

Update on Route 75

9/30/2015

Route 75 is a peak hour commuter route that operates between the Capitol Square and Epic. Almost since its inception, there have been overcrowding issues, especially on a peak trip in the a.m. heading towards Epic, and then again on a peak trip in the p.m. Over time, the overcrowding has become worse to the point where Epic employees were not able to board the bus. For the 5:03 p.m. trip from Epic, that meant passengers either had to wait 30 minutes for the next trip of route 75, or board route 55, ride to the West Transfer Point, and then transfer to a route that was bound for the Capitol Square—a long ride. This inability to transport all of the passengers who wanted that trip became chronic and Metro was receiving daily “pass-up” reports.

Fortunately, a solution for the p.m. trip was found by Metro’s Scheduling and Data Assistant, who was able to tack on an extra trip for Epic to a piece of work that operates a supplemental school day route. No additional peak period bus was required because the bus was already assigned. Epic quickly approved the extra funding that would be required to operate this trip (\$26,000 annually).

On Monday, September 21, this extra bus began operating to relieve overcrowding on the 5:03 p.m. trip. The extra bus gets to Epic several minutes before the regular bus. Once it’s completely full, it takes off and the regular bus pulls up to take the remaining passengers. So far, both of the buses have been completely full as they leave Epic, which indicates that if the capacity is provided, Epic employees will utilize it.

Unfortunately, the overcrowding in the a.m. peak does not have an “easy” solution, as every bus is already assigned and operating when the problematic trips occur.

| 75 Weekday – Verona to Capitol Square | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Park St. and Erin St. | W. Main St. and S. Carroll St. | Pinckney St. and Main St. | | | | | |
| WEEKDAY | Comes From Route | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | Becomes Route |
| | AM Peak | | | | | | | | |
| | 55 | 6:55 | 7:00 | 7:13 | 7:17 | 7:22 | 7:30 | 7:31 | 75 |
| | 75 | 8:20 | 8:25 | 8:38 | 8:43 | 8:48 | 8:57 | 8:58 | G |
| | 75 | 8:40 | 8:45 | 8:57 | 9:02 | 9:07 | 9:16 | 9:17 | G |
| | PM Peak | | | | | | | | |
| | 75 | 5:03 | 5:07 | 5:21 | 5:25 | 5:30 | 5:39 # | 5:45 | 75 |
| | 75 | 5:33 | 5:37 | 5:51 | 5:55 | 6:00 | 6:09 | 6:10 | G |
| | 55 | 6:03 | 6:07 | 6:20 | 6:24 | 6:28 | 6:37 | 6:38 | 14 |
| | 75 | 6:30 | 6:34 | 6:47 | 6:51 | 6:55 | 7:04 | 7:05 | G |

Bus waits excess time on W. Main St. at S. Carroll St.
This route has a Limited Stop Zone. See map for details.

Light Type=AM **Light Type=PM** G=garage

The extra bus helps the highlighted trip.