

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

A faster, smarter way to move

Metro Transit and the City of Madison are planning a new BRT system called Metro Rapid to make our community's transit system work faster and smarter.

The new Metro Rapid system will use dedicated lanes and modern-design stations to provide fast and cost-effective service to jobs, entertainment, and schools. Metro Rapid lines will complement other Metro bus routes and be the next big step toward a more sustainable local transit system.



What is Metro Rapid?



Dedicated Bus Lanes

Metro Rapid service will operate in its own separate lane allowing buses to move more efficiently through traffic.



Traffic Signal Priority

For faster more efficient service, Metro Rapid buses will be able to extend green lights and shorten red lights when approaching an intersection.



Larger Buses - Operating More Frequently

Metro Rapid lines will use 60-foot articulated buses that carry more passengers and operate more frequently and longer through the day.



Support for Metro's Existing Service

Metro Rapid lines will operate through Metro's existing service area. Metro neighborhood buses will meet up with Metro Rapid lines to create faster and more efficient travel connections.



Enhanced Transit Stations

Metro Rapid stations will feature real-time bus location information screens, covered seating, bicycle access and enhanced pedestrian crossings.



Station Design Contest Results

This station design by Kenneth Casper was chosen as the winning concept in a City of Madison sponsored competition. Over 65 submissions were received and reviewed by engineers, staff, stakeholders and the public.

This concept will be used to develop a final architectural design for the stations.