

Metro Transit

Budget

Capital Costs

Bus Rapid Transit

Metro Transit

Metro Transit carries about 1 million passengers a month.

- More than East Washington Ave in a month.

October '23 Metro Averaged 29 Passengers per Revenue Hour



Metro Transit Efficiency

2022 - Of the 870 Directly Operated Motor Bus Systems in US

- Metro Transit is in the top 5 percent for Passengers per Revenue Hour
- Metro Transit in the bottom 10 percent for costs per passenger



Budgets

Capital Budget

- Used for Improvement Projects
- Supported by Borrowing, TIF, State and Federal monies
- Not the budget challenge currently being discussed.

Operating Budget

- Used for services and staff costs.
- Majority supported by the General Fund
- Subject to levy limits
- Part of the challenges being discussed

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Budget	
2025 Budget	+
2024 Budget	+
2023 Budget	-
2023 Capital Budget	
2023 Operating Budget	
2022 Budget	+
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	
Past Budgets	+

2023 Budget

Capital Budget

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Operating Budget

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Contact City Budget

For questions or to request materials in an alternative format:

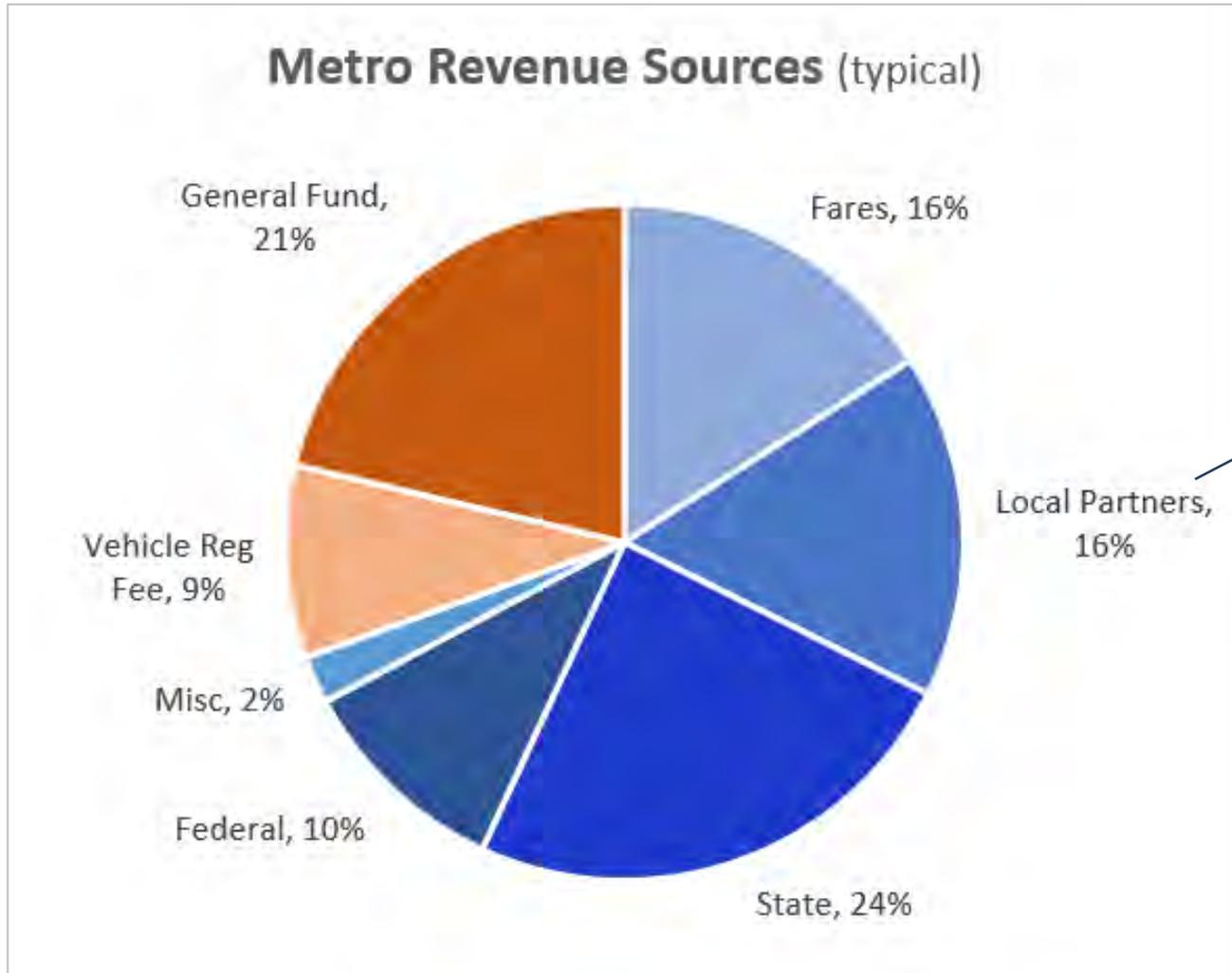
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Metro Operating Budget (Typical)



