



City of MADISON ACTION ITEM DETAIL – June 11, 2025

ACTION TITLE: Route 75 stop and trip updates (related to D2 extension) | Additional bus stop changes

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ACTION SUMMARY: Request to approve stop updates in Nesbitt Rd. area related to Route D2 extension; reallocated trips from Route 75 to Route D2; and other stop updates related to construction projects and service updates.

BACKGROUND: At the Transportation Commission meeting on April 9th, 2025, Metro staff presented the Route D2 extension to Verona and accompanying Route 75 modifications. However, it was discovered exact stop locations near Nesbitt Rd. in Fitchburg needed some additional review. Metro staff have since reviewed these proposed changes with City of Fitchburg staff and made adjustments.

It was also discovered that Route D2 route scheduling was becoming too tight, and another bus was needed in the early evenings. To make this work, additional Route 75 trips needed to be reallocated to Route D2. (Staff described an initial set of trips that were reallocated from Route 75 to Route D2 at the April public hearing.)

In addition, other stop updates are necessary due to construction projects in Madison and the Route D2 service extension into Verona.

DESCRIPTION:

Complete details are available in Legister materials.

Fitchrona Rd.: Route D2 service will be realigned away from Fitchrona Rd. to operate in higher density areas on McKee Rd. and Maple Grove Rd. as it travels out to Verona.

Route 75 Trips

In addition to these Route D2 changes, 4 additional Route 75 trips will be reallocated to the Route D2 extension to Verona.

Additional Stop Updates

Stops on University Row, West Verona, and around the South Transfer Point also need to be moved/closed due to construction projects, service updates, and the implementation of the north/south BRT route.



EQUITY GOAL IMPACTS: As part of the new Verona D2 extension, service is being removed from a segment on Nesbitt Rd. in Fitchburg. This will directly affect riders living at The Point Apartments, who will have a ten-minute walk to stops near Hy-Vee/Target. This change also eliminates a small pocket of paratransit service eligibility in Fitchburg. No current paratransit riders will be impacted by this change.

However, this change will run the bus through a higher density living area and provide many more people with increased access to fixed-route transit service to and from Verona, including nights and weekends.

Stops that are being redistributed around the South Transfer Point will also result in some riders needing to walk further. Though, new stops on Hughes will provide a new shelter and provide better access to the Village on Park St. and nearby apartments.