



COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL

October 16, 2024

12800 RAVINE PARKWAY SOUTH
COTTAGE GROVE, MINNESOTA 55016

TRAINING ROOM - 6:00 PM

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Agenda
 - A Metro Transit Network Now – Draft Plan
Staff Recommendation: Receive the presentation from Metro Transit.
- 3 Adjournment



City Council Action Request

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Meeting Date 10/16/2024

Department Administration

Agenda Category Action Item

Title Metro Transit Network Now – Draft Plan

Staff Recommendation Receive the presentation from Metro Transit.

Budget Implication N/A

Attachments	1.	Metro Transit Network Now Concept Plan Workshop CC Memo
	2.	Metro Transit Network Now Concept Plan Appendix C



TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Jennifer Levitt, City Administrator

FROM: Emily Schmitz, Community Development Director

DATE: October 9, 2024

RE: Metro Transit Network Now – Draft Plan

Background

Metro Transit's Network Now shows their top priorities over the next four years and outlines how they will make service changes. They are in the first phase of their plan, which includes reaching out directly to stakeholders, analyzing network performance, and reviewing policy guidance to create a decision-making framework. They will use this framework to help establish guidance for adapting the network and prioritizing resources.

Metro Transit will be providing an overview of their draft plan and the proposed impacts to Cottage Grove along with outlining next steps as part of their decision-making process. The full draft plan and attachments can be found here: [Network Now - Metro Transit](#)

Attachment:

Draft Individual Route Changes (Appendix C)

Route 61

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	30	30	30 - 60	60
Saturday	60	60	60	60
Sunday	60	60	60	60

Note: frequencies (shown in minutes) are for the main portion of the route and intended as guidelines.

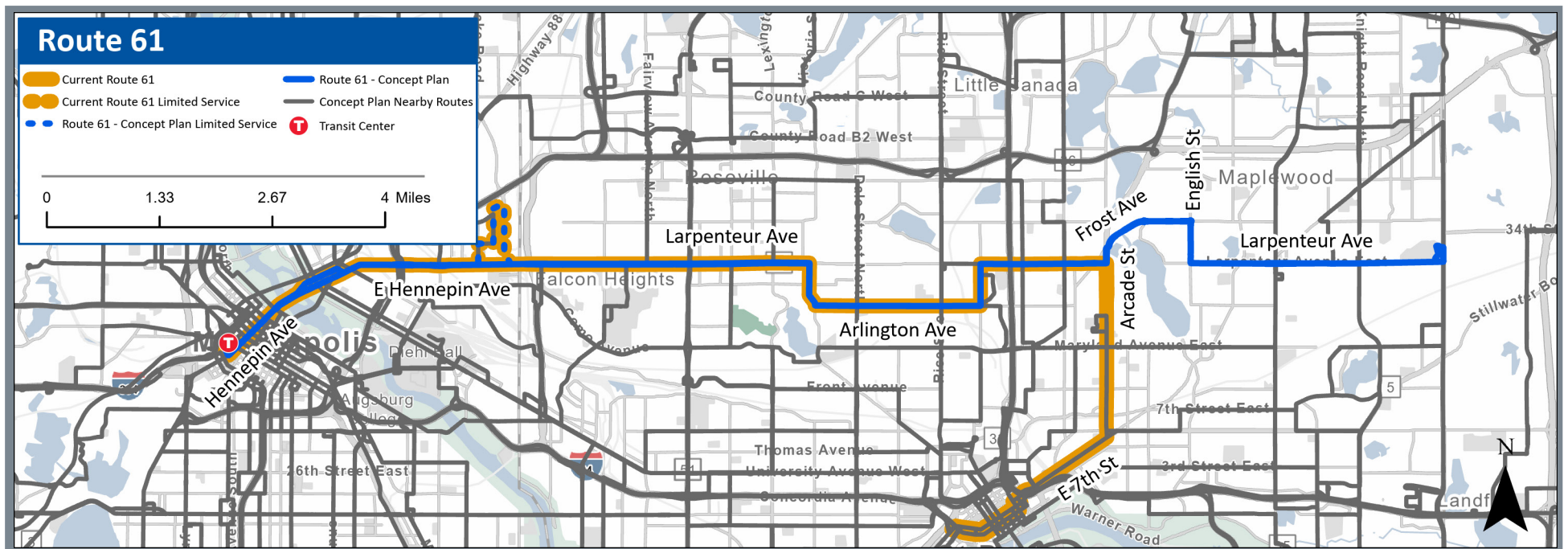
Route Information

Service Changes

- Service on Arcade St. and E. 7th St. will be replaced by new Route 58.
- Sundays: Service will be added with trips every 60 minutes.
- Existing school day only trips serving Johnson High School via Arcade St. will be evaluated.

Areas the Route Serves

- In Saint Paul service Route 61 will become a Larpenteur Ave. crosstown route. All trips will be extended from Larpenteur Ave. & Arcade St. to Larpenteur Ave. & Century Ave.
- Destinations include Hennepin Ave. downtown Minneapolis, Larpenteur Ave., Industrial Blvd., Arlington Ave., Century Ave.
- Customers can make connections in downtown Minneapolis with other routes at 7th St. Transit Center, Blue Line and Green Line at Warehouse/Hennepin Ave. Station, E Line at Hennepin Ave. & 5th St. Station, C Line and D Line Hennepin Ave. & 7th/8th St. Station. Customers can also make connections with A Line at Snelling Ave. & Larpenteur Ave. Station in Saint Paul and G Line at Larpenteur Ave. & Rice St. Station in Saint Paul.



Route 219

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	30	30	30	60
Saturday	30	30	60	-
Sunday	60	60	60	-

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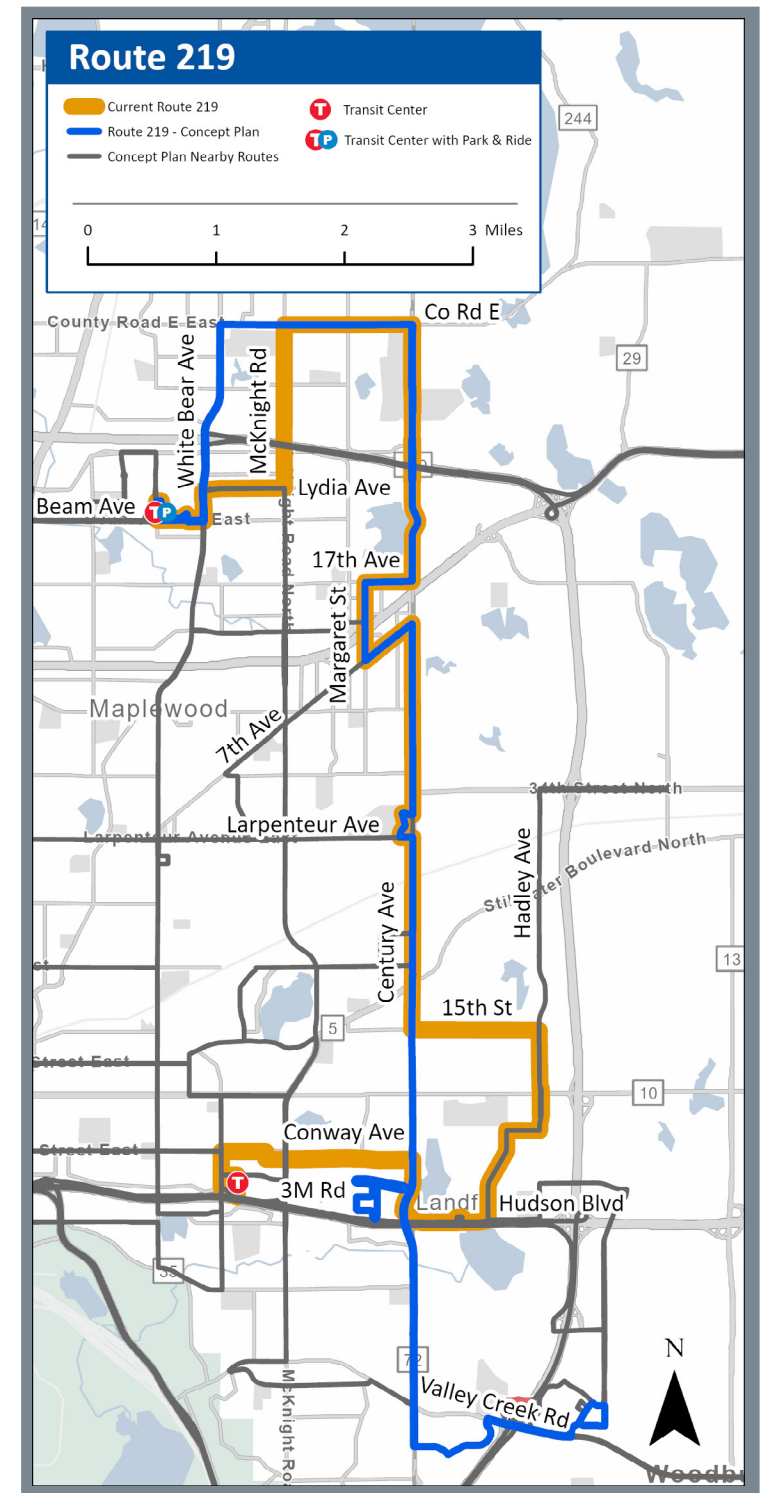
Route Information

Service Changes

- Saturdays: Frequency will be improved from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes and will operate later in the evening.
- Sundays: Service will be added every 60 minutes on Sunday.
- Route 219 will be restructured to no longer serve Lydia Ave. and McKnight Rd. in Maplewood, 15th St. and Hadley Ave in Oakdale, Hudson Blvd. in Landfall and Sun Ray Transit Center in Saint Paul. The route is streamlined to operate along White Bear Ave. and Co. Rd. E in White Bear Lake and continue along Hwy. 120/Century Ave. with a new southern terminal at Woodlane Station in Woodbury.
- Alternative service along Lydia Ave. available on new Route 215, along Hadley Ave. in Oakdale and in Landfall on new Route 221.

Areas the Route Serves

- Destinations include White Bear Lake, Maplewood, and Woodlane Station in Woodbury for connections with Gold Line, M Health Fairview – Woodwinds Hospital and Woodbury Village shopping center in Woodbury.
- Customers can make connections with other routes at Maplewood Mall Transit Center in Maplewood and Gold Line at either Maplewood (3M) Station in Maplewood or Woodlane Station in Woodbury.