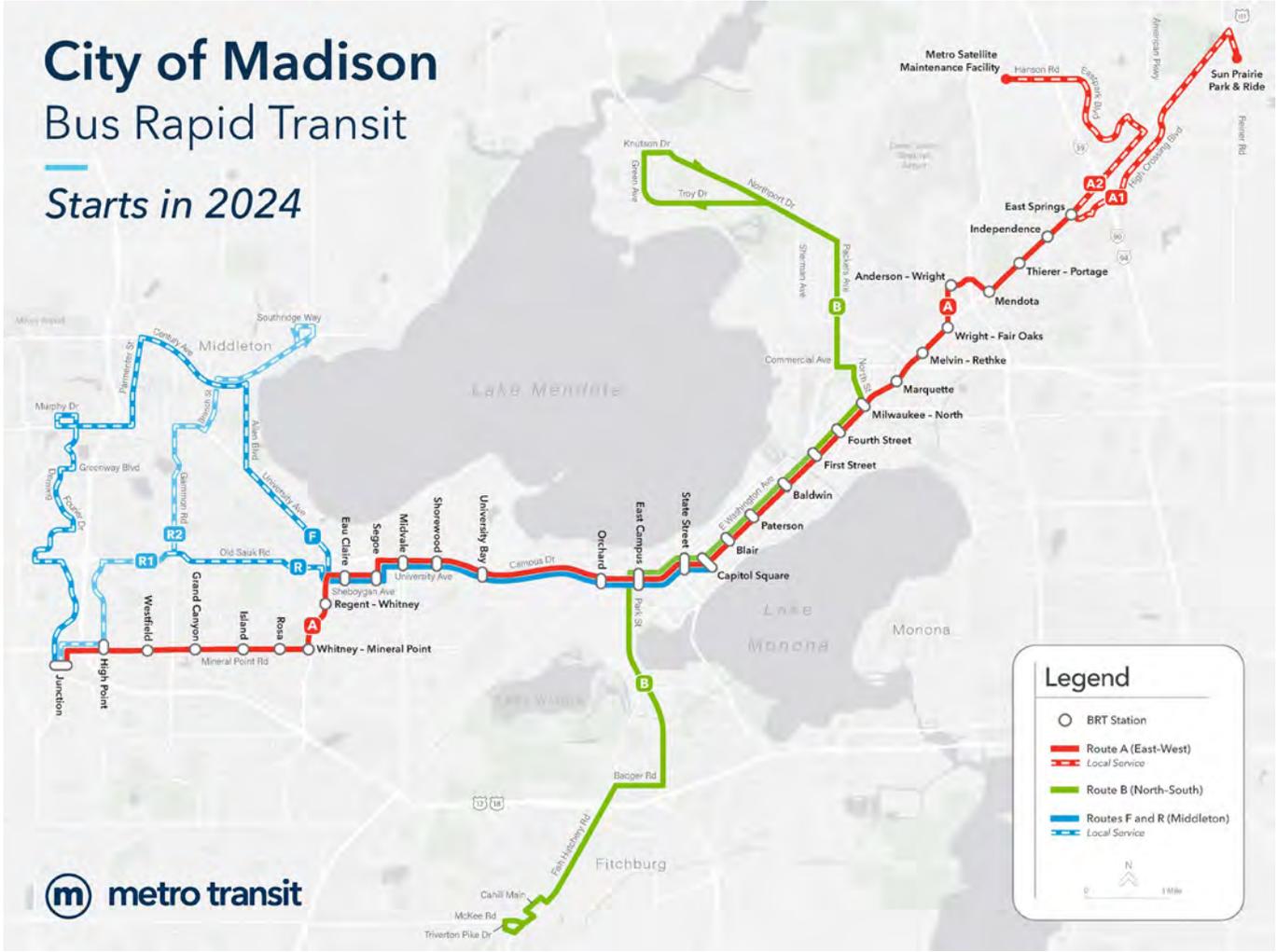
Partners Include:

