Better Bus Launch Update

TPB Tech

















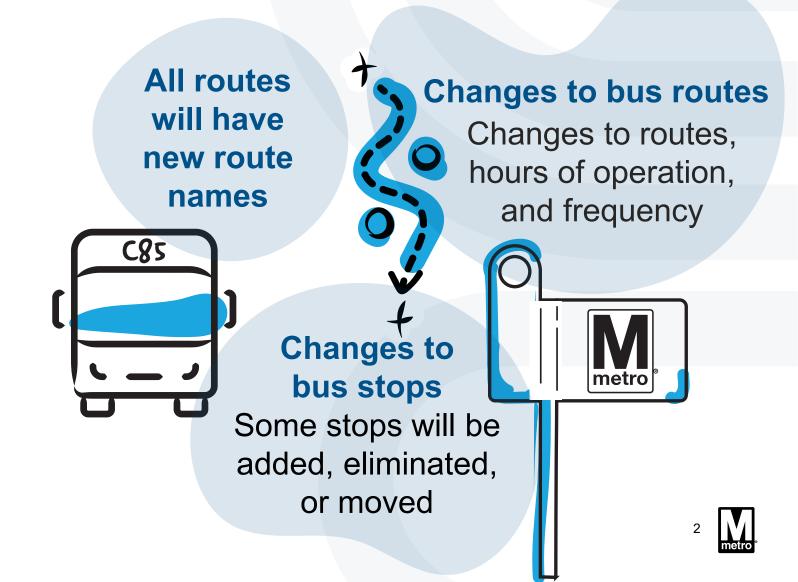


Our message to customers: Your route is changing on June 29!

Bus routes are changing. Yes, even yours!

With all this change, we have materials to help explain what the new network means for you, your family, and your community.

You do not need to learn every single change for the network to work for you.



The adopted network was built on 2 years of planning and analysis and 23 weeks of engagement



45,000+ interactions at 225 events

21,000+ total comments received

12,000+ survey responses received

120+ briefings with public, stakeholder, elected official, and community group member attendees

63
Bus Ridealongs

8 Public Workshops 60
Pop-Ups &
Bus Stop
Chats

120+ Briefings **820+** interactions with **bus operations employees** at **32 events**

590+ interactions with **Metro employees** at **6 coffee chat events**



111,000+ unique website visitors

3,600+ e-newsletter subscribers

2,490,000+ impressions on social media, Transit App, and online ads

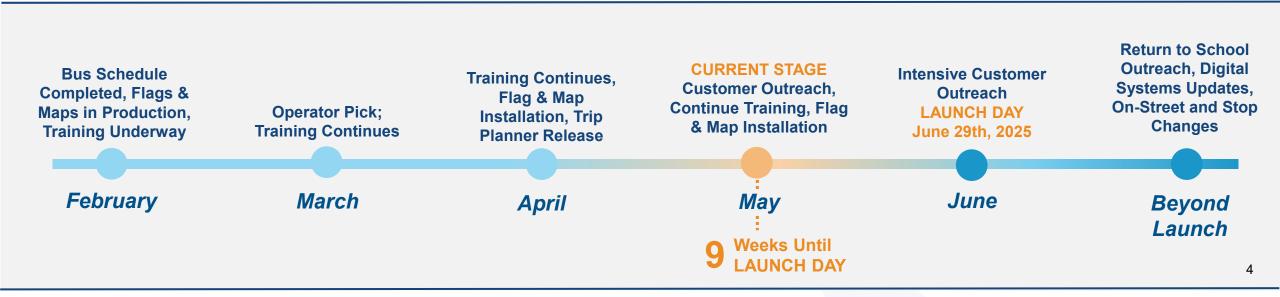




Better Bus Network Redesign launch timeline

- Metro will be the first agency of its size to implement a full network redesign in one phase in less than a year
- Temporary signs and maps ensure customers and employees are ready on day-one
- Permanent signs, maps and stop improvements will roll out in the coming year

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



How to learn what the new network means for you

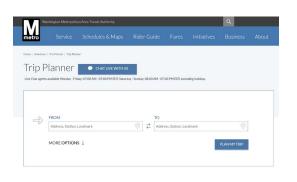
Various tools are available to help you understand your new trip(s), new route(s), and changes happening in your area





Plan Your Trip

Use the Trip Planner or call 202-GO-METRO to understand how your trip(s) will change





Find Your New Route

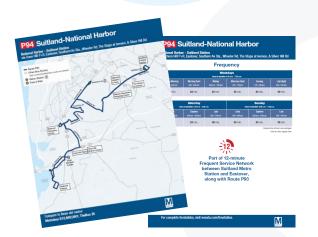
Visit the Route
Crosswalk webpage to
understand which
route(s) is replacing
your current route





