

Do the proposed schedule changes affect you negatively or positively?	Any additional feedback or suggestions?
Negatively	- want a late bus (7pm or later please) - want an 8:30AM bus on route 55 - have a suspicion that the 5:30 buses will take forever to get to their destinations
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Negatively	In particular, the removal of the 8:30 bus from WTP would significantly reduce the frequency I ride.
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Negatively	The only thing I don't like about the new schedule change is the lack of a Route 55 at 8:30 in the morning, as that's usually my fallback when I'm running late. Otherwise, everything looks fine for me.
Negatively	I don't think these changes will be beneficial. By reducing the timespan across which Route 55 operates, it will make it more difficult for those of us at work later in the day, especially those with West Coast customers.
Negatively	It seems like the 8:30 AM bus will be rather crowded with the proposed times.
Negatively	The addition of 75s is very nice. I would prefer there to still be buses available at 7.
Negatively	I'm a little worried about the 55 change. I have needed to catch the 55 to Verona after being in Tokay for a meeting, and it would be more convenient for me if it stayed the same.
Negatively	On the flip side, I can understand if people are trying to get to work earlier.
Negatively	I really like the 7:07PM 75 for Bug Bashing nights.
Negatively	I am pretty happy with the proposed AM route times, though.
Negatively	I like the flexibility of being able to come in at 9 or leaving at 7
Negatively	I ride the 75 and I am not familiar with the 55. I am happy with adding the early 6:40 AM bus. As for the afternoon bus times, I like having a 5:30 bus. I would keep the 5:30 and would add the 5:00 and 6 or 6:15 bus. I feel most people leave at 5:30 (meetings over at 5) and will not be able to make the 5pm bus and the 6pm bus is too late.
Negatively	It is more of a neutral change, I am generally fine with the schedule now unless I have to stay late and wait for the 7:07 bus. The new schedule will just give me less lee-way on normal days but more time on days where I have more work.
Negatively	The biggest problem will be meetings that end at 5.
Negatively	I like the changes for the morning but I think it would be nice to hvae a bus that left Epic (either the 55 or 75) earlier and later. I don't think we need 2 buses leaving at 5. It would be nice to have a bus that left at 4:15 and 7 pm

Survey results	Total
Positive	100
Negative	21
Neutral	2

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While the additional 75 will help, I believe the net changes are negative by moving the times earlier. Also, I'm not sure the current changes adequately address the problems.

Morning Schedule:

- Moving the latest 55 (which is the most crowded of the three busses) half an hour earlier will only increase the volume that use that bus. (No one who took the 8:30 will take the 7:30 as opposed to the 8, but those who take the 7:30 might end up taking the 8) This decision seems a little silly to me.
- Adding the additional 75 in between the two current times I believe will create a similar situation to the 55. While some who take the 6:40 instead of the 7:36, I feel like most will still tend towards the later option. I believe we will now have two half full buses running (the earlier two) while we still have a bus that barely has standing room running last.

Evening Schedule:

- The proposed 75 schedule makes no sense to me. We know from the 55 that the 5:00 bus will be the most crowded (this is exacerbated by the fact that the 75 morning busses arrive earlier) so the new evening schedule will not help at all. With the addition of the early bus, there will be people who want to leave early, and I don't think anyone who typically left at 5:30 will want to leave at 6. Also, eliminating the 7:07 bus means that we can no longer schedule meetings with customers on the west coast from 4-5 their time.

- The 55 change to move a bus into the 5:30 slot makes sense, but there is the same complaint about not being able to stay until 7 seen above. (But overall this is the best of the proposed changes)

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- As for non-Epic Employees that use the bus, we are also condensing the usability. The available times are less broad, and I would assume less useful.

Since it's easy to criticize and harder to come up with solutions, I'm including what I think could be viable alternative options to the proposed schedule. Let's identify the problem: There are several busses that are overcrowded. These are the latest busses that run in the morning, and the earliest busses that run in the evening.