- Sun Prairie
- Middleton
- Fitchburg
- Verona
- UW Campus
- UW Health
- Madison College

Pay for revenue hours in jurisdiction



Bus Rapid Transit – Capital Project



**East-West in Red
(Under Construction)**

**North-South in Green
(In Planning)**

East-West BRT

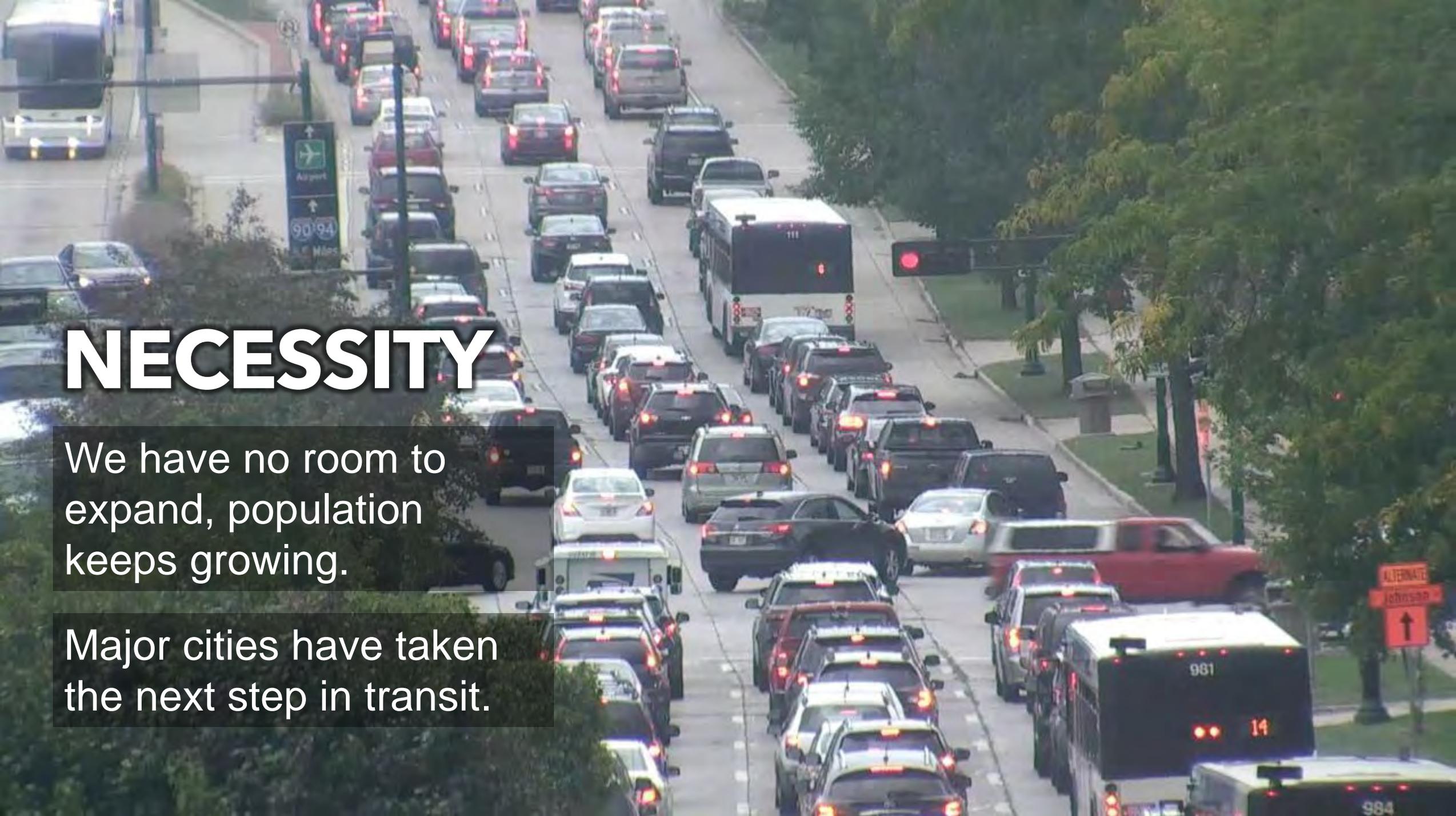




Why invest in BRT system??

