Village.

Replaces most of the western part of current Route 539 south of 98th St. Also replaces Route 535 trips via 94th and James Ave.

METRO Orange Line Station:
American Blvd
98th St

Frequency
Rush Hours: 30 minutes
Midday: 30 minutes
Evening: 60 minutes
Saturday: 30 minutes
Sunday: 60 minutes

Span of Service
Weekday: 5:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Saturday: 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Map 13. Route 547 – 98th St – Old Shakopee Rd – Auto Club Rd – 110th St – SW Bloomington Employers

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

**Route Information**

**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.
Map 15. Route 553 – Express – Bloomington – Portland Ave – Minneapolis

Route 553

Route Information
The route will 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

Frequency:
Rush Hours: 2 trips each peak period

Span of Service:
Weekday: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

- Planned Route 553
- Other Routes
- Transit Centers
- Park & Ride Lots

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