Route 221

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	30	30	30	60
Saturday	60	60	60	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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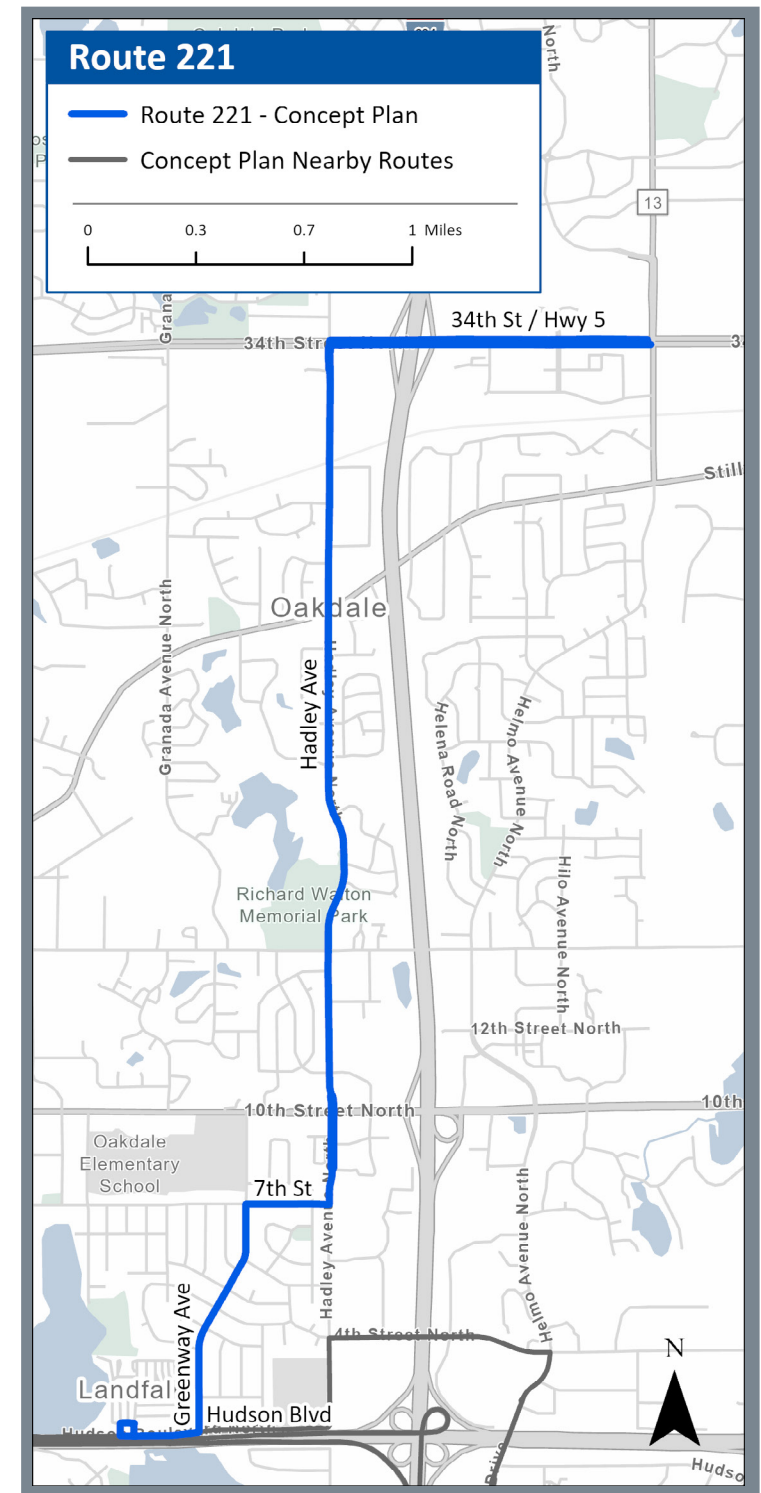
Route Information

Service Changes

- Weekdays: Operates every 30 minutes during the morning, midday, late afternoon, evening, and night.
- Saturdays: Operates every 60 minutes.
- Replaces existing Route 219 along Hadley Ave., 7th St. and Greenway Ave. in Oakdale and Hudson Blvd. in Landfall.
- Replaces existing Route 294 along Hadley Ave. in Oakdale.

Areas the Route Will Serve

- New suburban local route in Landfall and Oakdale along Hudson Blvd., Greenway Ave., and Hadley Ave. between Landfall and 34th St. N. & Ideal Ave. in Oakdale (Oakdale Station/4Front Technology Campus).
- Destinations include Tartan High School, Bergen Plaza shopping center, Oakdale City Hall and Greenway Ave. Station in Oakdale for connections with Gold Line.
- Customers can make connections with Gold Line at Greenway Ave. Station in Oakdale.



Route 270

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	15 - 30	120	-	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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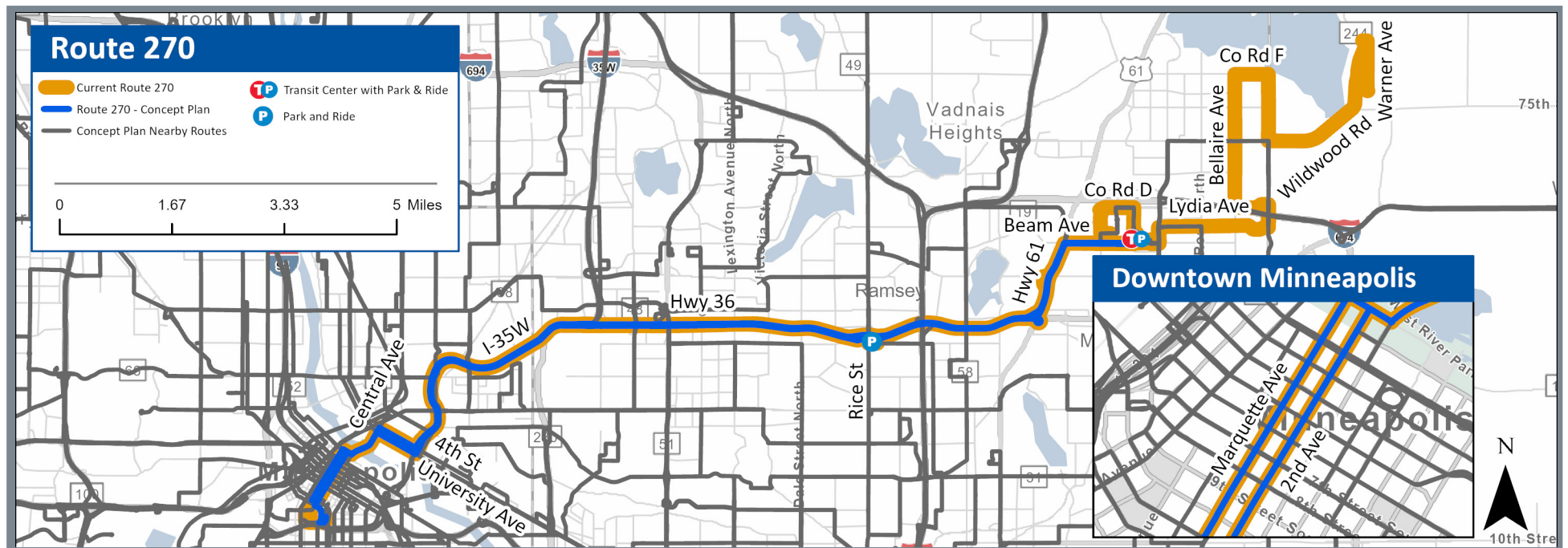
Route Information

Service Changes

- Part of the new Key Express Network
- Frequency increased from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes during the morning rush hours and afternoon rush hours on weekdays.
- Service added every two hours in both directions during midday on weekdays.
- 270E service east of Maplewood Mall Transit Center will be discontinued.

Areas the Route Serves

- Route 270 operates as express service from Maplewood Mall Transit Center to downtown Minneapolis, serving Hwy. 36 & Rice St. Park & Ride in Little Canada



Route 275

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	2 trips	-	-	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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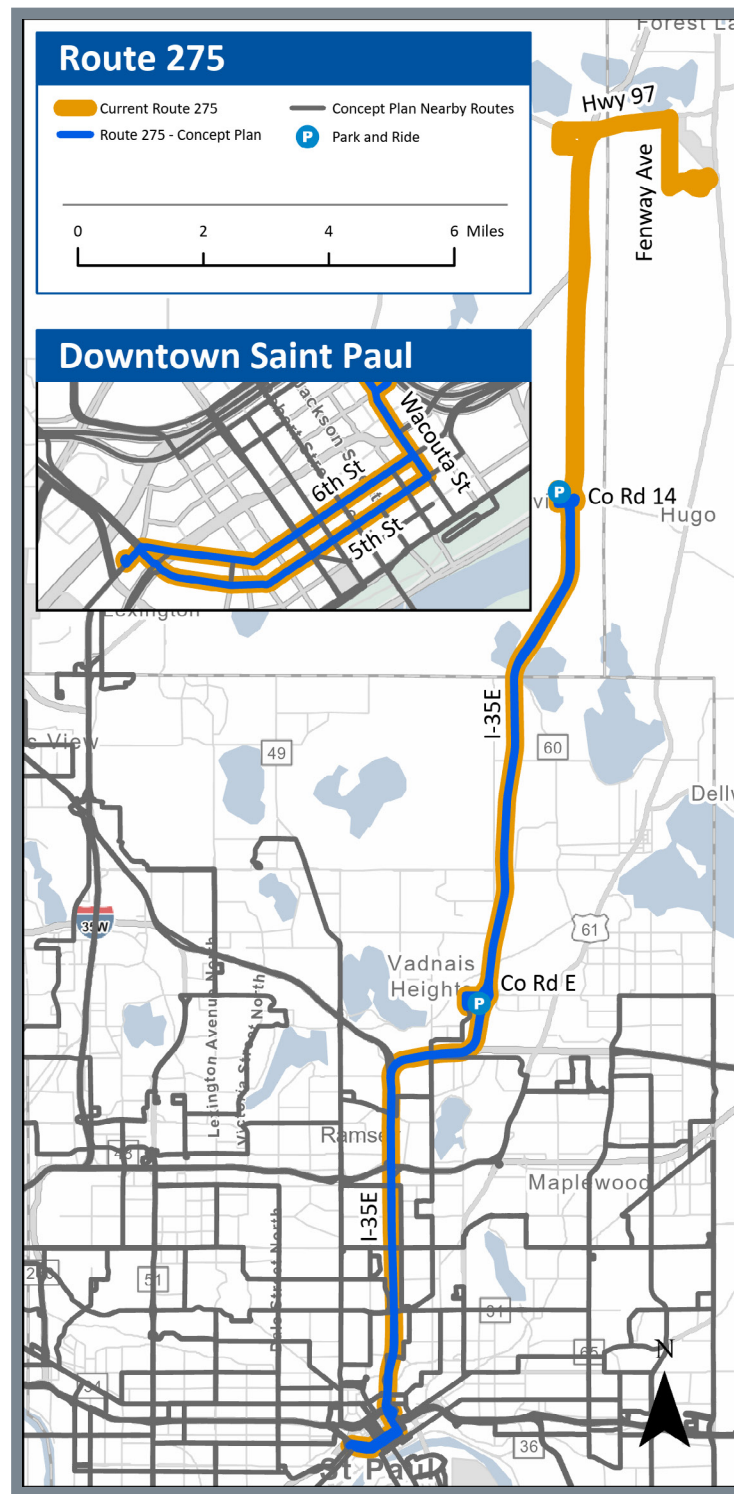
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 275B service discontinued along I-35E, north of Co. Rd. 14. Alternative service available on Route 275 at I-35E & Co. Rd. 14 Park & Ride in Lino Lakes.

