



City of MADISON ACTION ITEM DETAIL

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ACTION TITLE: Metro Transit – March 2026 Bus Stop Updates

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ACTION SUMMARY: Approve bus stop changes for March 2026 service change.

BACKGROUND: Metro proposes these bus stop changes to be implemented in March 2026. Metro routinely recommends opening new bus stops, closing bus stops, and relocating bus stops to improve service.

Metro staff will present a more thorough list of bus stop changes for 2026 at a future meeting. These two bus stops have been raised as needing more immediate action due to operational issues.

DESCRIPTION: A summary of the bus stop changes is below.

- Bus stop 2820, westbound University Avenue at University Bay Drive, proposed to be skipped by Routes C and J.
 - a) This bus stop is served by Routes C, E, J, R, and 64. The multiple routes serving this stop can cause bus bunching and congestion on University Avenue. Eliminating the stop for Routes C and J will improve these problems. Passengers using Routes C and J can use bus stop 2131, northbound University Bay Drive at University Avenue, just around the corner.
- Bus stop 0490, southbound Charter Street at Johnson Street, proposed to be closed.
 - a) This bus stop, served by Routes 28, 38, and 65, was historically installed for routes that came from the UW campus, southbound, and continued towards Mills Street. No routes currently use that path. To serve this bus stop, buses need to make a left turn to Johnson Street from the left lane, an unconventional movement, that has caused concerns. Passengers using this stop can use bus stop 0743, eastbound Johnson Street at Mills Street, about 550 feet (one block) away.

EQUITY GOAL IMPACTS: These minor changes are not expected to have a significant affect on equity as alternative bus stops are nearby.