

## ***DRAFT Proposed Metro Service Changes for August, 2014*** **- Updated -**

**Routes 8 and 78:** The proposal is to link these two routes together on Saturdays, which would allow direct service between Middleton, the UW Campus area, and downtown Madison. Route 78 would no longer travel to the West Transfer Point. Route 8 schedule would shift somewhat to accommodate this linking.

**Routes 26 and 36:** Currently, there is no service to the American Center area after 5:00 p.m. With the increase in employers and educational institutions locating there, Metro proposes to swap some of the trips currently being operated on route 36 to route 26 between 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Currently, route 36 operates every 30 minutes after 6 p.m.; the proposal would result in hourly service on both routes 26 and 36.

**Routes 44 and 48:** Interest has been expressed from Fitchburg to expand the service area of route 44 to the quickly-developing and high density Swan Creek of Nine Springs neighborhood. The route would become more of a “loop”, and offer commuting opportunities between the neighborhood, Fitchburg locations (including Agrace Hospice Care), and the UW Campus area.

To compensate for the extra travel time, it is proposed to eliminate the Gilson St loop on route 44.

**Route 50:** The midday and night schedule would be improved from hourly frequency to every 30 minutes.

**Route 59:** Proposed revisions to this weekend route would provide a direct link for the Belmar/Allied Drive neighborhood to the Orchard Pointe shopping area (Super Target and Hy Vee), in both directions. Also, trips would be shifted by ½-hour to match final departure times at night with route 52 on weekdays. The schedule change would significantly shorten trip times between the Hatchery Hill area and Orchard Pointe.

**Middleton Service (Routes 70-78):** Routing revised to standardize operation on the same streets.

Route 74 eliminated; most of its service area would be covered by the revised route 72.  
Route 73 change in routing for the Deming Way/John Q Hammonds Dr loop.  
Schedule adjustments to all routes to improve reliability.

There may be some schedule adjustments on other routes to deal with ongoing reliability and loading issues. Also, the upcoming Verona Rd construction may affect service on routes 18, 55, and 75.