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Hi -

I submitted this on the Metro website, but also had heard this was a good place to send it.

The proposed BRT changes are going to be massively disruptive to those of us who use the bus to commute from places that are not downtown.

I live in the Meadowwood neighborhood, and the stops I rely on to get to work will all be closed. I am unable to drive, and bought a house near a bus line specifically so I could get to the West Transfer Point to catch my bus to Epic. Looking at the new routes, there will be at least 2 transfers on low frequency routes before I even get to the park and ride, and that's without knowing the actual times and if they will even line up in a reasonable way, and from a stop that is further away.

This is untenable. It is not trivial to just walk another 10-15 minutes. Much of my commute is spent in freezing/sub zero weather, walking on icy, unlit sidewalks. As a woman, I also have to deal with being approached after dark. The buses are never running on time in the evening and I can spend up to a half hour at the transfer point - it is very likely I will end up stranded in a strange part of town while in between lines, with no recourse.

This new arrangement does not help when it so greatly reduces coverage, in the name of "frequency" that only benefits people who are able to live downtown. I am lucky enough to have some other options/sources of help, but I know there are others who are disabled/elderly/lower income that will not have these other options. And no matter what, I will now be an additional car on the road despite voting for/paying into taxes intended to support and expand public transit.

The money being used on this would be better served to provide proper heating/shelter at stops and transfer points.

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