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
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
HOW DID WE GET HERE?

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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
2019 SURVEY

Wider Stop Spacing

How far apart should bus stops be?

72% say every two blocks or more

- Every block: 6%
- Every one to two blocks (1/4 mile): 23%
- Every two blocks (1/2 mile): 48%
- Every four blocks (1/2 mile): 24%
• 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.

Most survey respondents said that Miami-Dade should run more buses in areas with the most bus riders—dense and busy places.
WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

**Existing Bus Network**

**Proposed Better Bus Network**

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

Existing Network
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**Draft Better Bus Network**

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Existing Bus Network

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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.
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
BUS STOP CONSOLIDATION

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.

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Under Review
Better Bus Stops

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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: https://app.conceptboard.com/board/gdy0-oxb3-yu86-i740-76sk
INTERACTIVE TOOL

Sticky Note Tool

Highlight Tool
(for green/red dots)

Browse Tool

Select Tool
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
OUTREACH

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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

questions@betterbus.miami
786-226-0590
www.betterbus.miami/call

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QUICKPOLL #2
NEXT STEPS

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QUESTIONS?
THANK YOU!