BUILDING A BETTER BUS NETWORK

Join the Conversation
AGENDA FOR TODAY

• Welcome & Introductions
• What is the Better Bus Network?
• How Did We Get Here?
• What are the Proposed Changes?
• Interactive Network Discussion
• Public Engagement 2021
• Wrap-up
WHAT IS THE BETTER BUS NETWORK?

We’re building a Better Bus Network!

• Re-imagined bus network
• Collaborative community-driven effort since 2018
• Service neutral, using resources more efficiently
• Increased access to frequent bus routes
• Improved off-peak service
• Faster journeys
2018-2020

• 5000+ Survey Responses
• 1,700+ Text Message Conversations
• 140 Workshops / Presentations that engaged 2,800+ people
Desire for Change

Should we change the bus system so more people can get to more places more quickly?

84% Agree
Preference for Ridership Goal

Which network concept do you prefer?

59% Chose Ridership

26% Coverage 19% Neutral 59% Ridership
Wider Stop Spacing

How far apart should bus stops be?

- 72% say every two blocks or more
- 48% say every four blocks, 1/2 mile
- 23% say every one to two blocks, 1/4 mile
- 6% say every block
Most respondents favor shorter waits, even if it means longer walks—and these are usually the results of Ridership goals.

Respondents were split over whether to shift resources away from low productivity routes towards high productivity routes, which is a method to achieving Ridership goals.
WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

Existing Bus Network

Proposed Better Bus Network
WHAT ARE THE CHANGES ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BEACHES?

Existing Bus Network

Proposed Better Bus Network
WHAT ARE THE IMPROVEMENTS?

• Connects residents to more opportunities
• Provides greater access to high-frequent routes
• Provides consistent high-frequent service
• Creates more equitable service
• Creates a more efficient system
QUANTIFY THE BENEFITS

Nearly 353,000 additional residents in Miami-Dade County will have access to a bus route that arrives every 15 minutes or less within a ¼ mile or a 5-minute walk or less.

The average resident in Miami-Dade County will have access to 31% more opportunities (jobs and services) in 60 minutes by walking and transit.

Increase the percentage of jobs near frequent service from 20% to 36%, bringing frequent service closer to 175,000 additional jobs.
EXISTING FREQUENCIES & SPANS

Existing Network Route Frequencies and Spans

The bus comes every

WEEKDAYS

0 - 10 min
10 - 15 min
16 - 25 min
26 - 40 min
40 - 70 min
Limited / Peak Service

Saturdays

Sundays

15 Minutes Midday

Route L
- Flagler Street Market
- 10th Street

Route 119
- 10th Street
- 16th Street

Route 120 - Beach MAX
- 16th Street
- 21st Street

20 Minutes Midday

Route 150 - Miami Airport

30 Minutes Midday

Route B
- 40th Street
- 150th Street

Route C
- 150th Street
- 160th Street

Route J
- 160th Street
- 170th Street

60 Minutes Midday

Route M
- 170th Street
- 180th Street

Route 115 - Mid-Florida Beach Connection

Peak / Limited Service

Route A
- 79th Street
- 109th Street

Route 79 - 79th St MAX
New Better Bus Network - Frequencies and Spans

The bus comes every
- 0 - 10 min
- 15 min
- 20 min
- 30 min
- 40 - 60 min
- Limited / Peak Service

7.5 Minutes or Better Midday
Route 7
1% to Aventura Mall

15 Minutes Midday
Route 20
Route 36
36A to Miami Airport
36A to Dadel
Route 70
798 to Hialeah Station
796 to Palms Sunny North
Route 125

30 Minutes Midday
Route 15
Route 26
TRADE OFFS

- 2% more residents will have no access within ½ mile
- Reductions in some peak frequencies
- Longer walk to the bus stop for a faster journey
Existing vs. Better Bus Stops (Mid-day Frequency)

Please click on a bus stop to view routes serving that specific stop and the route frequency.

Note:
For bus stops that are "Under Review", the Miami-Dade Department of Transportation and Public Works is continuously evaluating the bus network to optimize service in response to customer needs. These are bus stops that may or may not be moved in the future, based on those and other factors.

