

## NORTH-SOUTH BUS RAPID TRANSIT

60% Progress - Project Update

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION NOVEMBER 5, 2025

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## Benefits of bus rapid transit along Route B



BRT access for +53,000 people



+40,000 jobs



+43 schools and childcare centers, 10 grocery stores, 4 hospitals, and more.



Improved accessibility and station amenities for all



14,000 lower-income families



Safety improvements along 4.5 miles of high injury network



Faster, more reliable service on a route used by nearly 6,000 people per day



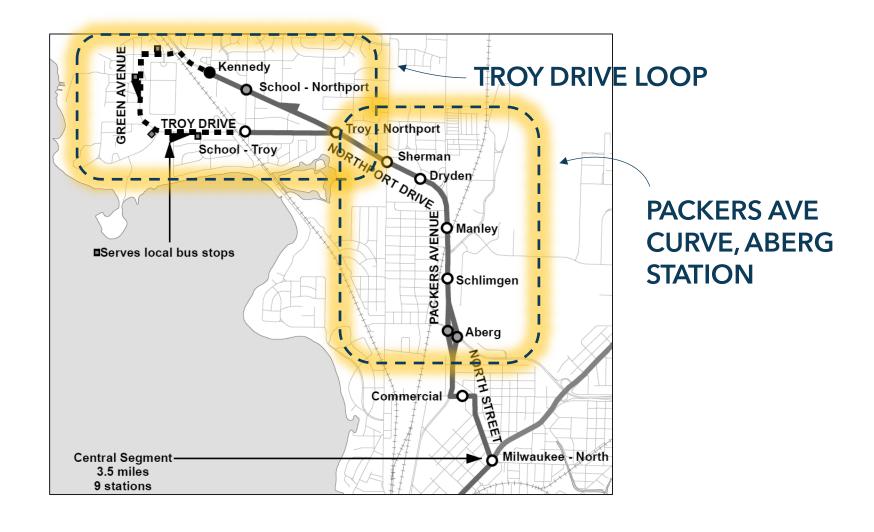
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## **Project Status**





## North Segment Changes



### TROY DRIVE LOOP



Mixed Traffic

Side Bus Lanes

Center Bus Lanes

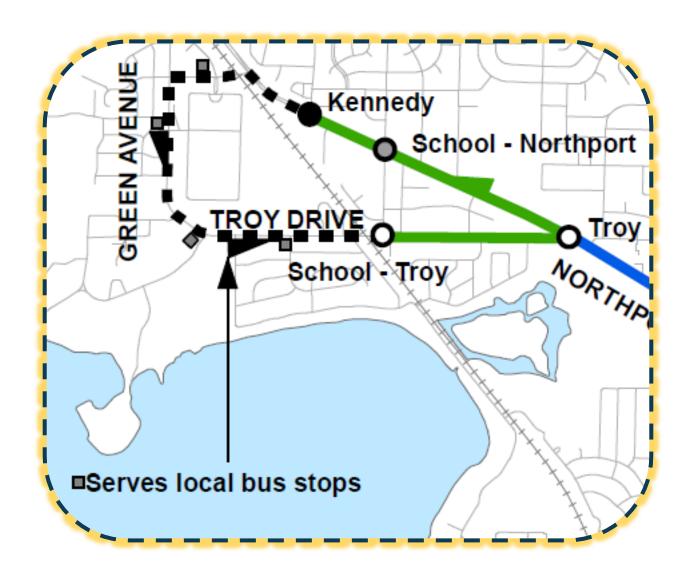
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#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

- West end of Troy Drive loop included two BRT stations on Green Ave at Murphy and Troy
- Clockwise route loop

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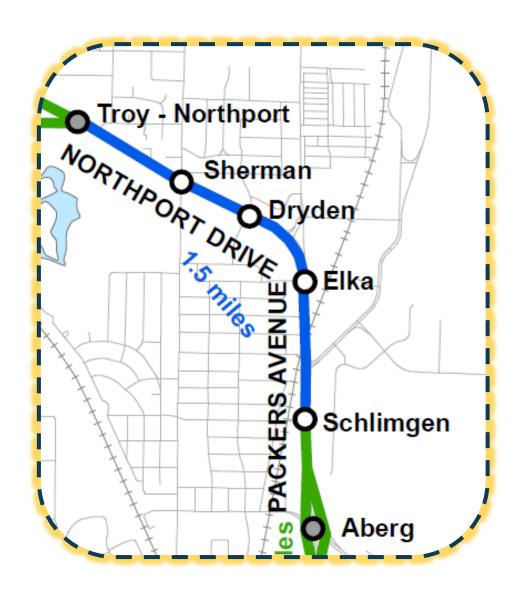