NECESSITY
CONVENIENCE
RELIABILITY
COMFORT
ACCESS
ENVIRONMENT
ECONOMY
SAFETY





NECESSITY

We have no room to expand, population keeps growing.

Major cities have taken the next step in transit.

Cost Effectiveness



BRT provides similar service levels to Light Rail – for 1/10th of the cost.
Unprecedented levels of Federal Funding Available

RELIABILITY

Dedicated bus lanes and priority at traffic lights make the service more reliable.



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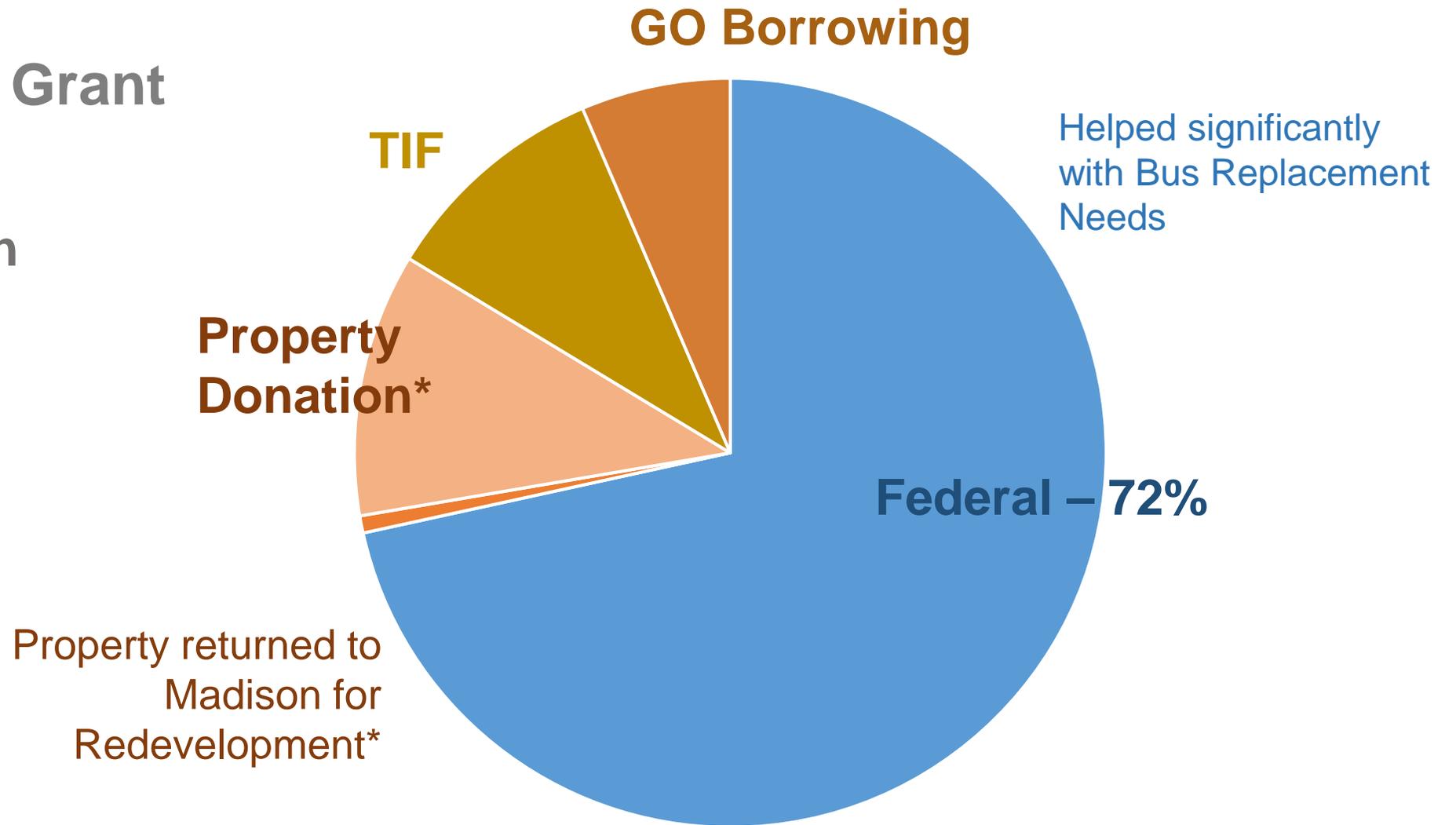
Opening Fall of 2024



E-W BRT Funding Sources – (Capital Budget)

Small Starts Grant Agreement

\$194.2 million



Helped with Bus Replacement Needs



E-W BRT Affect on Operating Budget

Largest Single Expense is Drivers

Driver Hours for BRT already represented in Route A (and Route B)

Some efficiencies with buses (fewer needed), might be offset with station maintenance
Likely to be a wash.