Negatively

1. A 9-5 job without the ability to work from 9-5? That's a bit strange.
2. Condensing the buses doesn't really make a lot of sense to me. As it is, the latest morning and earliest evening buses are packed and the rest are way thinner. If anything, we should be making a 10-AM arrival and a 4-PM departure, if not also a run right in the middle of the day (to W. Xfr) like a Verona-Tokay shuttle of sorts. These would each help out with things like: doctor's appts, sick days, errands, travel to/from the airport, meetings in Tokay, or even simply missing the bus. As for which routes get these new proposed times? Based on my location, I prefer the #75 to #55 about 3:1 (10 minutes less and a quarter cheaper).
3. Departure times close to the hour are bad for leaving meetings gracefully.
4. As it is now, I prefer the 5:30 #75 as a happy medium between leaving at 5 and leaving at 6 AND because it's about 10 minutes faster. With the changes, I would be inclined to prioritize the 10 minutes of travel time over the 5:30 departure and would therefore leave at 5 more frequently. Which I guess is fine considering that there will be no more option to arrive at work after 8:20 :(.
5. I will say that the option to be downtown by 6 by bus is nice. I don't take the #75 all the way there

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We need to look at the bus schedule from a dane county resident point of view and not just Epic. If you change the frequency of the bus schedule to fit the peak hours, only Epic employees who "currently" take the bus will benefit. Instead, we should focus on bring in new riders from Epic and the city residents.

Here is a suggestion:

Bus 55:

Leave WTP @ 6.30am, 7.30am, 8.30am, 9.30am, 10.30am. The 9.30am / 10.30 am should have extra stops or go along a different route. For example, Whitney, Mckee, Maple grove.

Leave Epic @ 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm. Again, the 4pm and the 7pm bus should have extra stops along the way.

Bus 75:

Leave Capitol at 6am, 7am, 8am

Leave Epic at 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm.

There isn't a clear way to recirculate this bus. Also, this bus has potential to bring in more riders. I suggest we add stops in Fitchburg during off peak hours.

Negatively

To solve overcrowding, the fare should be higher during peak times.

With this schedule, the last 55 in the morning arrives at 8:30 and the first out leaves at 5:00. For hourly employees, this means that we have to be on campus for a minimum of 42.5 hours every week, but we can only work (and be paid for) 40 of those hours. Some of us already find ourselves stuck on campus without being able to work whenever job duties require us to deviate at all from a 9-5 schedule - which can be often - and this seems like it would just add to that issue.

Negatively

An additional 75 is certainly needed.

Primary concern: The last bus to leave Epic will only be at 6:30, instead of 7. It just decreases the amount of time someone dependent on the bus will be able to work during busy times.

Secondary concern. A 6:40am 75 will do little (I predict) to address the overcrowding on the 7:40. A driver said once that he should not have let more people on, but didn't want to strand somebody trying to catch the last bus to work (getting over to west transfer point to get the late 55 isn't always possible). I think a 7:10 bus would be more useful. It would still arrive in time for 8:00 meetings.

Tertiary concern: The 8:30am 55 is the last bus to Epic, and having it later will just make it harder for anyone reliant on the bus to do anything before work (dentist, whatever).

I am glad there will be an additional 75, and concerns aside, prefer it at the proposed times to no new bus at all.

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Neutral	I'd love a single mid-day bus
Neutral	I believe that the last bus should not leave at 8:00, as this makes scheduling appointments more difficult (say I have a gas leak that needs to be fixed, now I probably have to take a cab to get to work after the work is done since most service companies will not schedule something early enough). I do think the evening schedule changes will be helpful.
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Positively	Most of the changes are positive except for changing the morning 55 to 8:00.
Positively	It actually wouldn't really affect me at all, but I think it's a good change.
Positively	The one negative aspect: the last 75 leaving at 6:30 instead of 7. I would like the last one to leave at 7 as it does now, so that in the evening the 3 75 buses would leave at:5,6,7pm.
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Positively	I would like to have one 75 bus depart later than 6:30 in the evening. New morning schedule is great.
Positively	
Positively	Additional routes are very helpful as they add more flexibility and would reduce volume of riders on the bus.
Positively	Would be perfect if there was a bus that got to Epic between 7:45 and 8.
Positively	I tried living downtown and riding the bus and the old schedule made it impossible and I had to move.
Positively	For route 75 the additional bus at 6:40 am would be nice, but since most people need to be in office at 8, I think something closer to 7 or 7:10 would be more beneficial.
Positively	The changes for the afternoon 75 buses leaving Epic are positive but the changes to the morning 75 buses leaving the Captiol Square do not affect me because I will continue to take the 7:40am bus. It would be positive for me and increase the amount that I take the bus if the additional bus was later than 7:40.
Positively	I am only an occasional rider.
Positively	I would like to see a bus that left later (8:15) and got to Epic around 9 am.
Positively	(7:40 is an early cutoff to miss your last ride to work!)
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Positively	Love the ability to get downtown before 6 at night if I have to. That will increase my ridership.
Positively	Don't like the loss of the 8:30 a.m. 55, and wish there were a later 75.
Positively	On the balance, though, the changes are fine, and I like having more options in general.

