

Public Hearing Feedback Summary

Proposed Service in Verona

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Type of Feedback	Number of Responses
Pro	17
Con	0
Mixed/Suggestions	2

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Thanks for keeping some of the short routes on the 75. They're great for me for not having to get on a packed bus that's been filled up by the folks from the capitol area.

But if this is all that needs to change for getting the extension for D2 to go to Epic and open up simple bus commuting to that many more people along the D2 line this seems like a win overall.

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Verona citizen here: YES, to all-day service especially routing to the west-side hospitals, Edgewood, and UW.

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I am strongly in favor of the proposed extension of D2 to all-day service to Verona. I have used the 55 and 75 since 2011 to get to Epic and it gives me the freedom to live a car-free life. It has always been limiting for the routes to be peak hours only because it severely limits my options for things like doctors appointments in the middle of the day. While I am physically able to bike to these appts, it takes a minimum of 30 minutes if the weather is ok, and it means I likely have to take half a day off of work. The service addition means just leaving work for an hour or 2 for an appt becomes feasible. It also adds options for going to/from Epic to the airport which includes a lot of employees and visitors during the week. Additionally, this will give Verona residents an option to avoid car commuting into Madison. The notice doesn't specify whether the proposal is for weekday service only or all days. I do not have a strong opinion on weekend service and leave it to Verona on whether they

prioritize paying for that for their residents.

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I think this would be a great idea. I would almost certainly use it. I currently ride the 75 but that means I have to leave by 6:35, which can be inconvenient if there is an after-hours event I plan on attending; I hate bumming rides if I don't need to do so. I think others are in the same boat and would definitely end up taking buses past 6:35PM if given the option.

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Proposed service to Verona by extending D2 would be fantastic. The proposed cuts to the 75 bus line do not impact many folks because the outbound trip to Verona in the morning is one I never take, and the Fitchburg to Verona trips are not used very often. The morning trips from Verona to Madison are also not used heavily. The benefit to having all day service between East side and the airport and Epic is fantastic. It can better serve the Allied, Nakoma, Monroe St, and East side areas and encourages them to use public transit to get to work because it's now a one-seat ride. I'll plan taking the D bus instead of the 75 at least weekly when I want to stop by Monroe St / Trader Joes or run other errands. Especially because the D bus can get me home to the near-east side later in the evening than the 75 bus can. I also sometimes need mid-day trips between Verona to Madison so this would alleviate needing to spend money on a cab.

I'm interested in the speed of the D bus route, if it's not too much slower I'll consider taking it instead of the 75 home since the stop is much closer to where I live (Blount St and Johnson). If it's within 10 minutes of the 75 bus speed I'll take it daily.

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As an Epic employee, I'm glad to hear that Metro Transit will be expanding bus availability between Epic and other nearby cities - this will make it much much easier for people to leave for personal business during work (it's currently pretty inconvenient) and also make it easier to get to and from the airport. Thank you!

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I appreciate the proposal to have Madison Metro Buses drive into Verona. I have one friend who lives there with her husband, and I am sure that others have people that they know who live there, I will not be attending the hearing in person.

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The D2 expansion would make it much easier for me to go to mid-day appointments and travel directly from work to the airport rather than biking an hour or hailing a \$60 cab from Epic.

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A comment on the upcoming hearing for an extended D2 route to Verona: As a frequent downtown/Verona commuter, I'm really happy to hear about this and hope it happens! Even outside of making my work commute a lot less limited, I could see myself planning a trip over to places in Verona with a more convenient way to get there.

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In response to the April 9 public hearing for extending route D to the Epic campus: this change would be hugely beneficial to bus riders who don't have a reliable way to get downtown midday for medical appointments, flights, etc. Thank you for considering adding this option!

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I support the proposal to replace some 75 route runs with all-day service of D2 from Epic to the airport. Personally, I am a little sad about the loss of the earliest westbound 75 run because I do use it occasionally, but if that will allow Madison Metro to extend D2 all the way to Epic, I think it is a worthwhile trade. It will make my commutes more flexible and make business trips easier and more sustainable for myself and many of my colleagues.

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I appreciate the proposal to extend route D2 into Verona for service throughout the day. As someone who is visually impaired, I rely on my wife, other drivers, and buses to get to my job at Epic and I would use this extension. However, my wife and I also use the current D2 route to go into Madison. Please keep the bus stop at Fitchrona and Nesbitt that serves the Pointe apartments so that we have access to the bus. This would allow the buses to turn around at the traffic circle, instead of the Target or HyVee parking lots.

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I think the D2 extension to Epic Campus is a great idea. I don't own a car, and I've often had morning appointments where they take longer than the 75 morning service runs and have to spend a significant amount of money for an Uber or book a really early appointment so I can make it to the bus. It would also be great to extend service to the east of the capitol, there are many apartments and residences there that could benefit from closer bus stop on the route to Epic. It would also allow taking the bus from Epic to the airport which would be a good use for the hundreds of employees who take work trips during the week and the thousands of attendees who come to the annual conferences.

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I won't be able to attend the Public Hearing; sending my feedback for the proposed changes to service Verona (D2 service extension and Route 75 trip reductions). I am in full support of the proposed changes. I work at Epic and live relatively close (Cross Country/Nesbitt). I prefer to take public transit as the commute on the 75 bus is pretty short, it's inexpensive, and better for the environment. Additionally, in my household we only have 1 vehicle. Not having any midday service has been a significant limitation. The D2 service extension will make it much easier for me to commute to and from Epic every day. And I could take the bus rather than a taxi/rideshare to travel to or from the airport to Epic.

I do not have any concerns with the route 75 trip reductions.

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As an Epic employee who prefers to bus to campus, the trade of some 75 routes for all day service would be fantastically helpful – won't have to waste hours trying to find parking on

days when I have to leave campus briefly for appointments and such. It'll also benefit those in Verona who otherwise wouldn't have bus route access to Madison proper during the day.

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I'm mixed. I support all day service to Epic (even if it's just a few extra routes in the middle of the day), but I'm not sure if I would use the D2 route to get to the airport. Getting to the airport is fine, but if a flight comes back in the middle of the night, I would need to get a cab anyway.

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I support all day service to Verona which is growing alot d2 with bus and para transit.

Suggestions

what about the people on the D2 bus that catch the bus at Nesbitt and Fitchrona?

Could you extend the pickup to the roundabout at Nesbitt from that roundabout to target/hyVee is 1/2 mile up hill with no protection from the weather.

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I've read that the D2 line might get a makeover. I like the D2 bus extension proposal to Verona, but I do not like it that the whole Nesbitt Rd route and part of the fitchrona route will be eliminated (Bus stops Fitchrona at Nesbitt and bus stop Fitchrona at Crosswalk). I see that they plan for the bus to make a U turn at the Fitchrona Target and Hy-Vee stops. May I suggest to expand the U turn to the Fitchrona/Nesbitt roundabout instead? That means no bus stop will be eliminated and people like me, who live near Nesbitt, can still take the bus. If the Nesbitt/Fitchrona bus stop will be eliminated I will be forced to move because I don't drive and the Target/Hy-Vee bus stops are too far for me to walk, especially during winter because most of the time the sidewalks aren't cleared from snow and unsafe to walk on.