Understand Your Route

Review Route Profiles
with details hours of
operation and frequency,
for each route in the
network



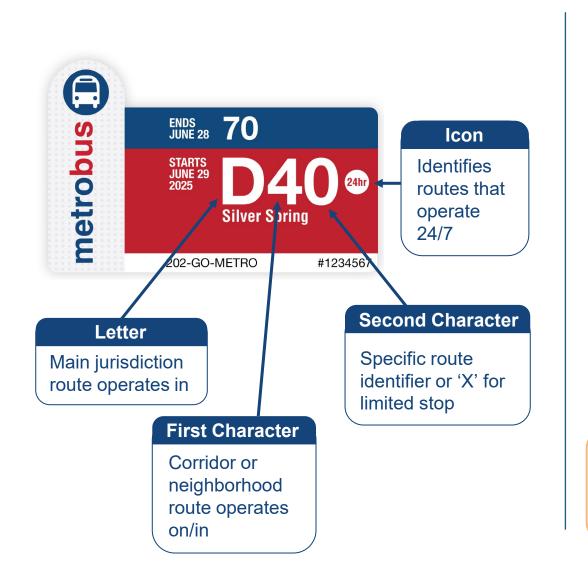


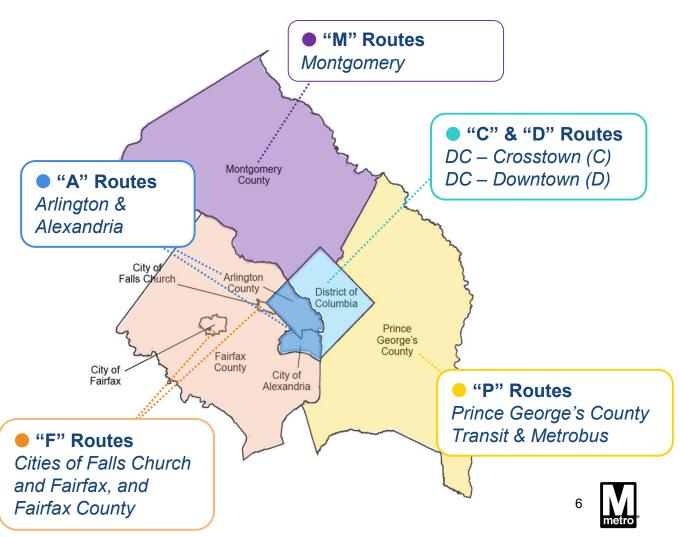
Learn About Changes Happening in your Neighborhood

See Neighborhood Profiles
with summaries of
proposed changes by
geographic area



New route names and signs make the new network easier to ride





Multiple ways we're reaching customers in-person

Starting mid-May, engagement will shift to focus on meeting people where they are

Pop-Ups

- Raise awareness, help customers plan their trip and understand how the new network impacts them
- Target already scheduled outdoor events, such as farmers markets and festivals

Bus Stop Chats

 Raise awareness and inform customers about changes to their bus route

Ride-Alongs

- Raise awareness and inform customers about changes to their bus route
- Focus on high-change routes

On-Street Assistance Staff

 100s of staff in the field to answer questions and provide information













Extending the reach of our engagement

Partnering with CBOs

Leveraging partnerships with CBOs to extend the reach of our engagement



Elected Official Info Sessions

Briefing elected officials so they're able to answer constituents' questions and point them toward relevant materials



Communications Toolkit

Digital communications toolkit designed so partners to easily share information about the upcoming network changes in newsletters and on social media

Training Partners & Stakeholders

Providing training to stakeholders and partners so they're empowered to share information about the network with their constituents



Mailers

To spread the word in high change areas



Signage

on buses, in stations, and at others hot spots



Standing committee meetings

Spreading the word through
Metro's committees (Youth
Advisory Council, AAC, RAC)



