

Bus Network Redesign

A better bus network: new connections, more service, more frequency.

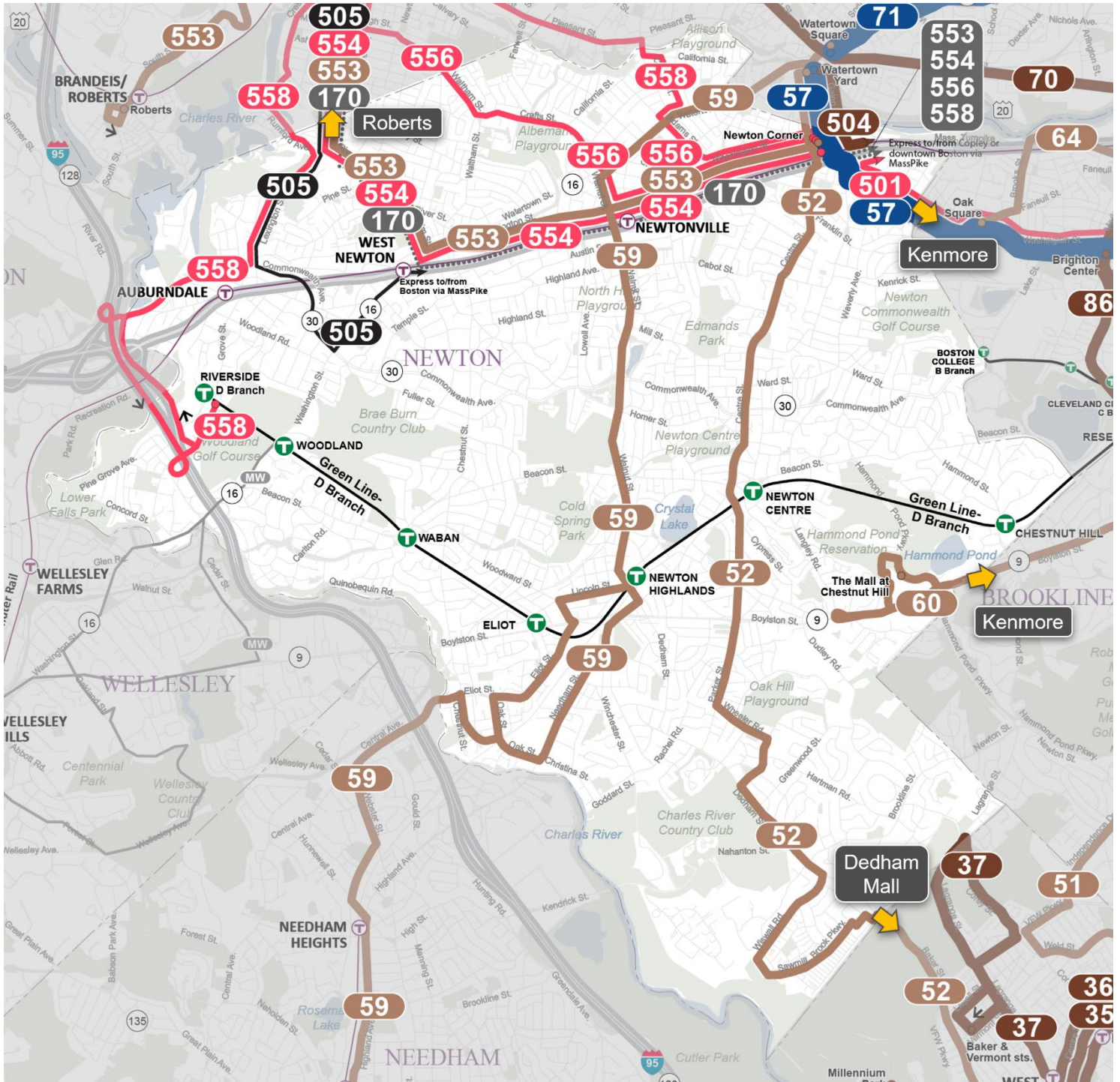
See what this means in **Newton.**



Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority

Better
Bus
Project

The network, today



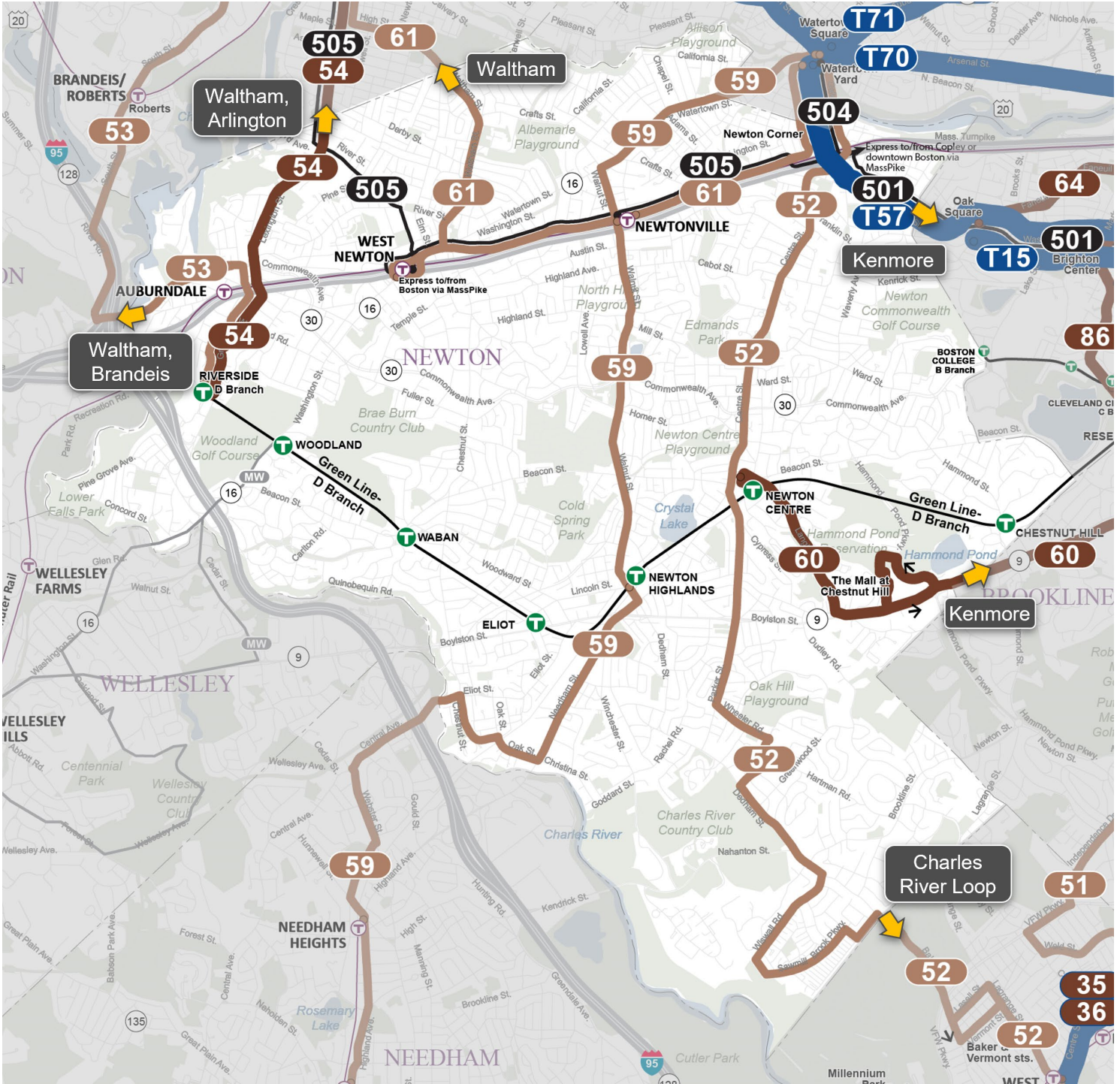
Service

- 000 **Key Bus Routes**
Every 15 min or better midday and weekdays
- 000 **Every 30 min or better**
Midday and weekdays
- 000 **Every 60 min or better**
Service at least every 60 min midday on weekdays
- 000 **Less Than Hourly**
Service less than once every 60 min midday on weekdays
- 000 **Peak-Only**
- 000 **Suspended due to COVID-19**
- 000 **Non-MBTA Route**
- 000 **Silver Line**



Our proposal

All details and full-sized maps are available at: mbta.com/bnrd



Service	
	Every 15 min or better 5:00 am to 1:00 am, 7 days a week. In some cases this service is provided by two overlapping routes.
	Every 30 min or better 6:00 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days a week. Some routes run more frequently at peak. Some routes have service as early as 5:00 am and as late as 1:00 pm.
	Every 60 min or better 6:00 am to 7:00 pm 7 days a week. Some routes run more frequently at peak. Some routes run as late as 10:00 pm.
	Less Than Hourly
	Peak-Only
	Non-MBTA Route
	Silver Line



How your trip would change in Newton

New Connections

If you're going to...	Your new route is...	What's new
Riverside, Lasell, Roberts, Brandeis, Waltham Center	53 Waltham - Brandeis - Riverside	New Route 53 replaces 553 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside; Saturday frequency improves; new Sunday service
Riverside, Auburndale, Waltham Center, Bentley, Waverley, Belmont Center, Arlington Center	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside and does not serve downtown Boston; extends from Waverley to Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service
North Waltham, Waltham Center, West Newton, Newton Corner, Watertown Yard	61 Waltham - Watertown	Route 61 extends to West Newton and Watertown Yard via Washington St to replace 553/554/556/558