Areas the Route Serves

- Route 275 operates as express service from I-35E & Co. Rd. 14 Park & Ride in Centerville, serving I-35E & Co. Rd. E Park & Ride in Vadnais Heights to downtown Saint Paul.



Route 288

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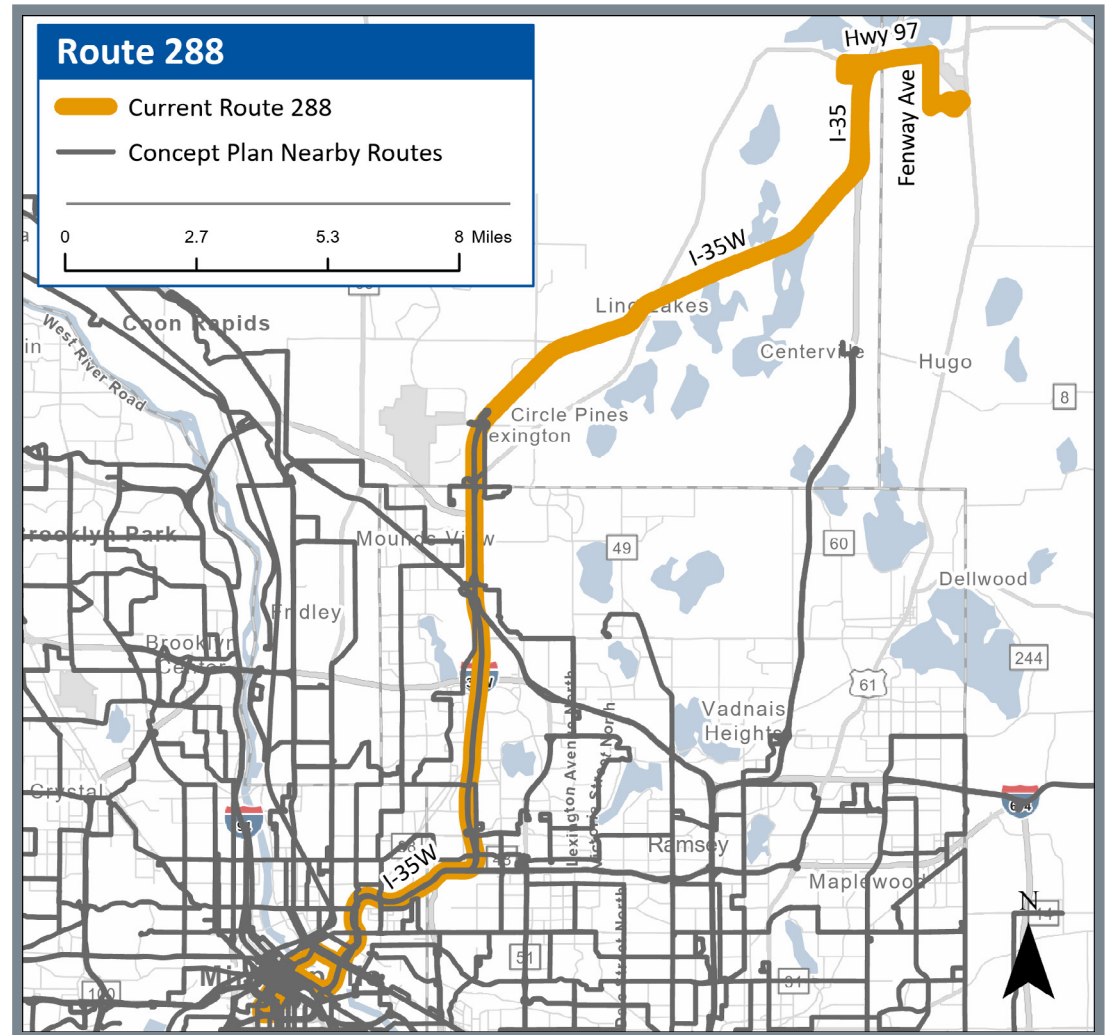
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 288 will be discontinued. Alternative service available on Route 250 at I-35W & 95th Ave. Park & Ride in Blaine.

Areas the Route Served

- Route 288 operated as express service from Forest Lake Transit Center in Forest Lake, serving Running Aces Park & Ride in Columbus, to Downtown Minneapolis.



Route 291

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	3 trips	-	-	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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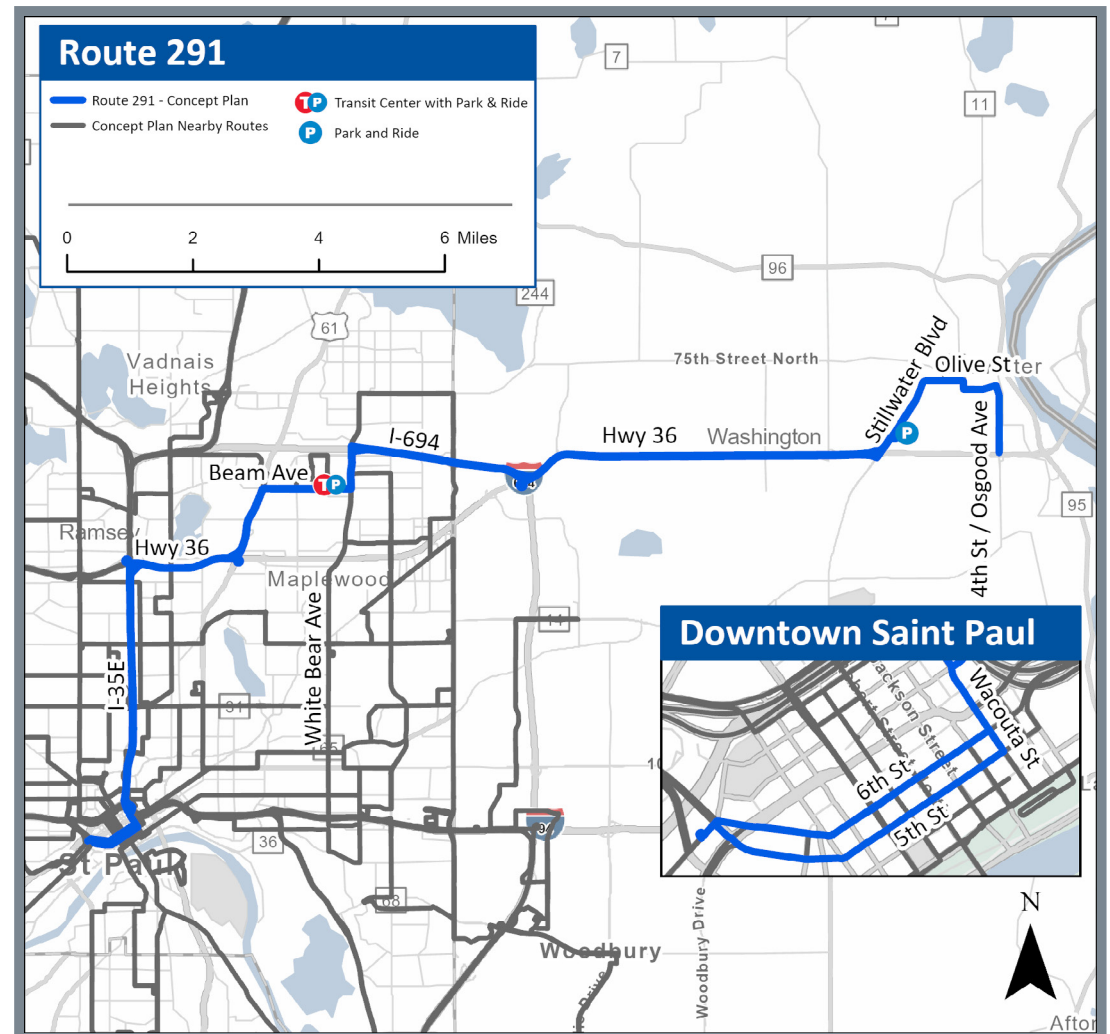
Route Information

Service Changes

- New commuter/express route replacing portions of routes 265 and 294 between St. Croix Valley Recreation Center and Park & Ride in Stillwater, Maplewood Mall Transit Center in Maplewood and downtown Saint Paul.
- Route 291 operates 3 trips in each direction during morning rush hours and afternoon rush hours, with 2 trips in each direction providing local service east of St. Croix Valley Recreation Center and Park & Ride on weekdays.

Areas the Route Serves

- Operates non-stop between St. Croix Valley Recreation Center and Park & Ride, Maplewood Mall Transit Center and downtown Saint Paul along Hwy. 36, I-694, White Bear Ave., Beam Ave., Hwy. 61 and I-35E.
- Operates local service along Stillwater Blvd., Olive St., Greeley St., Pine St. and 4th St./Osgood Ave.



