

REPORT

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TO: Transit and Parking Commission Members

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SUBJECT: **Access to the new DMV location at 8417 Excelsior Drive**

Metro staff has developed the following responses to the request from the League of Women Voters to provide off-peak, weekday service to the new DMV at 8417 Excelsior Drive.

Route 15

Adding the Excelsior loop onto the midday route 15 could potentially work. However, it would add up to 15 minutes to the route's schedule, meaning another bus would need to be added to the rotation to maintain the schedule. The entire off-peak schedule would need to be reconfigured to accommodate the extra distance and the additional bus in the rotation. The route change could create ~15 minute longer trip times for some passengers south of Old Sauk Rd.

Route 73

This route operates hourly between the West Transfer Point and Greenway Station in Middleton. Because of the tight schedule on this route, it could not be diverted through the Excelsior loop and still maintain the transfers with route 70 at the north end.

Note: Walking distance from the nearest existing route 73 bus stop to the new DMV is about 0.3 mile, or a 5-minute walk.

An entirely new route

A route 68-type service could be operated from the West Transfer Point off-peak. This would create a new route that only runs middays on weekdays,

Note: Both the route 15 extension and "new route" concepts would require a bus to operate from ~9:00a - ~3:00p on weekdays, resulting in an annual operating cost of approximately \$76,500.

DMV East

It should be noted that there is a one seat ride to the DMV on the east side for much of the Regent neighborhood via route 6, which provides hourly service to/from the DMV off-peak. Travel time is approximately 45 minutes from West High, and 30 minutes from the UW Campus area.

Taxi vouchers or similar arrangement might be a more efficient solution to be explored, depending on the level of demand.