#### **CHANGES:**

- West end of Troy Drive loop served by four local bus stops
- Reduces project cost at lower ridership stops
- Route loops counterclockwise to accommodate future Kennedy Charger and reduce wait times (previously approved by the Transportation Commission)

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### PACKERS & NORTHPORT CURVE



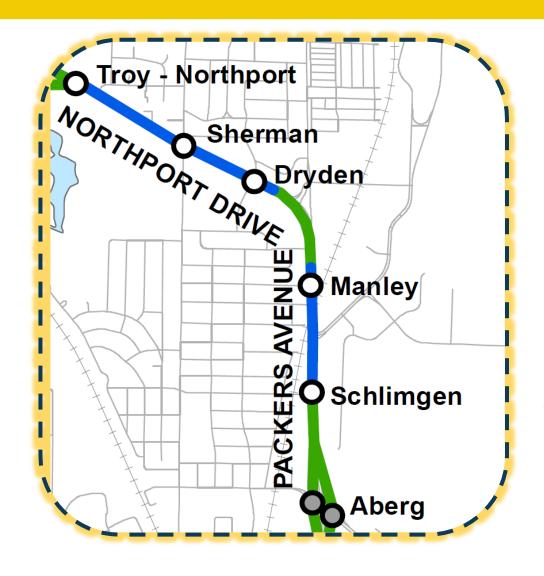
#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

- Center-running bus lanes between Dryden and Elka-additional infrastructure needed
- Station located at Packers and Elka

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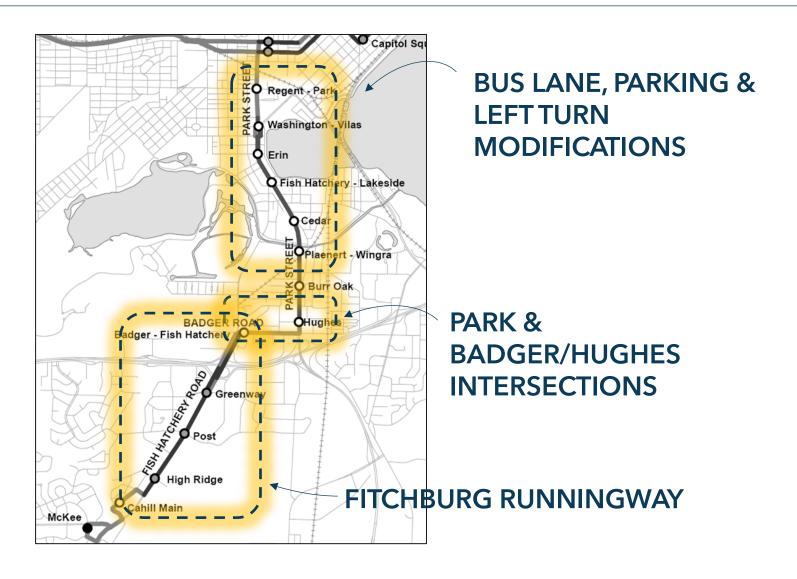
- No additional infrastructure planned—bus runs in mixed traffic along curve
- Minimal travel time changes expected
- Station relocated from Packers & Elka to Packers & Manley due to space, access, and safety benefits.
- Northbound Aberg station moved to the south side of the intersection

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## South Segment Changes



## **CHANGES TO BUS LANE**



#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

- Northbound left to Vilas prohibited
- Northbound bus lane to West Washington
- Southbound bus lane starts at Erin (buses in mixed traffic West Washington to Erin)

## **CHANGES TO BUS LANE**



#### **NEW DESIGN:**

- Northbound left onto Vilas is retained
- Northbound bus lane to West Washington
- Southbound bus lane starts at Emerald (queue jump at West Washington gives buses priority into bus lane)

### **CHANGES TO PARKING**



#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

- Very limited on-street parking planned for S. Park Street, which included:
  - Southbound between Vilas and Erin
  - Limited, short segments of short-term parking and loading on northbound S.
     Park Street north and south of Olin Avenue