Route 294

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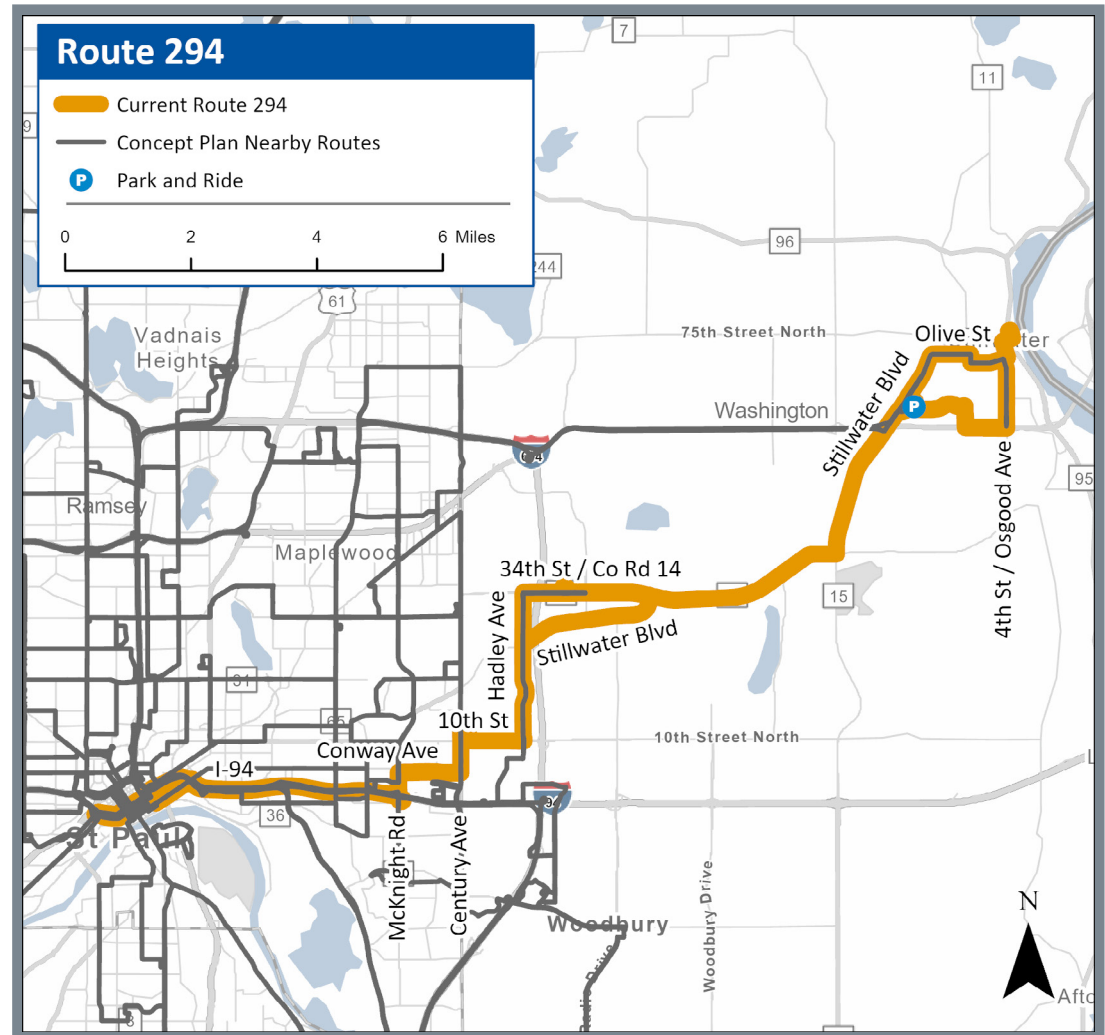
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 294 will be discontinued. Alternative service available on Gold Line, new Route 215, Route 219, new Route 221 and new Route 291 at St. Croix Valley Recreation Center and Park & Ride in Stillwater.

Areas the Route Served

- Route 294 operated as express service from downtown Stillwater, serving St. Croix Valley Recreation Center and Park & Ride and Upper 17th St. and Hadley Ave. Park & Ride to downtown Saint Paul.



Route 301

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	60	60	60	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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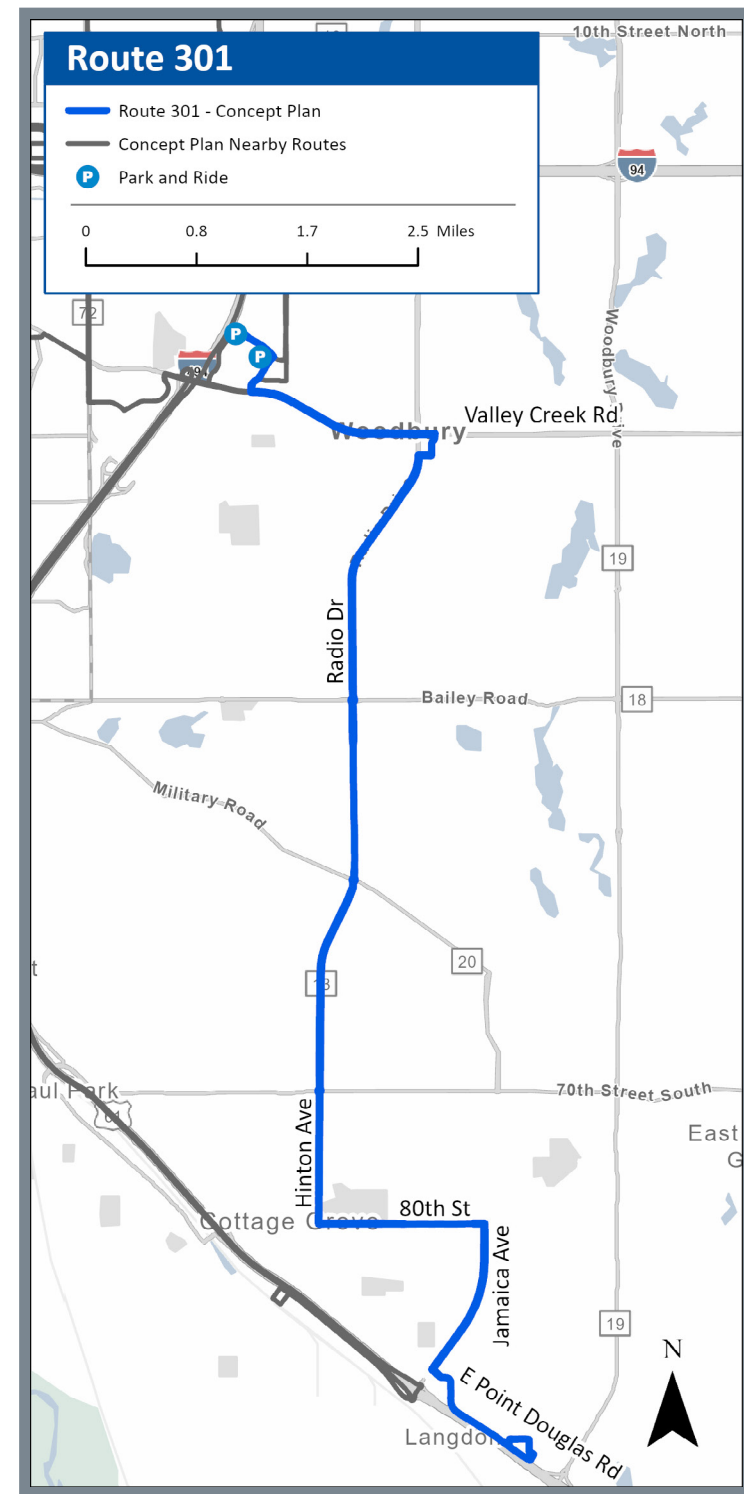
Route Information

Service Changes

- New suburban local route in Woodbury and Cottage Grove along Valley Creek Rd., Radio Dr./Hinton Ave., 80th St., Jamaica Ave., and E Point Douglas Rd. between Woodlane Station in Woodbury and Wal-Mart in Cottage Grove.
- Operates every 60 minutes during the morning rush hours, midday, afternoon rush hours and evening on weekdays.

Areas the Route Serves

- Destinations include Woodbury Village shopping center, Woodbury City Hall, M Health Fairview Sports Center, Woodlane Station in Woodbury for connections with Gold Line, Park High School, Cub, Target, ALDI and Walmart in Cottage Grove.
- Customers can make connections with other routes and Gold Line at Woodlane Station in Woodbury.



Route 323

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	30	30	30	30
Saturday	30	30	30	30
Sunday	30	30	30	30