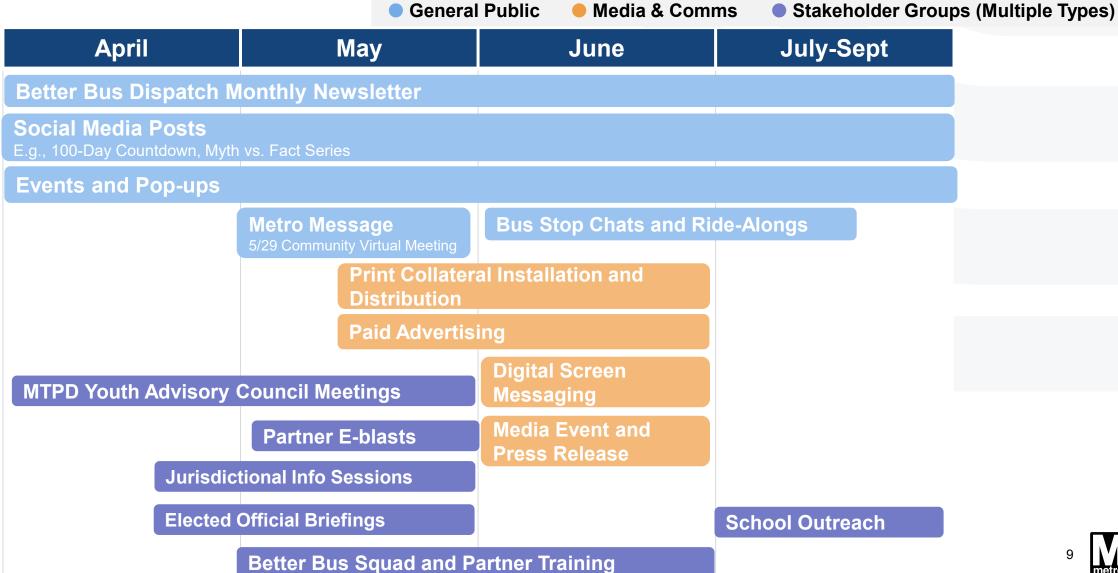
Fact Sheet and Take One

Give information in multiple languages Spreading the word through Metro's committees (Youth Advisory Council, AAC, RAC)



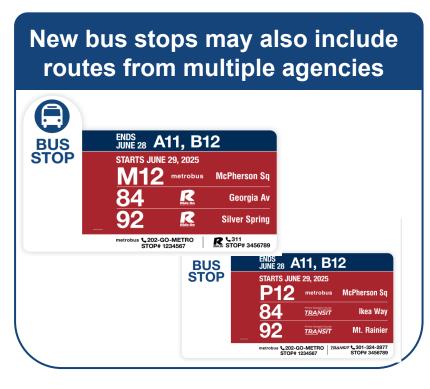


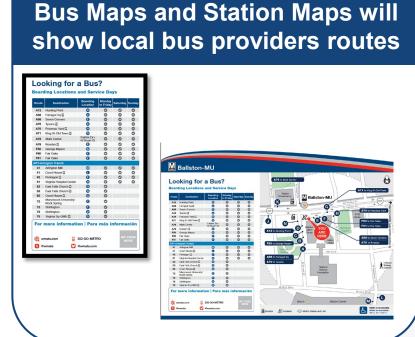
Public outreach and schedule overview



Continuing to work closely with jurisdictional partners to implement the new network

- Working with each jurisdiction on bus stop and on-street improvements, noting that some improvements may not be implemented until after Launch Day
- Transferred 10 buses to support Prince George's County Transit with service







Key updates (as of April 24th)

	Bus Flags	 Installation: March 3rd – May 25 (+/-) 37% of Bus Flags installed to date (2687); 66% of the Bus Flag Removal Notices installed (706)
	Operator Training	 Operator route selections completed 4/18 Approximately 80% of training completed
	Digital Systems	 Digital Systems GTFS File Complete Bus Systems testing starts end of April Trip Planner anticipated for public launch late April
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	Maps	 Design updates underway 35 Bus Bay Station Maps Complete VA and MD System Maps complete; DC by 4/28 Installation to commence when bus flags are complete

You have a role in our successful implementation of the new network



- 1. Get Smart on the New Network: Learn about the redesign, and the resources available to transit customers in your community. Share these resources widely, so that your constituents can get the information they need to make their trips with confidence. Attend an information session (or watch a recording) to get comfortable teaching others about the new network.
- 2. **Get Materials:** Contact your jurisdiction's Government Relations staff to request informational materials to distribute to your constituents & community. We have pamphlets, maps, schedules, bus route & neighborhood profiles, yard signs, and more.
- **3. Invite Us To An Event:** Contact your jurisdiction's Government Relations staff to invite us to a standing meeting, a community event, or other gathering to provide general, or neighborhood-specific, information about the new network.
- **4. Become a Better Bus Partner:** Participate in Metro's four-month Better Bus Partner Program, beginning on June 1. This program will equip you to: prepare your community for implementation day, distribute materials about the new network, monitor and report missing or outdated bus stop signage, and recruit others to the Better Bus Partner Program.