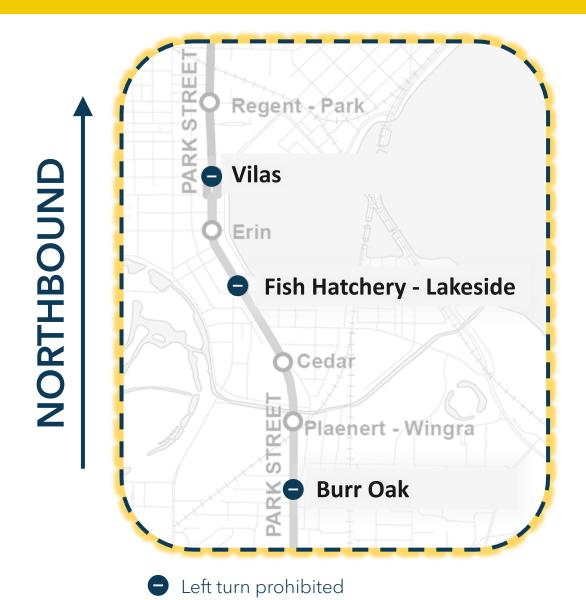
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#### CHANGES BEING EXPLORED:

- Slightly more on-street parking for S. Park Street, which include:
  - Southbound between Vilas and Erin
  - More continuous, off-peak short-term parking and loading on northbound and southbound S. Park Street in travel lane between Cedar and Fish Hatchery/Lakeside
  - Lowers costs and improves geometry

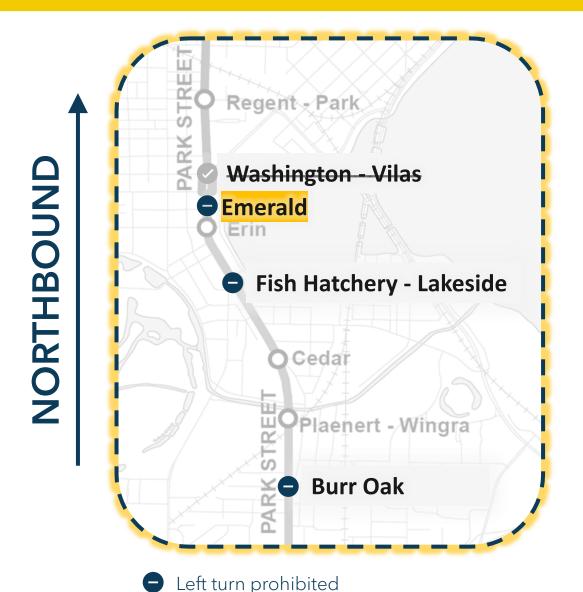
#### LEFT TURN CONSOLIDATION - NORTHBOUND S. PARK ST



#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

- Left turns prohibited:
  - Burr Oak (station)
  - Fish Hatchery (ped/bike connection)
  - Vilas

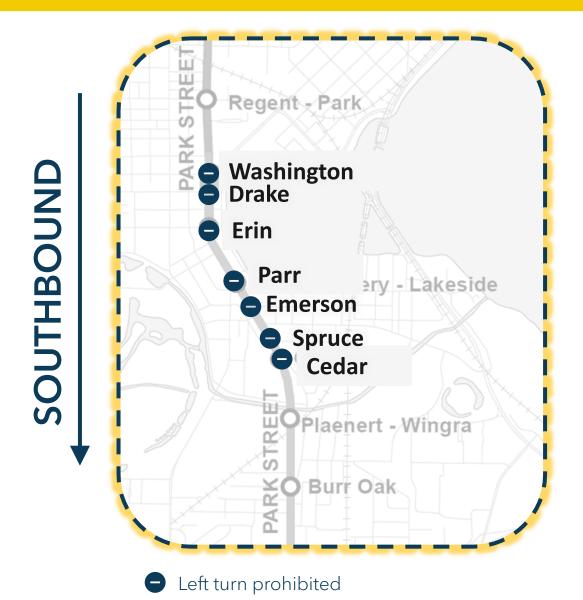
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#### **CHANGES:**