Legend
- Existing Stops
- Better Bus Stops
  - Under Review
  - Better Bus Stops
- Existing Routes
- Better Bus Routes

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WHO HAS ACCESS?

Every 15 minutes
ACCESS TO HIGH-FREQUENT SERVICE

Existing:
- 10% County Residents

Proposed:
- 23% County Residents

5 minute walk
ACCESS TO HIGH-FREQUENT SERVICE

Existing

9% People of Color

Proposed

23% People of Color

5 minute walk
ACCESS TO HIGH-FREQUENT SERVICE

Existing: 11% Seniors
Proposed: 23% Seniors

5 minute walk
ACCESS TO HIGH-FREQUENT SERVICE

Existing

12% People in Poverty

Proposed

28% People in Poverty

5 minute walk
ACCESS TO HIGH-FREQUENT SERVICE

Existing

29% Households with NO Car

Proposed

48% Households with NO Car

5 minute walk
QUICKPOLL #1
Let’s Whiteboard This!

Today, we will be using Conceptboard as a shared workspace to allow you to get up close and personal with the proposed Better Bus Network, collect input and have an open discussion about the changes.

You can access the digital whiteboard through this link: bit.ly/beachbusplan
In an effort to maintain a safe and respectable forum, we ask that participants abide by the following guidelines during this portion of the meeting.

• All participants' microphones will remain muted, unless it is their turn to speak
• Raise hand to ask a question - only one person speaks at a time
• Profanity or inappropriate language will not be tolerated. Be respectful when leaving comments - inappropriate comments will be removed
• Listen to what others have to say and respect others’ points of view

• When speaking, be mindful of background noises
• Speaking time is limited; manage your time - everyone participates, no one dominates
• Stay on topic – all comments should be related to the proposed Better Bus Network
2021

• Online Survey
• Community Meetings
• Stakeholder Meetings
• Project Splash Page
• Text Message Line
• Phone Scheduler
• Email Desk
A Better Bus Network for Miami-Dade County

Miami-Dade Transit is redesigning the bus network to increase frequent bus routes and create better connections across Miami-Dade County.

While elevated rail, like Metrorail and Metromover, is a key part of our County’s transit network, buses are the most flexible component of a transit system and have the highest potential for immediate improvement. If we want to improve access to opportunity by transit quickly, changing the bus network is the fastest way to make a difference.

Proposed Better Bus Network

The proposed Better Bus Network will create a more useful network, especially across the most dense and walkable parts of Miami-Dade County. View the proposed network.

This 3-minute survey will help us get final feedback as we implement a Better Bus Network.

The proposed network will:

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Submit your feedback online before service changes are proposed to the Board of County Commissioners in Spring 2021.

Other ways to submit feedback:

- Send an email
- Send a text message to 786-226-0590
- Schedule a one-on-one conversation with a team member

GIVE FEEDBACK ONLINE

STAY CONNECTED

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QUICKPOLL #2
NEXT STEPS

- **JUN 2018**: Transit Alliance Campaign Launches
  - Where’s my Bus? Campaign Launches

- **JUL 2019**: Choices Report is Released
  - Choices Report is Released to every County Commissioner – Live and on Transit

- **JUN 2019**: Better Bus Project
  - Better Bus Projects Officially Launches

- **SEP 2019**: Board of County Commissioners Update
  - Two Network Concepts were Presented
  - Better Bus Project Concepts Release

- **FEB 2020**: Draft of New Network
  - Draft of New Network is Unveiled to the Public and Presented at Cambridge Innovation Center Miami

- **OCT 2020**: Final Draft Better Bus Project Network & Report Released
  - A Virtual Live Presentation of the Final Draft Network
  - The Board of County Commissioners Votes to Accept the Final Report

- **MAR 2021**: Stakeholder Engagement & Public Outreach
  - Kick-off Outreach Activities for the Better Bus Network Implementation

- **SPRING 2021**: Tentative
  - Public Hearing & Final Plan Approval
QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU!
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