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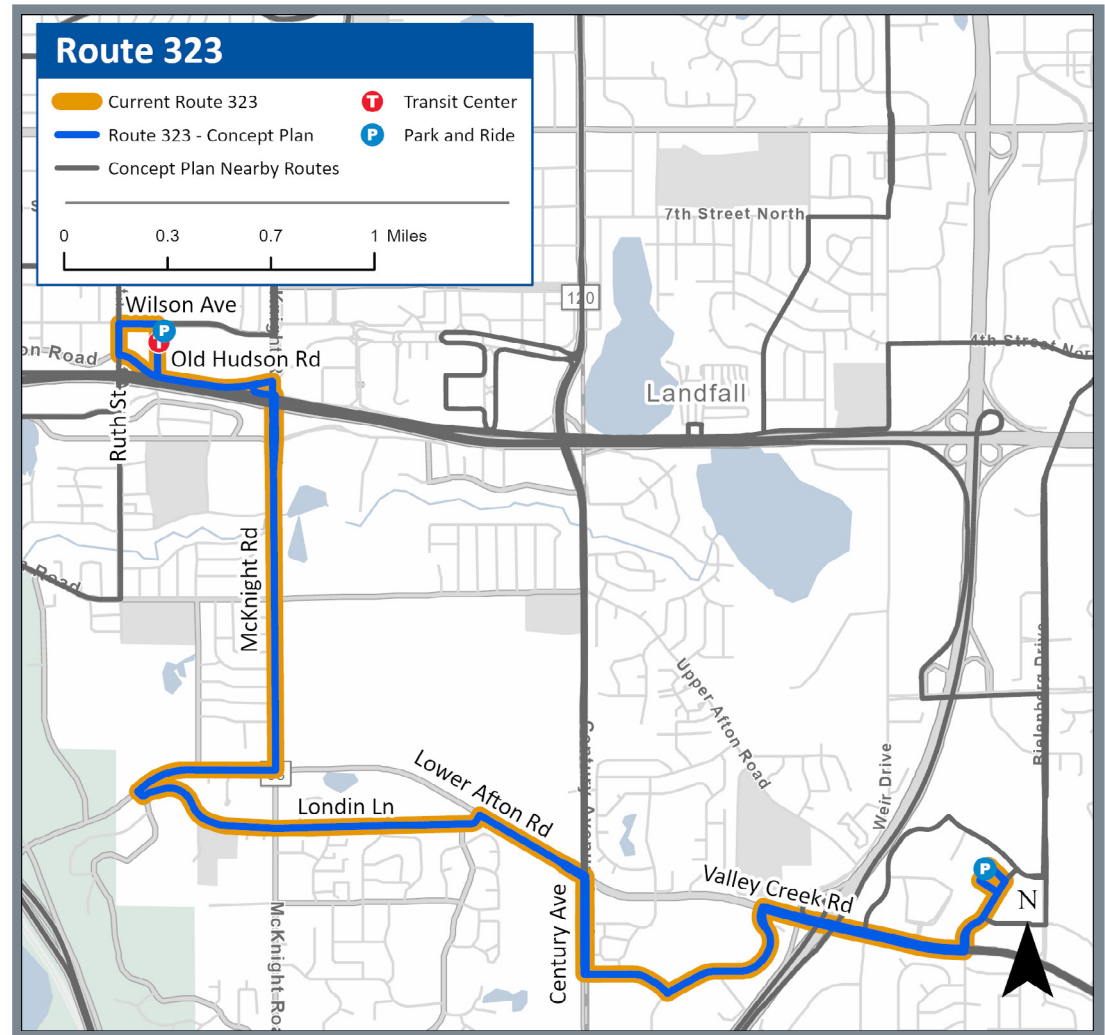
Route Information

Service Changes

- No changes are proposed for Route 323 in Network Now.

Areas the Route Serves

- Route 323 operates between Sun Ray Transit Center in Saint Paul and Woodbury Village shopping Center in Woodbury.
- Destinations include McKnight Rd., Londin Lane, M Health Fairview – Woodwinds Hospital, Valley Creek Rd. and Woodbury Village shopping center.
- Customers can transfer to Gold Line at Queens Dr. Station in Woodbury and various transit routes at Sun Ray Transit Center in Saint Paul.
- Customers can make connections with other routes and Gold Line at either Woodlane Station in Woodbury or at Sun Ray Station and Sun Ray Transit Center in Saint Paul.



Route 350

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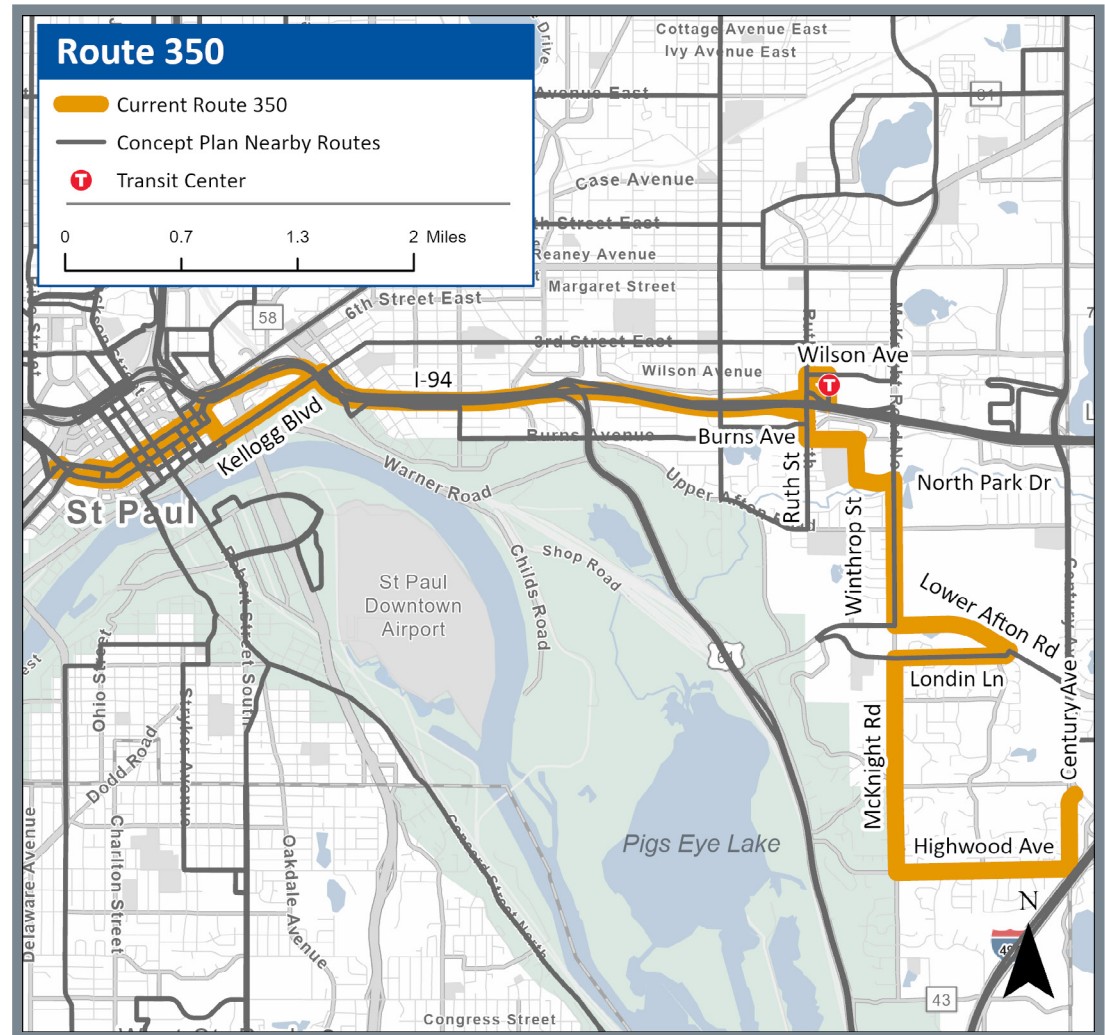
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 350 will be discontinued. Alternative service is available on Route 63, Route 323 and Gold Line.

Areas the Route Served

- Route 350 operated as express service from Century Ave. and Lake Rd. in Maplewood, serving Sun Ray Transit Center in Saint Paul and downtown Saint Paul.



Route 351

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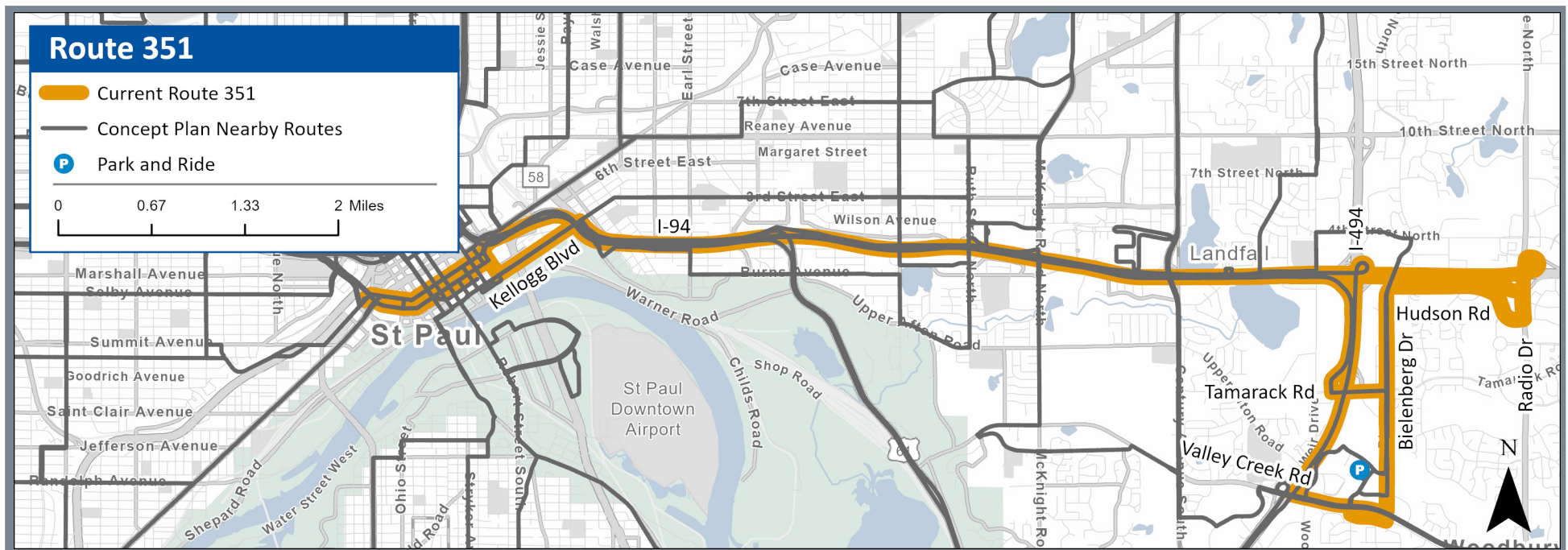
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 351 will be discontinued. Alternative service is available on Gold Line.

Areas the Route Served

- Route 351 operated as express service from Woodbury Theater Park & Ride to downtown Saint Paul.