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Positively	The 75 in the morning is often very crowded, so hopefully the earlier time will alleviate some of this issue. The other issue this helps is the first 75 leaving Epic at night (5:35p) should get less crowded because people have the option of taking one at 5p, 6p, or 7p. I don't take the 55 ever, so I can't comment on those changes.
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Positively	Absolutely love this idea. Thanks for taking a survey about it!
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Positively	We really needed an intermediate morning time!
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Positively	These changes would make my commute and overall life much better. The current second 75 AM run is way too full. However, if I take the early bus then I end up at work for nearly 11 hours, which usually isn't necessary. Adding a 3rd morning bus would reduce the over-crowdedness and give folks an alternative when they need to get to work by 8am. I will definitely be taking that bus often.
Positively	The additional 75 bus would have a much greater impact and help much more with overcrowding if it could be closer to the existing 7:40 bus. The 7:40 bus is usually stuffed to the gills, and a bus a full hour earlier wouldn't do much to relieve that, since most people are trying to get to Epic around 8:30-9.
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Positively	adding an extra 75 route each way is definitely good. If i had to quibble I'd push the middle bus up to 7:10 (and also maybe the 6:10 to 6:30 - I'm not sure of ridership on that one - it's so early!) for the afternoon I like the 5:30 bus time. many classes and meetings will end at 5, giving a nice amount of time to collect your things and head for the bus. I'd suggest 5, 5:30, 6:30 for the evening ride times.
Positively	
Positively	I ride the 75 regularly. The addition of an extra bus in the morning and afternoon would be a large improvement for both crowding concerns and offering a better choice for my schedule in the morning.
Positively	Change the new 75 to leave at 7:00 or 7:10 AM. Ridership is much higher in the 7:40, and I think many of those riders will feel 6:40 departure is too early.
Positively	For the most part, I think this will be beneficial, as it will increase my options for the majority of times that I ride the bus. There are times, however, that I need to stay later for some reason, and having a bus after 6:30 would be nice for those instances.
Positively	
Positively	I take the 75 everyday and the new schedule is VERY exciting. A half-hour later commute in the morning and a half-hour earlier commute in the evening gives me an extra hour that I can spend with my family. That means a lot to me and makes me a happier, more productive employee!