North – South Bus Rapid Transit

Federal application submitted 8/2023

Funding Recommendations 3/2024

\$150 million project – 80% Federally funded



PEOPLE + JOBS

North-South BRT will
provide access to

97,000
people

and

78,000
jobs

within ½ mile of the proposed
North-South BRT route in
Madison and Fitchburg.





Trees

Path

Initial Concept for Park Street

N-S BRT Funding Sources – (Capital Budget)

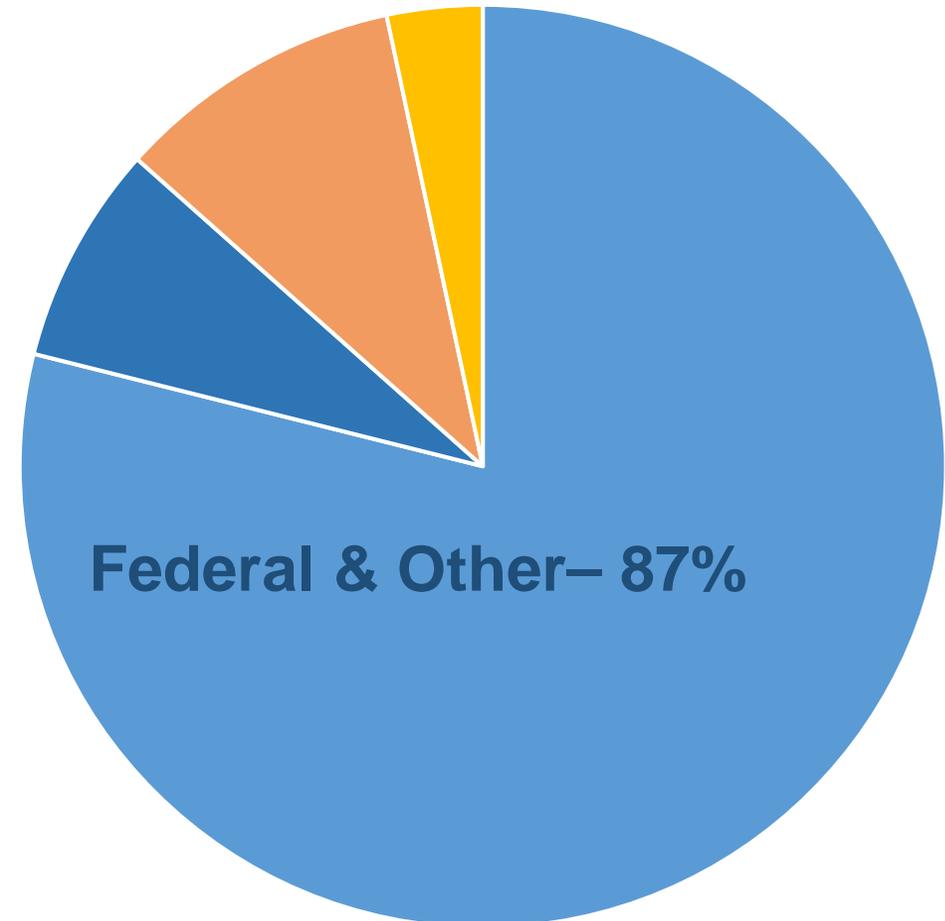
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Federal Funding Sources:

1. Federal Transit Administration (Small Starts Grant)
2. Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant

Local Funding Sources:

1. City of Madison
2. Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
3. Local Tax Increment Financing
4. City of Fitchburg



■ Federal ■ State & Other ■ GO Borrow ■ TIF

North-South BRT Project Timeline

Subject to change





WHY INVEST IN BUS RAPID TRANSIT ALONG ROUTE B?



+53,000 people



+40,000 jobs



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



Improved accessibility for all



Safety improvements



14,000 lower-income families



Leverage millions in Federal investment



Commitment to equity
40% people of color