

# **Transit Network Redesign**

Implementation
City of Madison Common Council
December 6, 2022

## Why do the Transit Network Redesign

Address long-standing issues and discrepancies

 Recover from COVID-19 in a way that reflects future needs

 Compliments BRT and brings some of those benefits to more neighborhoods

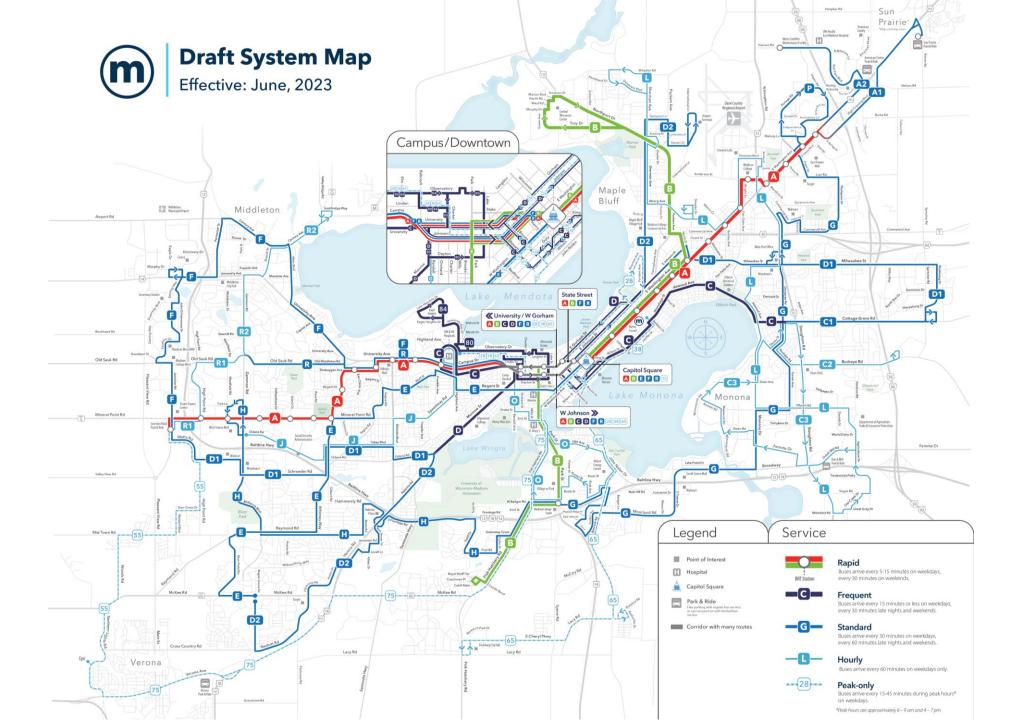
## Planning Steps

- Phase 1 Existing Conditions and Choices
- Phase 2 Alternatives
- Phase 3 Draft Plan
  - Plan adjusted based on community feedback
- Phase 4 Final Plan adopted by Council June 7, 2022
- Implementation in June 2023

	Choices	Alternatives	3	Draft Plan		Final Plan	
Sept 2020	Mar	2021	Nov	2021	Feb 202	22 June	= 2022

## Interim Implementation Steps

- Route names updated
- Draft system map
- Minor route changes
- Draft route start and end times
- Draft bus stop locations
- Title VI results



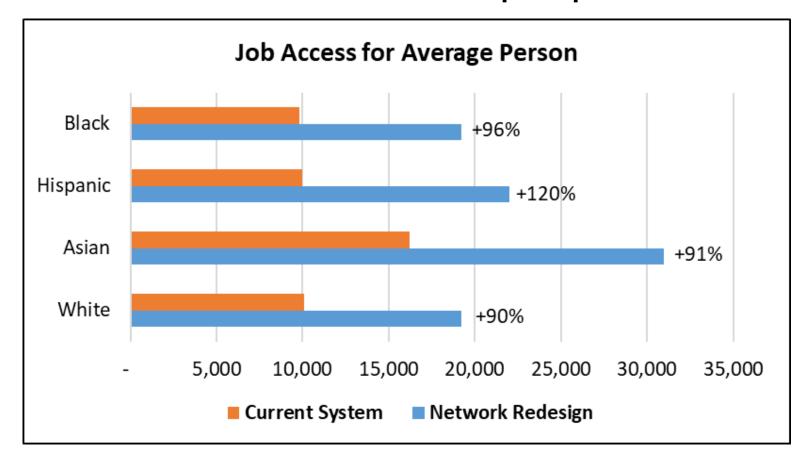
## Title VI Results

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits Metro
 Transit from discriminating on the basis of race, color, and national origin