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Current Routes

If you currently ride...	Your new route is...	What's new
52 (Watertown - VFW Parkway & Spring St - Charles River Loop)	52 Charles River Loop - Newton Center - Watertown	Route 52 extends to Lagrange St to replace 37; new weekend service
52 (VFW Parkway - Spring St)	52 Charles River Loop - Newton Center - Watertown	Route 52 extends to Lagrange St to replace 37, or use 35, 36 from Centre St for more frequent service
52 (Charles River Loop - Dedham Mall)	36 Dedham Mall - VA Hospital - Forest Hills	Route 36 extends consistent service to Dedham Mall via VA Hospital and does not serve Millennium Park or Rivermoor Industrial Park
57	T57 Watertown Square - Oak Square - Kenmore	Route T57 same route and better late night frequency
59 (Needham - Watertown via Needham St)	59 Needham Junction - Newton Highlands - Watertown Square	Route 59 operates to Needham St all day and does not serve Eliot St; more weekend frequency and later evening service
59 (Eliot St / Lincoln St)	Green Line D or 59	Travel to Route 59 or Green Line D; some stops over 1/2 mi
60	60 Newton Common - Chestnut Hill - Brookline Village - Fenway	Route 60 extends to Newton Centre and Langley Rd from Chestnut Hill Mall
65	T15 Oak Square - LMA - Nubian - Kane Square	Route 65 now served by all-day high frequency T15 extends to Oak Sq, Brighton Center via Longwood Medical Area; new Sunday service
170	No service within 1/2 mi	Current Route 170 suspension becomes permanent; travel over 1/2 mi to 70, or use 128 Business Council services
501	501 Brighton - Downtown	Route 501 continues current extension to Copley to replace 503
502	504 Watertown - Downtown	Route 504 continues current extension to Copley to replace 502
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504	504 Watertown - Downtown	Route 504 continues current extension to Copley to replace 502
505 (Waltham Center - River St)	505 Waltham - Watertown - Boston	Route 505 extends to River St, Washington St, Newton Corner and replaces part of 554, 554, 556, 558; shortens to not serve Lexington St and parts of West Newton; extends to Back Bay/Copley to/from Financial District
505 (Lexington St)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside, Waverley, Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service

Routes with a "T" designation in front of the route number would have service every 15 minutes or better 7 days a week 5:00 AM to 1:00 AM.

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505 (Commonwealth Ave & Washington St)	505, Auburndale, or West Newton Commuter Rail	Travel to Routes 53, 54, 505, or Commuter Rail. Some areas over 1/2 mi from service
553 (Roberts - Waltham Center)	53 Waltham - Brandeis - Riverside	New Route 53 replaces 553 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside; Saturday frequency improves; new Sunday service
553 (Waltham Center - Boston)	505 Waltham - Watertown - Boston	Route 505 extends to River St, Washington St, Newton Corner and replaces part of 554, 554, 556, 558; shortens to not serve Lexington St and parts of West Newton; extends to Back Bay/Copley to/from Financial District
554 (Waverley - Moody St)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside and does not serve downtown Boston; extends from Waverley to Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service
554 (River St - Boston)	505 Waltham - Watertown - Boston	Route 505 extends to River St, Washington St, Newton Corner and replaces part of 554, 554, 556, 558; shortens to not serve Lexington St and parts of West Newton; extends to Back Bay/Copley to/from Financial District
554 (Forest St, Trapelo Rd, Waverley Oaks Rd)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	Current service operation; some stops over 1/2 mi away on Lynnfield St in South Peabody
556 (Waltham - Watertown)	61 Waltham - Watertown	Route 61 extends to West Newton and Watertown Yard via Washington St to replace 553/554/556/558
556 (Waltham Highlands, Crafts St)	61 Waltham - Watertown	Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route 61
558 (Riverside - Waltham)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside and does not serve downtown Boston; extends from Waverley to Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service
558 (River St, Pleasant St)	T70 Waltham - Watertown - Kendall	Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route T70 with all-day high frequency service
558 (Nonantum)	59 Needham Junction - Newton Highlands - Watertown Square	Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route 59 with more weekend frequency and later evening service

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What this means for you

More weekend service.

Proposed

240%

% increase in Sunday service
(revenue vehicle miles)

New weekend service on **Route 52**.

New Sunday service to **West Newton, Auburndale, Waltham, and Riverside** on **Routes 53, 54, and 61**.

New evening service on **Route 59**.

Better access to major destinations.

Proposed

15K

More residents with faster,
frequent service to
Watertown Square

New direct connections to **Arlington, Chestnut Hill Mall, Longwood Medical Area, and Brandeis**.

Express connections to **both Back Bay and Downtown** on **Routes 501, 504, and 505**.

Simpler service.

Today

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routes with consistent
service 7 days a week

Proposed

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More routes that run the same service all day, every day. Fewer exceptions, variations, and complication.

New 7-day connections to **Arlington, Belmont, Dedham, Needham, Riverside, Waltham, and Watertown**.

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