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Positively	<p>75 routes:</p> <p>Morning: The 6:10 bus is too early; it would be great if there was a bus that left downtown around 7:15 to accommodate those of us that start our day at Epic at 8am (inc. 8am meetings).</p> <p>Afternoon: The afternoon times are perfect if the proposed changes are taken into account.</p>
Positively	<p>There are two things I don't like:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The last bus leaves at 6:30, so it will be harder to stay late when I need to, as opposed to now when the last bus leaves a little after 7. 2. The 75 leaves Verona at 5:00, 6:00, and 6:30. I think it would make sense to change the 6:00 to 5:45. I usually like to stay a little after 5, but wouldn't want to stay as late as 6. Plus it seems like it would make sense to have them equally spaced out.
Positively	<p>I feel however that the 75 needs to leave earlier in the evening though; perhaps 4 or 4:30. As it currently is the first bus leaves the Capitol Square at 6:10 am and will arrive at Epic by about 7am. Then currently, the first option to leave epic is at 5:40 pm. That forces the early bus riders to spend almost 11 hours at work. The proposed change will only reduce this to 10. While there are certainly days we need to put in 10+ hours, there are also plenty of days where people would rather stick to 8 or 9.</p> <p>Without accomodating for this in the proposed changes I do not believe we will fix overcrowding on the busses because few people will want to take the earliest morning bus and be forced to work 10 hours, and many of the late morning bus riders will also choose to take the earliest evening bus because that is about a standard work day for them.</p> <p>The other option may be to add a later morning bus that leaves at around 8:10.</p>
Positively	<p>I live downtown and take the 75 on a regular basis.</p> <p>Right now, in the morning, neither of the 6:10 and 7:40 Capitol Square departures works for me - either too early or too late. The new 6:40 one (or a hypothetical 7:10 one) would be more convenient, the idea being to get to Epic around 7:30-8:00.</p> <p>In the evening, 6:00 is about when I'd want to leave Epic normally. 5:00 would work for those days when I need/want to take off early. I'm rather fond of 7:00 being the last bus of the day, in case I need stay a bit late.</p>
Positively	<p>I still think there should be a bus that leaves Epic before 5 pm (4 or 430), ideally the 75 to the square. If you take the earliest 75 you get here before 7 but then don't have any options to leave before 5 pm, which basically enforces a 10 hour workday everyday. Sometimes this is what I work, but other days it would be nice to have the option to take an earlier bus if I don't have meetings or want to finish up whatever work I have from home.</p>
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	I love the new 75 time in the morning. Perfect to make it into work for 8:00 meetings.
Positively	I would prefer the afternoon times for the 75 to be more spread out, i.e. 5:00, 5:45, and 6:30 rather than 5:00, 6:00, and 6:30.
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Positively	That additional 75 in the morning would be perfect for me.
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Positively	I ride the 75. The new "middle" morning time works well for making earlier meetings. The multiple and earlier departure times in the evening are great!
Positively	Having an additional 75 bus in the morning will be beneficial
Positively	At night, I find that the 5:33 departure can be over-crowded, while the 7:03 bus is usually wide open. Moving to a schedule that better accomodates a 9-5 workday is very helpful.
Positively	The 75 leaving at 5:00, 6:00, and 6:30 sounds fine, save for the last time. The 6:30 is a bit too soon after the 6:00, which makes it hard for those who have to stay at work late (7pm or later). If we could just change the 6:30 to a 7:00, that would be amazing!
Positively	
Positively	I will be taking Route 55. I like that the last departure in the morning is changing from 8:30 to 8 (although I will usually be on the 7:30 anyway). I wish there were still going to be a 7:00 departure in the evening - but it's nice to have one at 5:30 because the 5:00 is probably pretty crowded. If I were someone who took the 75 in the morning I would greatly appreciate the additional (6:40) route.
Positively	I say positively, but there is a little negative as well. I take route 75, and more morning times would be great. And more evening times would be great too; however, I got lots of use out of the 7:07PM bus, and I'd like it if the last bus wasn't just 6:30, especially since there is a bus planned for 6:02 as it is. It would be nice to just have ~5PM, ~6PM, and ~7PM for the times.
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Positively	<p>It is just a guess that the proposed changes affect me positively. I will have to try them for a few months to know.</p> <p>I will probably never ride the 75 bus, so those changes do not matter to me.</p> <p>I suspect I will like the change of a 7:05 pm 55 bus back to Madison to a 6:30 pm 55 bus.</p> <p>I see no benefits for me for the switch from the the 55 bus leaving the West Transfer Point at 8 am instead of 8:30 am. It is possible that I will dislike this change. Since I rarely ride this bus now, I do not feel right saying that this change affects me negatively at this time.</p>
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Positively	5:30pm bus work be fantastic. It's tough to make the 5:00pm bus because that means I have to leave my office by 4:45pm to get to the bus stop.

