Madison East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Development

East Washington Center Running

Virtual November 16, 2020 6:30-8:00 PM



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Tonight's Agenda

- 1. Welcome from Alders
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Review Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA)
- 4. Overview Project Development
- 5. Refinements East Washington Center Running
- 6. Questions?



Introductions | City Staff

Justin Stuehrenberg, General Manager, Metro Transit David Trowbridge, City of Madison Mike Cechvala, City of Madison Mick Rusch, Metro Transit

Introductions | Consultant Team

AECOM – Project Lead

Strand – Engineering

Urban Assets – Community Engagement

CTG – Operations

Toole Design – Multi-Modal Transportation

SRF Consulting -- Environmental

Commonweath Heritage Group – Historic Preservation

ZebraDog – Branding

Locally Preferred Alternative Review

Bus Rapid Transit – Reminder

- Direct routes and fewer stops
- Frequent, all-day service (every 10-15 minutes)
- Bus-only lanes where feasible
- Transit signal priority
- Off-board fare payment
- Branded stations and buses



Benefits of BRT

- Improved mobility
- Future growth and development
- Improved access to employment and education
- Increased quality of life
- More sustainable community



BRT Station Components





Adopted LPA - System Overview

- 15.5 Miles
- 27 stations
- Service from 5 am to 12 am weekdays and 7 am 11 pm weekends
- A bus every 5 to 15 minutes weekdays and 15 to 30 minutes weekends
- Approximately 83,000 residents within a half-mile of the station areas
- Approximately 110,000 jobs within a half-mile of station areas

Adopted LPA Routes and Station Locations



Project Development Overview

BRT Timeline

Project Development



Goals of Project Development

- Refine routes and station locations
- Detailed design and engineering for routes and stations
- Complete the environmental review process (NEPA)
- Work with the community and build support
- Secure third party agreements and right of way
- Finalize local funding sources
- Secure FTA Small Starts funding



Impact of BRT on Transit Service

- North and South transfer points service improved from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes
- Improve system capacity by providing 5 minute service in Downtown
- System primed for future North South BRT implementation

Proposed Refinements East Washington Center Running

Proposed LPA Refinements

- 1. Center running East Washington
- 2. Rosa Road extension
- 3. Mendota Street Option
- 4. Revised East Terminal
- 5. Revised station locations



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Center Running BRT



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Side Running





Center Running

- More consistent travel times
- Little to no conflicts with turning vehicles and bikes
- Bus lane is not blocked by delivery vehicles
- Cost savings of one two-sided station instead of two stations
- Fewer right-of-way and utility issues
- Better look and feel for passengers



East Washington Avenue



Proposed Runningway



- Center running dedicated lane
 - Center running mixed traffic
 - Center running dedicated lane off peak, mixed traffic peak

Preferred Cross Section







In-Lane Center Running Stations

- EB Milwaukee Street
- EB Marquette Street
- EB+WB Melvin Court











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East of Hwy 30

BUS

OF TRANSPORTATION

Considerations

- BRT operations
- Motor vehicle congestion and diversion
- Bike impact
- Parking impact
- Pedestrians impact



BRT – Currently Preferred Option

- Center running the whole way
- Short section of mixed traffic



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Motor Vehicle Impact

- No capacity reduction during peak periods, peak direction
- Little to no diversion





Bike Impact

- Bike lanes lost on East Washington, Blair to Milwaukee / Hwy 30, during peak periods peak direction
- Potential improvements to parallel routes





Parking Impact

- Parking lost from Blount to Hwy 30 only during peak periods, peak direction
- Affects about 400 parking spaces



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Pedestrian Impact

- Bumpouts removed
- Crossings improved, transit riders removed from sidewalk traffic



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Bus Rapid Transit



Mendota Street to East Springs Drive



Mendota Street to East Springs Drive



Mendota Street to East Springs Drive





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Questions?

WRAP UP Future Meetings

Community Meetings

- 1. Branding Unveiling Winter 2021
- 2. Station Design Workshop Winter 2021
- 3. 30% Design & Engineering Meeting Spring 2021
- 4. 60% Design & Engineer Meeting Fall 2021
- 5. 90% Design & Engineering Meeting Summer 2022

Neighborhood Meetings

- 1. Mineral Point Center Running December 3, 2020
- 2. Capitol Square Station Design Winter 2021
- 3. UW Madison Spring 2021
- 4. West Transfer Point Spring 2021

Other Opportunities

1. Tabling (COVID permitting)

- Transfer Stations
- Community Events

2. Project Website & Email

- <u>www.madisonbrt.com</u>
- <u>brt@cityofmadison.com</u>

3. Social Media

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram

Thank You!

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