Route 352

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	2 trips	-	-	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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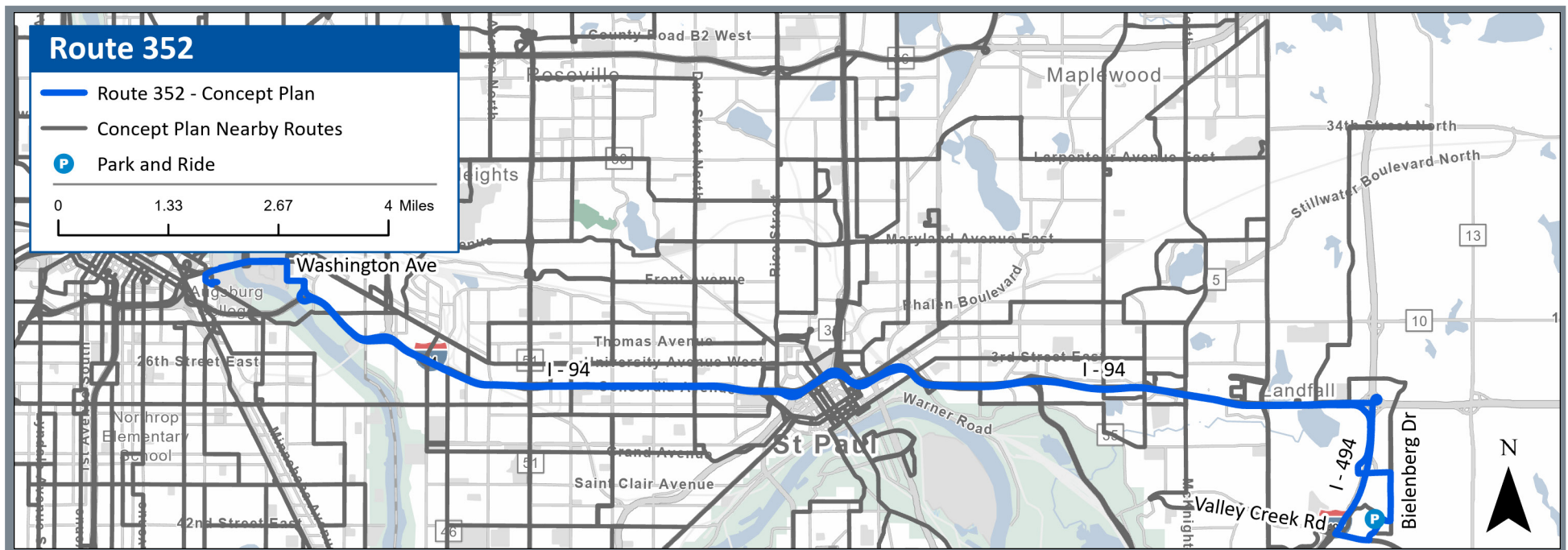
Route Information

Service Changes

- A new express route between Woodbury Theatre Park & Ride and the U of M.
- This will be limited service with 1-2 trips in each direction to replace westbound express buses stopping at the Huron Transit Station.

Areas the Route Serves

- Route 352 will operate as express service between Woodbury Theater and the University of Minnesota, making stops on Oak St., Washington Ave., Cedar Ave., and 4th St.
- Customers can connect with Gold Line at Queens Dr Station, and Green Line on Washington Ave.



Route 354

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	60	60	60	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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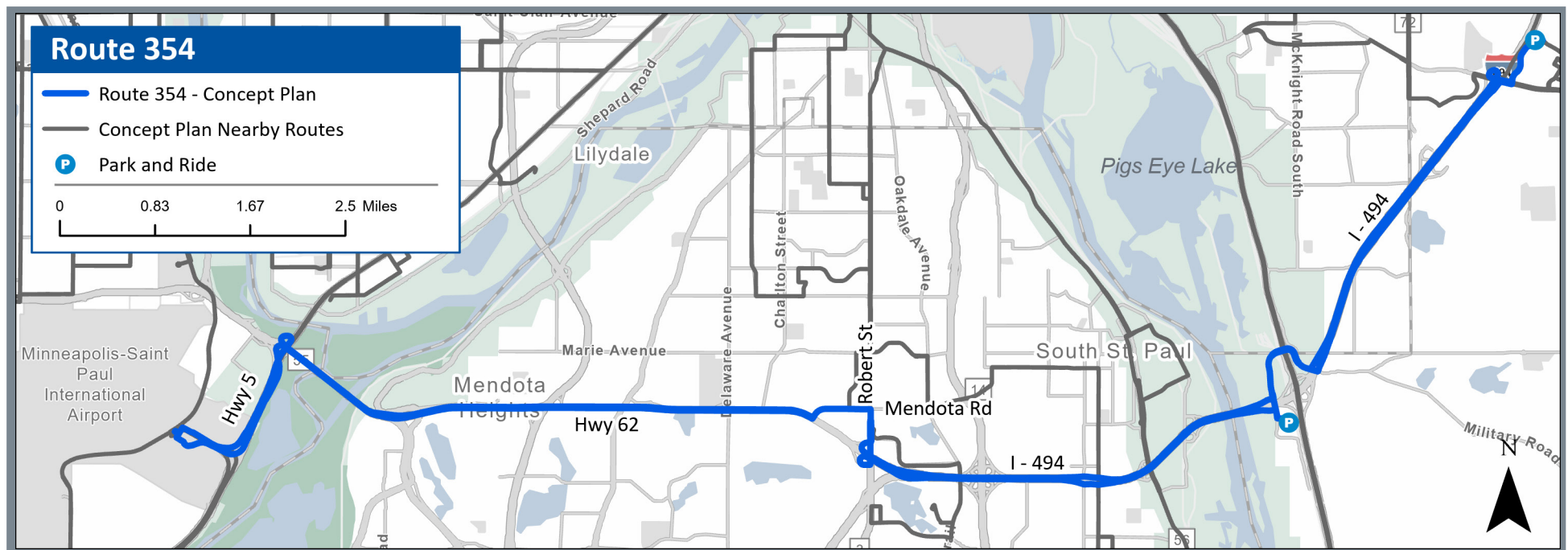
Route Information

Service Changes.

- New route using I-494 and Hwy 62 between Woodbury Theatre Park and Ride, Newport Park and Ride and the MSP airport.
- Weekdays: Service operates on weekdays every 60 minutes in the AM rush hour, midday, PM rush hour and evening.

Areas the Route Serves

- Additional stops at I-494 & 5th Ave S in South Saint Paul and at Robert St. & Mendota Rd. to connect with Route 75, G Line Phase 2 and Route 68.
- Customers can connect with Blue Line at Terminal 1 Station, and Gold Line at Woodlane Station



Route 355

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	15 - 30	120	-	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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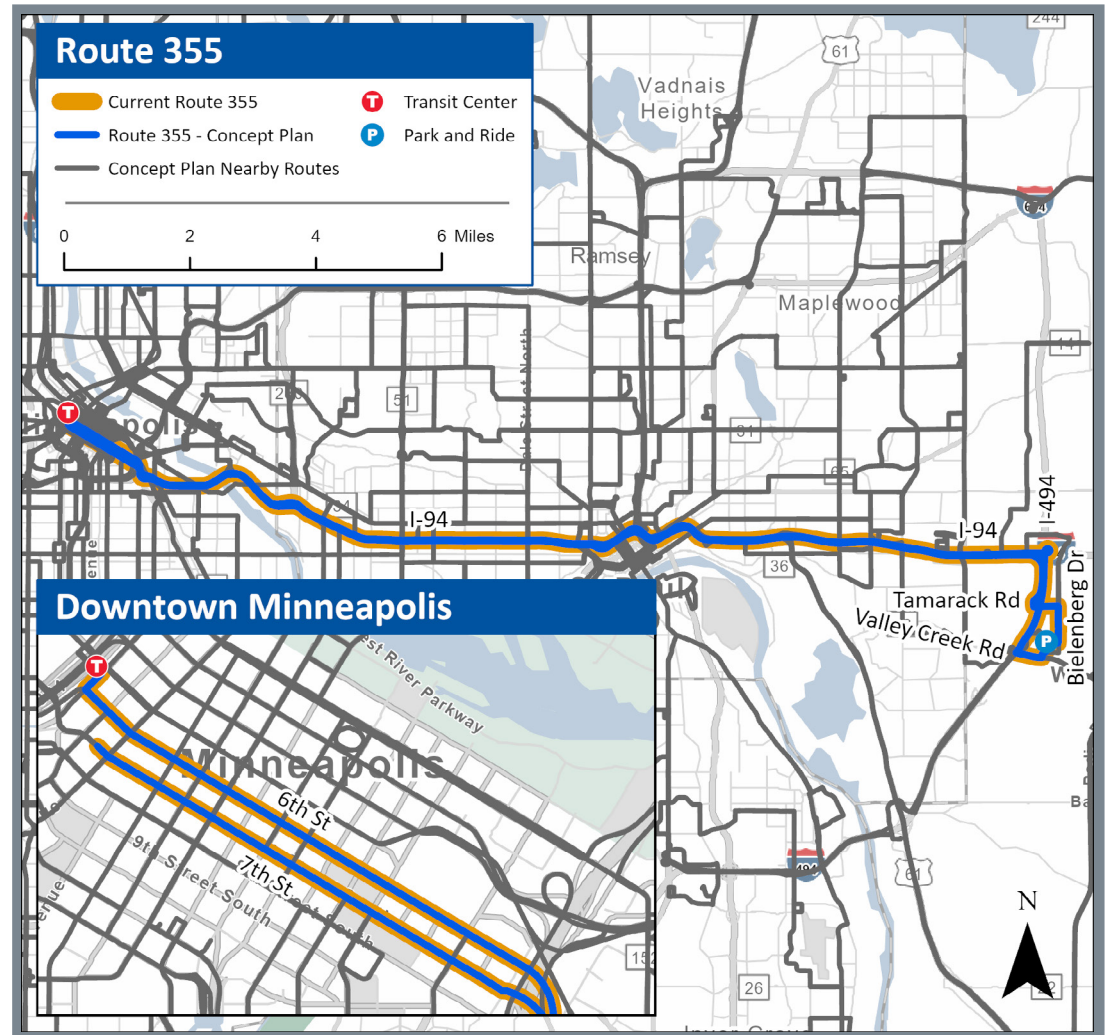
Route Information

Service Changes

- Part of the new Key Express Network
- Frequency increased from every 15-30 minutes to every 15 minutes during the morning rush hours and afternoon rush hours on weekdays.
- Service added every two hours in both directions during midday on weekdays.

Areas the Route Serves

- Route 355 operates as express service from Woodbury Theatre Park & Ride to downtown Minneapolis.