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Positively	I like the new times generally, but the actual departure times getting bumped closer to the hour worries me - 7 minutes is a reasonable amount of time to make a bus after leaving a meeting/etc, but 4-5 minutes will be cutting it too close.
Positively	Instead of a 6:40am 75, I think we should have a slightly later one. It almost seems to me like we're trying to force employees to come in earlier and earlier. I don't think adding an earlier 75 would address morning crowding problems as much as adding a later 75 would. A departure time of 8:20 or 8:30 would be very reasonable, and would allow people a little more flexibility if they have to do something in the morning, or arrived home late at night from a trip. Even 7:30 am is pretty early for most people, so I don't think you're going to get quite as many people jumping ship from 7:30 to 6:40 as you might anticipate.
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Positively	the more route 75s coming and going, the better. it has gotten very congested (if you don't take the 610-649) and that has diminished my ridership.
Positively	Non-exempt hourly staff can only work 8 hrs, and this schedule does not accomodate us--which, being that we are the lowest paid employees, really should as busing is the lowest cost transportation option. While I welcome the additional times, I don't think the proposed changes will do much to help with morning over-crowding, either. As many others have expressed, the 6:40a time is much too early to attract any regular riders of the 7:40a 75. When so many early buses are offered, it behooves the Metro to add an earlier evening departure to the current schedule. The schedule would improve significantly if there was a 75 later than 7:40 or an evening bus departure around 4:30p.
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Positively	Thank you for the extra bus in the morning!
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Positively	It will be great to be able to leave on the 75 at 5.
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Positively	<p>I already take the 75 a few times a week and I'm really looking forward to these schedule changes because now</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I can make 8am meetings without getting on the 6:15 bus 2. I can get home in the evening before 6pm 3. Since there are 3 buses, I won't have to stand up as frequently! <p>I'M Very excited about the possibility of these changes and will be very disappointed if they don't go through! I love taking the bus, but with the current schedule and crowdedness, the benefits of driving frequently outweigh the inconveniences of the bus.</p>

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Positively	<p>The 6pm/6:30pm departure times are more realistic for my TS schedule. I only used the 7pm time once and that's because I missed the 5:30 departure. That said, I did really enjoy the 5:30 time. My main concern was that I wasn't getting to work early enough to justify leaving at 5:30.</p> <p>The 6:40 morning bus also makes this incredibly more attractive, since the 6:10 is typically far too early, but I would still prefer to get to work before 8:30am.</p>
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Positively	I would like the buses to leave epic at around 5:10 (or 6:10) so people can leave work at 5:00 (or 6:00) and have enough time to walk to the bus.
Positively	Have a bus that leaves Epic campus earlier than 5:00 for hourly employees who get done at 3pm.
Positively	I like that the 75 would have three buses that go to Epic and the capitol. My only complaint is the 6:30pm bus that leaves Epic towards Capitol Square. I would rather have the latest bus leaving at 7.
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Positively	If I had a pefect world, it would be great if the 75 left Epic at 5:15 and then 6:00 and 6:30. a 5:00 departure means I'd leave my desk at 4:45 which would conflict with meetings from 4-5 more often than not. It's true that I could wait for the 6:00 but if I take the early bus in, then I'm at work for 11 hours.
Positively	
Positively	<p>The proposed schedule changes don't affect me negatively OR positively since none of the bus times I take are being changed. However, I have a suggestion. I take the 75 that arrives at Epic at about 6:45 every morning. This bus is usually pretty full, meaning that there are a lot of people who take the bus to and from work who are starting their work day at 7:00 am. Since the earliest bus that leaves Epic isn't until 5:00 pm, this first bus that leaves is typically standing room only. I have a feeling if there were a bus that left earlier, even at 4:00 (Although, if I could pick any time for myself, I'd probably go with 3:30), a lot of people would take it. I certainly would, and it would be nice to not have to wait an additional two hours after my shift has ended for the bus to arrive.</p>
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Positively	I take the 75- I love having more options with it. It was nice having the 7pm option though; sometimes ya gotta stay late, and sometimes you just don't have a car.
	They're both positive and negative.
Positively	I'd appreciate if they added an extra bus instead of just rearranging the three existing ones, but my wife'll sure be happy that I'll have to be home earlier.
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Positively	Please please please make these changes and possibly more. The more flexibility the better - for the employees and the for the city and for the environment.
Positively	
Positively	I'm an early bird and would prefer the first morning bus to leave at 5:40 - so we have one every hour (5:40, 6:40, 7:40) but I may be alone in that opinion. Otherwise, I am pleased with the proposed changes.
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