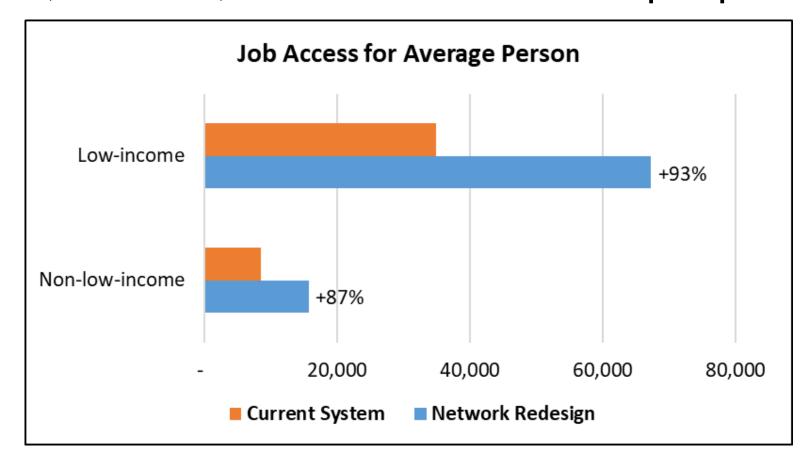
Required "Service Equity Analysis" for major service changes

Consistent with City goals and practices

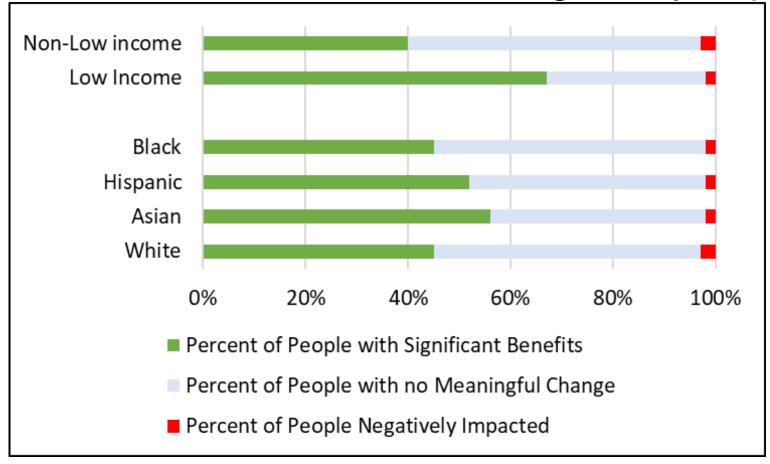
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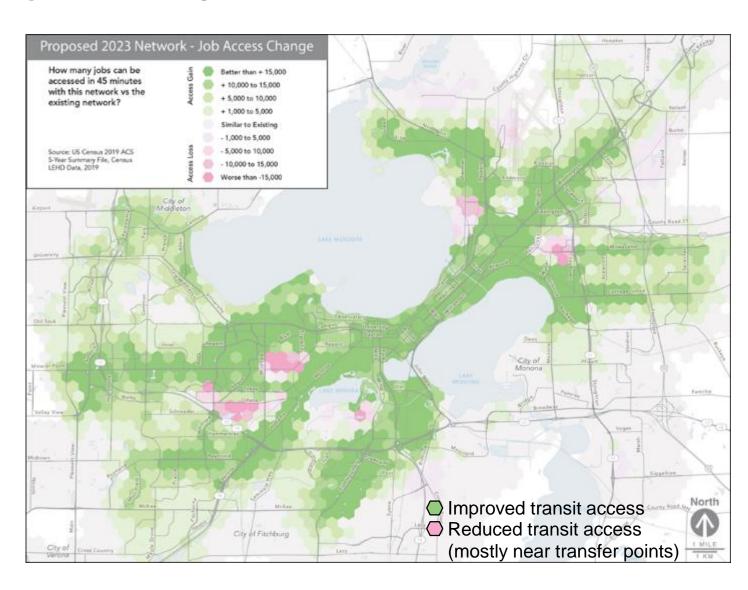
 These benefits reach low-income in the Madison area as much as, or more, than non-low-income people



 The number of people in each demographic group who benefit far exceed those who are negatively impacted



 Looking geographically, lowincome and historically marginalized neighborhoods are not outliers. They benefit as well.



## What we heard from the public hearing

- Skepticism about results, request for further analysis by other consultants
- Thoughts about whether low-income students in the downtown area should not be counted in the Title VI analysis.
- Concern for longer walks and reduced service on the south side.
- Concern for people with disabilities.

## Next Steps

#### **Schedule Development**

Final complete schedules are expected in early 2023.

#### **Facilities Development**

Bus stop and other changes will be made to support the Transit Network Redesign.

#### **New Outreach Positions**

Metro has started hiring outreach coordinators to provide trip planning and travel training for community agencies and organizations.

#### **Community Ride Guide Personnel**

Extra staff will be hired to be at busy stops and transfer areas as new service comes online.

## Conclusion

- The current transit network was put in place in 1998. It focused heavily on commuting downtown during rush hour, and resulted in very long travel times, particularly in peripheral neighborhoods.
- The title VI analysis confirmed benefits for all demographic groups, but especially communities of color and low income areas.
- Metro staff recommend implementing the Transit Network Redesign to address these issues and improve transit service for most people.



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