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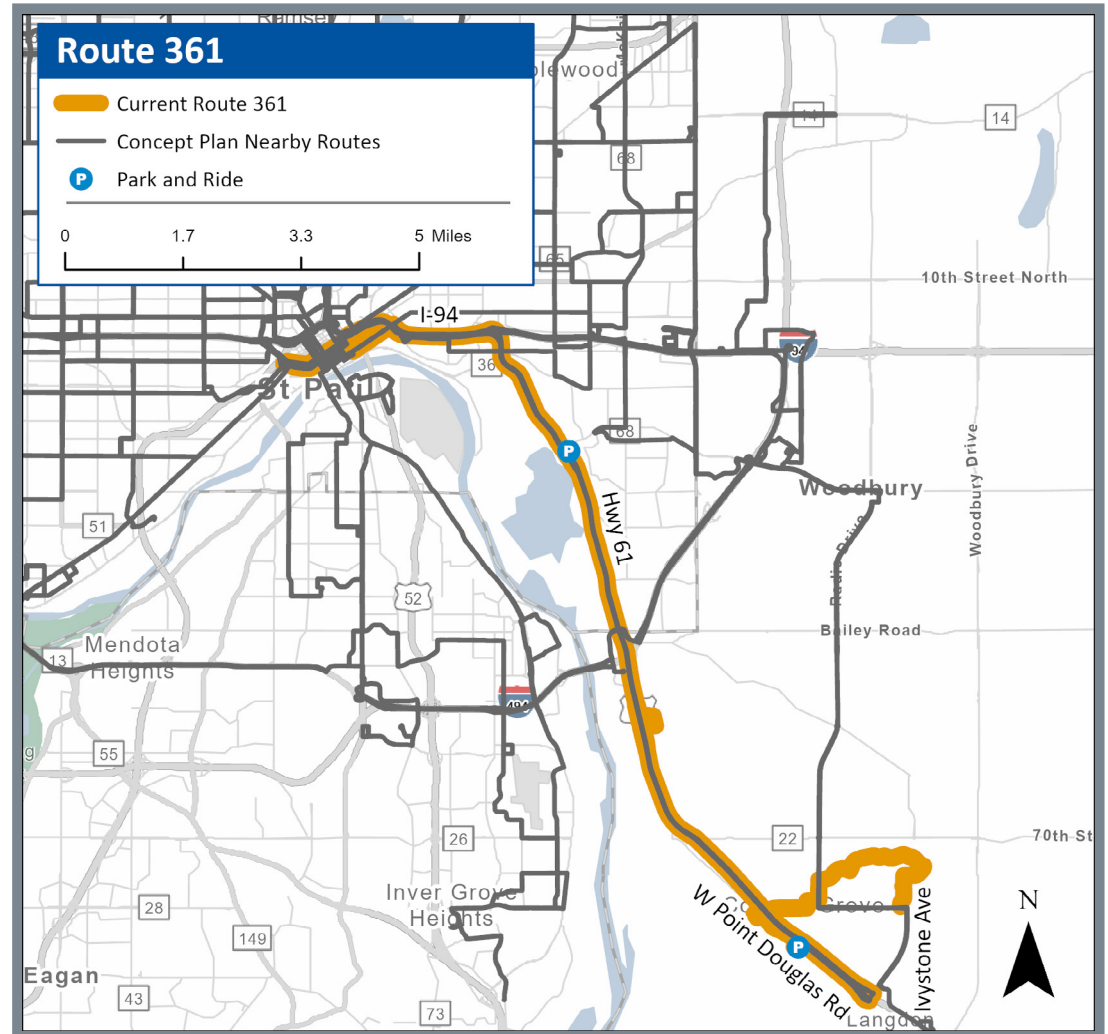
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 361 will be discontinued. Alternative service is available on Route 363.

Areas the Route Served

- Route 361 operated express service from Cottage Grove Park & Ride in Cottage Grove and downtown Saint Paul, serving Hwy. 61 & Lower Afton Rd. Park & Ride in Saint Paul and provided local service within Cottage Grove and Newport.



Route 363

Network**NOW**

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	3 trips	1 trip	-	-
Saturday	-	-	-	-
Sunday	-	-	-	-

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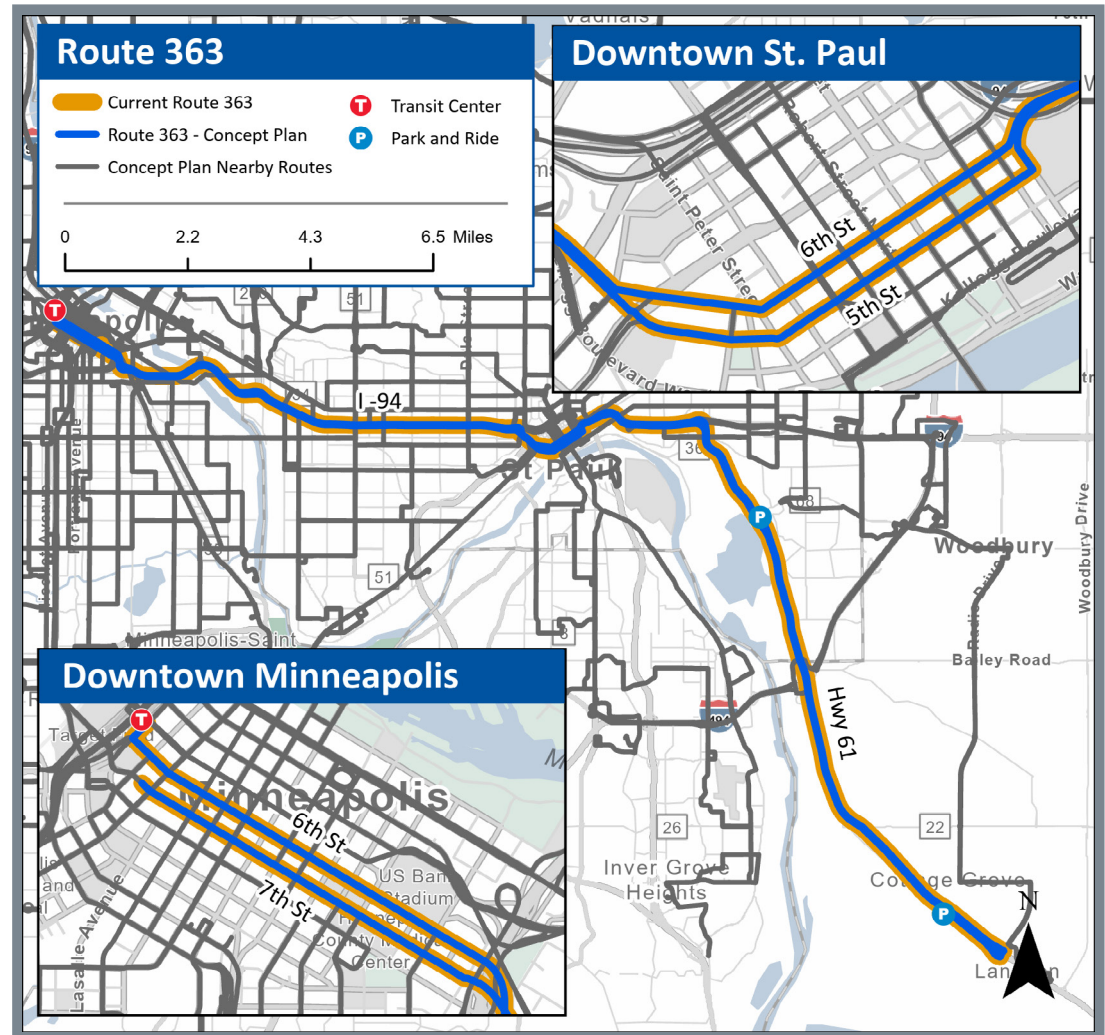
Route Information

Service Changes

- One midday trip will be added between downtown Minneapolis, downtown Saint Paul and Cottage Grove.

Areas the Route Serves

- Route 363 offers express service from Cottage Grove to downtown Saint Paul and downtown Minneapolis, operating from Cottage Grove Park & Ride, serving lower Afton Rd. Park & Ride in Maplewood to 5th / 6th streets in downtown Saint Paul, ending at 5th Street Transit Center in downtown Minneapolis, operating along 6th / 7th streets.



Route 364

Network**NOW**

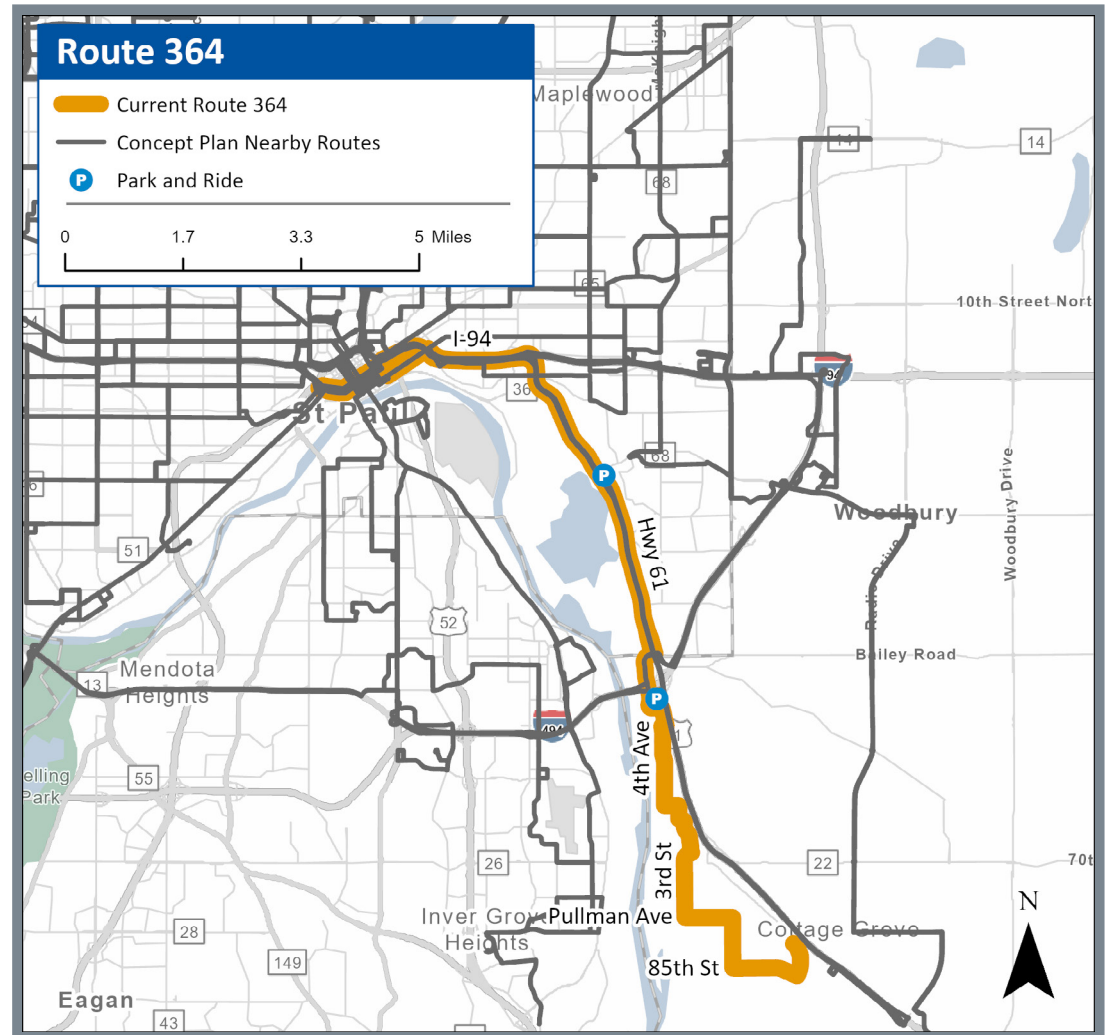
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 364 will be discontinued. Alternative service is available on Route 363.