- Left turns now also prohibited on Emerald
- Left turns now permitted on Vilas

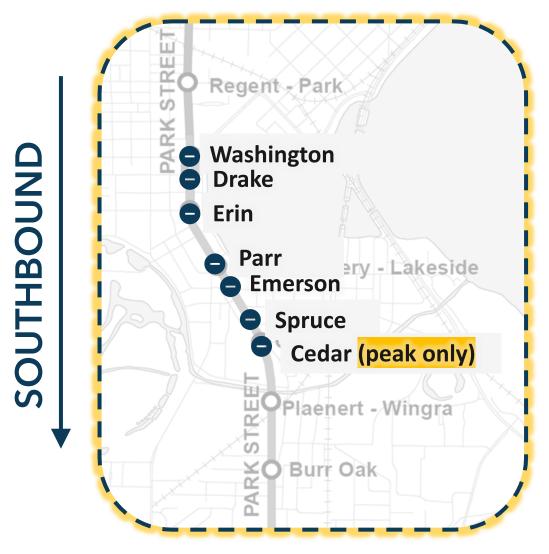
#### LEFT TURN CONSOLIDATION - SOUTHBOUND S. PARK ST



#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

- Left turns prohibited:
  - Washington (station)
  - Drake (runningway)
  - Erin (station)
  - Parr (runningway)
  - Emerson (runningway)
  - Spruce (runningway)
  - Cedar (station)

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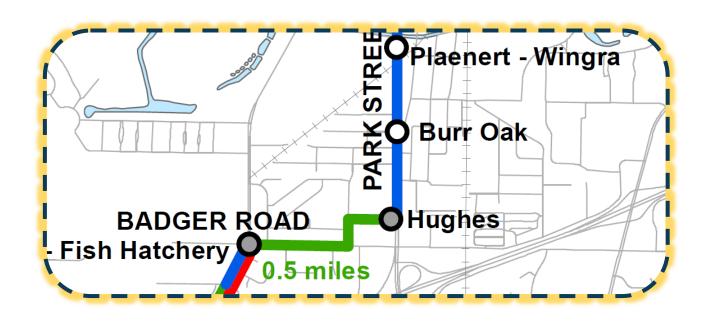
 Left turns now prohibited to Cedar only during peak period

Left turn prohibited

## Left turn restrictions, changes, and alt routes

Left Turn Restrictions	Alternative Route
Northbound High Ridge (station)	Caddis
Northbound Burr Oak (station)	Dane or North
Southbound Cedar PM peak only (station)	Wingra
Southbound Spruce (runningway)	Olin
Southbound Emerson (runningway)	Lakeside or Olin
Northbound Fish Hatchery (ped/bike connection)	Cedar
Southbound Parr (runningway)	Lakeside
Southbound Erin (station)	Drake
Northbound Emerald (added)	Drake or Erin
Southbound Drake (runningway)	Emerald
Northbound Vilas (runningway)	Regent or Braxton
Northbound Dryden (station)	Sherman to Windon
Eastbound Sherman (station, U-turn added)	Troy

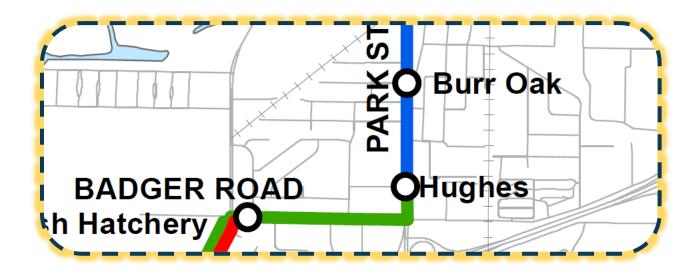
## PARK & BADGER/HUGHES INTERSECTIONS



#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

 Routing used Hughes Place and Cypress Way to continue west from S. Park Street to Badger Road

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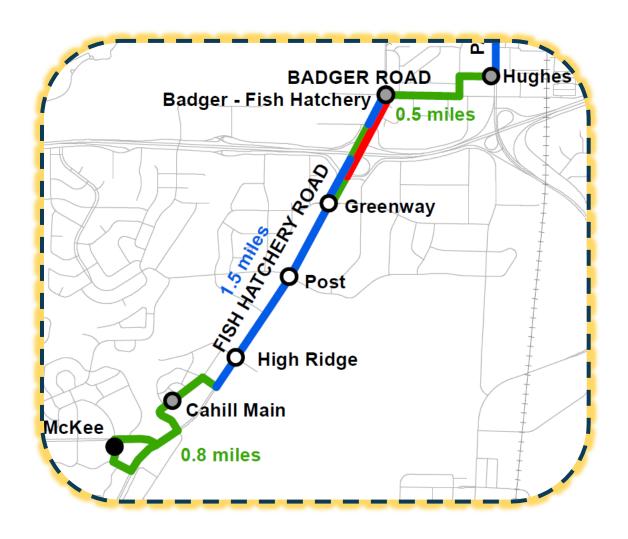


