

Summary of Dudgeon/Monroe Meeting 2006 Route Proposals

Sharon Persich and Colin Conn presented weekday and weekend service proposals at a meeting of the neighborhood association board on March 8, 2006. The primary service change in this neighborhood is a reduction in weekend service frequency on Monroe Street. Weekday changes are minor and involve some phasing adjustments during peak times. Staff also reviewed changes on Route 6 to the west and along Regent Street.

Questions tended to focus on funding issues in response to the weekend service reduction on Monroe Street. Staff provided a brief overview of the history of transit funding and the trend in recent years of static or declining funds relative to increasing costs, resulting in an ongoing need to pursue operating efficiencies. Someone questioned the potential to save operating costs with smaller buses. Staff discussed the operational and economic disadvantages of using smaller vehicles while noting their benefit from a public perception standpoint. In response to a question about what the neighborhood might do to show support for transit, staff suggested making such statements at public hearings. Someone also suggested that Metro write regular articles for publication in the neighborhood newsletter.

Summary of Greenbush Neighborhood Meeting 2006 Route Proposals

Sharon Persich and Colin Conn presented weekday and weekend service proposals to a group of approximately 15 residents. The neighborhood stands to gain significant service improvements from revisions to current Route 27 (proposed Route 44) that would provide service to the west campus as far as Babcock and Linden, and from a new south campus circulator. Staff also reviewed changes in Route 5 affecting Olin Avenue (new Route 13) that will provide continuous service on West Washington Avenue abutting the neighborhood.

Reaction was positive. Comments/questions included:

- **Route 8 to Hilldale**--One member of the group indicated using Route 8 to Hilldale from Mills and University. Staff pointed out that she would be able to use Route 2, which has already been re-routed into Hilldale on all trips.
- **Left-turn signal from Park onto Erin**--The neighborhood has had a standing request for a left-turn signal from Park onto Erin and asked for Metro's support to accomplish this.
- **Route 44 South to West Campus**—It was questioned whether this route could go even further west, with one member indicating a need to reach University Station. Staff indicated that the route had just enough schedule time at current service levels for the proposed pattern.
- **South to East Link**--Someone suggested linking Route 12 at Dutch Mill to Routes 39 to establish a east side connection. Staff presented Route 16, which was very positively received.