Areas the Route Served

- Route 364 operated express service from Newport Transit Station in Newport and downtown Saint Paul, serving Hwy. 61 & Lower Afton Rd. Park & Ride in Saint Paul and provided local service within St. Paul Park and Cottage Grove.



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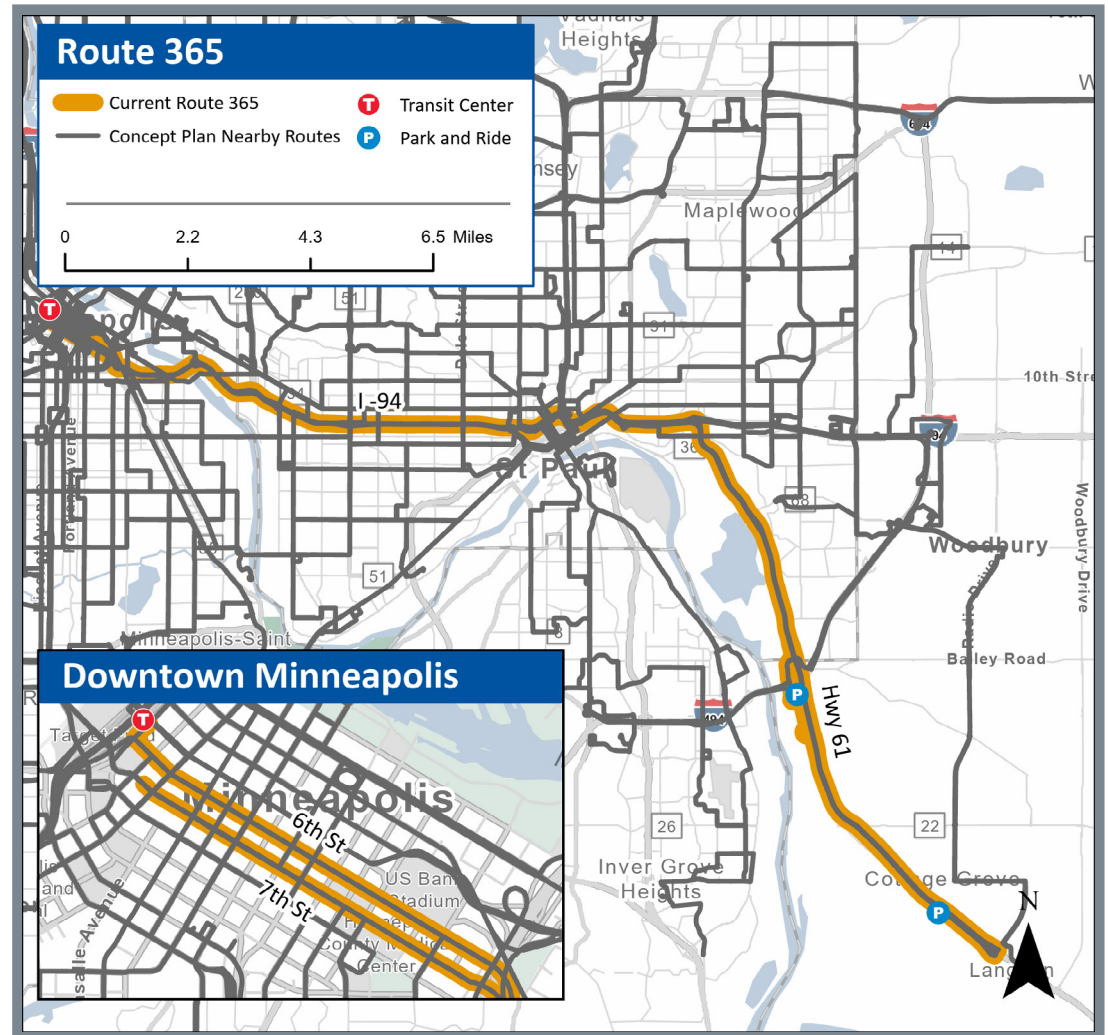
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 365 will be discontinued. Alternate service will be available on Route 363.

Areas the Route Serves

- Route 365 operated as an express route from Cottage Grove to downtown Minneapolis, traveling from Cottage Grove Park & Ride to Newport Transit Station, to Huron Station, ending at the 5th St. Transit Center in downtown Minneapolis via 6th / 7th streets.



Route 375

Network**NOW**



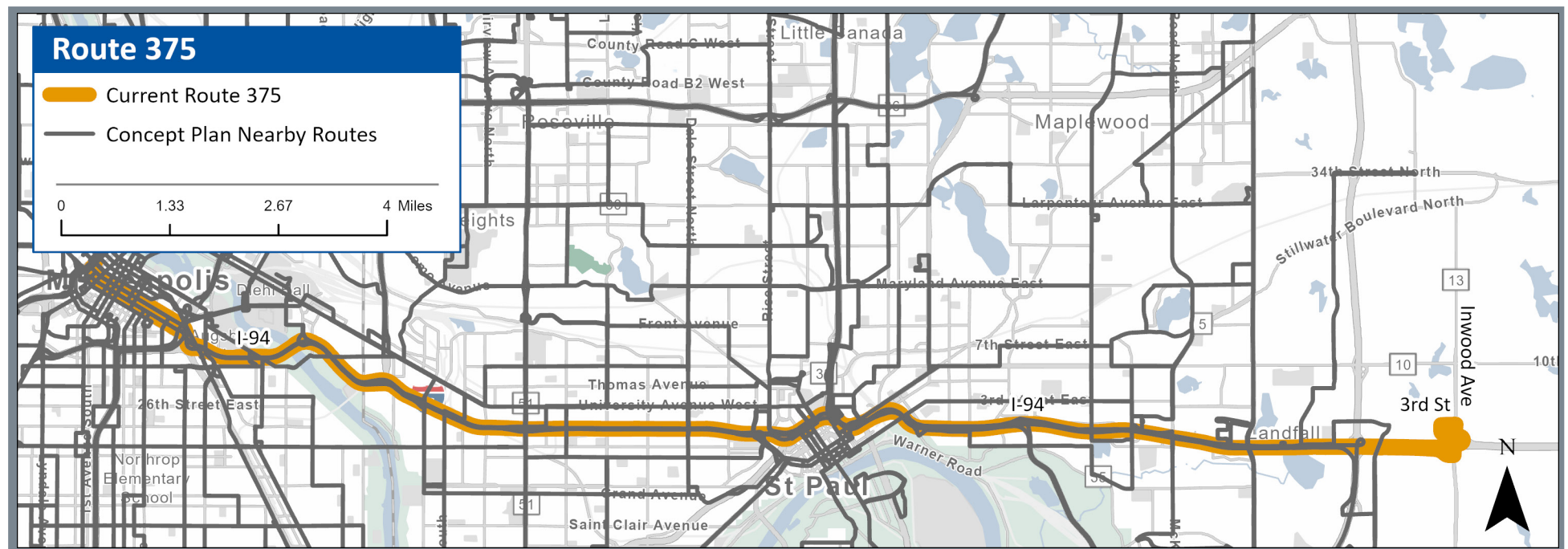
Route Information

Service Changes

- Route 375 will be discontinued. Alternative service available on Route 355 at Woodbury Theatre Park & Ride.

Areas the Route Served

- Route 375 operated as express service from Guardian Angels Park & Ride in Oakdale and downtown Minneapolis.



METRO Gold Line

Network**NOW**

Route Information

Service Changes

- Gold Line is a new BRT (bus rapid transit) route between Saint Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale and Woodbury.
- Operates every 10 minutes on weekdays during the morning rush hours, midday, afternoon rush hours and every 30 minutes in the evening and at night.
- Operates every 15 minutes on weekends during the morning, midday and late afternoon and every 30 minutes in the evening and at night.
- Replaces existing Route 294 between Maplewood and downtown Saint Paul.
- Replaces Route 350 between Sun Ray Transit Center and downtown Saint Paul.
- Replaces existing Route 351 between Woodbury and downtown Saint Paul.
- More information can be found at: metrotransit.org/gold-line-project.

Areas the Route Serves

- Gold Line operates from Woodbury to downtown Saint Paul.
- Customers can make connections in downtown Saint Paul with G Line at Robert & 5th/6th St. Station, Green Line at Central Station and B Line along 6th St. Customers can also make connections with other routes at Sun Ray Transit Center in Saint Paul and Woodlane Station in Woodbury.

Planned Schedule

	Rush Hour	Midday	Evening	Night
Weekday	10	10	30	30
Saturday	15	15	30	30
Sunday	15	15	30	30

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