#### **CHANGES:**

- Route will continue west on Badger Road directly from S. Park Street
- Updated design reduces bus and general traffic congestion in this area

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## FITCHBURG BUS LANE ALIGNMENT



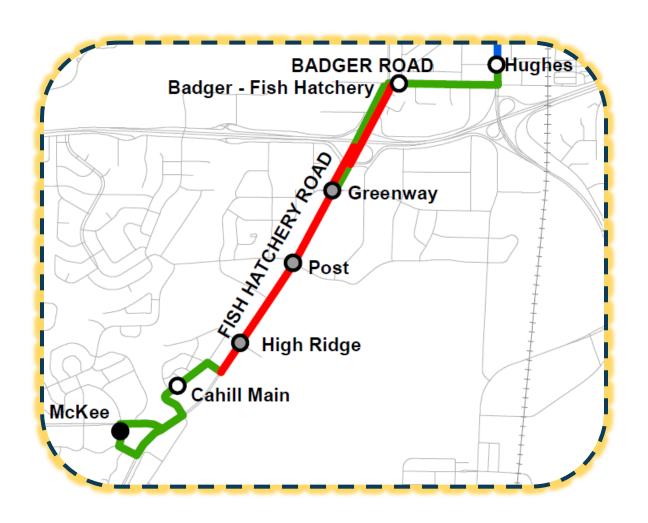
#### **PREVIOUS DESIGN:**

- Bus lane alignment was center running in Fitchburg along Fish Hatchery Road
- Northbound left turn prohibited at High Ridge

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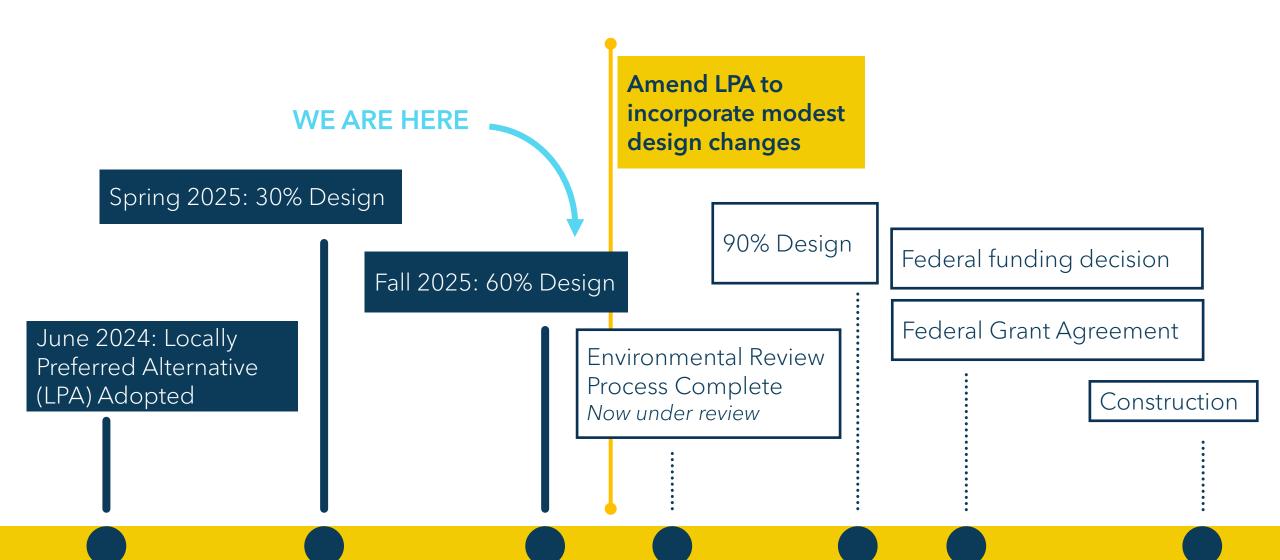
- Bus lane alignment will be <u>side-</u> <u>running</u> on Fish Hatchery Road in Fitchburg
- Reduces project cost, reduces major intersection widening, minimal impact on transit travel times.
- Northbound left turn retained at High Ridge

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# Questions?

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