

## Bus Network Redesign

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

See what this means in **Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Downtown Boston, North End, South End, and West End.**



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Transportation Authority**

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# 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

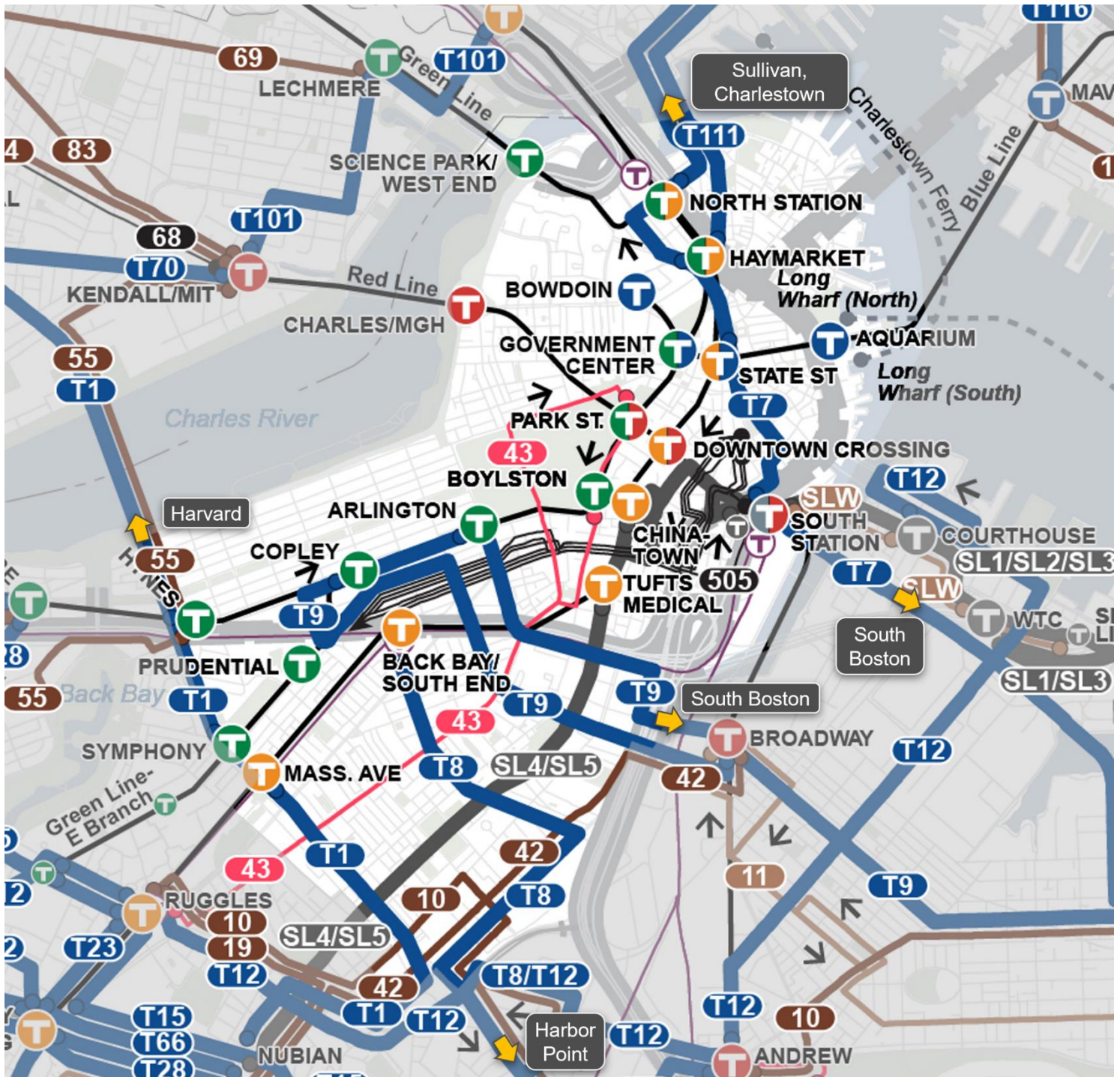
- 000 **Peak-Only**
- - - 000 **Suspended due to COVID-19**
- 000 **Non-MBTA Route**
- 000 **Silver Line**

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# Our proposal

All details and full-sized maps are available at:  
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## Service

- 000 **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.
- 000 **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.
- 000 **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.

- 000 **Less Than Hourly**
- 000 **Peak-Only**
- 000 **Non-MBTA Route**
- 000 **Silver Line**

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# How your trip would change in Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Downtown Boston, North End, South End, and West End

## New Connections

| If you're going to...  | Your new route is...                            | What's new   |
|--|---|--|
| Seaport, South Boston, Roxbury, Longwood Medical Area, Brookline | T12 Brookline Village - LMA - Andrew - Downtown | New all-day high frequency Route T12 connects Seaport to Brookline Village via Longwood Medical Area and D St and replaces CT3 and part of 8 |
| Forest Hills, Nubian Sq, Broadway Station                        | 42 Forest Hills - Nubian - Broadway             | Route 42 extends from Nubian to Broadway to replace 47   |

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## Current Routes

| If you currently ride...                  | Your new route is...                                     | What's new  |
|---|--|---|
| 1   | T1 Harvard - Back Bay - Nubian                           | Same route and with more frequent late night service  |
| 4 (North Station - Financial District)    | T7 South Boston - South Station - Charlestown - Sullivan | Route 7 extends to connect South Station to North Station to Sullivan, adding Orange, Green, and Blue Line access; replaces 4 and 93; improves to all-day high frequency service; adds new midday, evening, and weekend connections between Seaport, all subway lines, Commuter Rail, and Charlestown |
| 4 (Northern Ave - Seaport Blvd)           | T7, T12, or Silver Line                                  | Travel to T7 on Summer St, or use T12 or Silver Line nearby   |
| 4 (Commercial St)                         | T7, Red, Green, Blue, or Orange Lines                    | Travel up to 1/3 mi to Route T7, Red, Green, Blue, or Orange Lines  |
| 7   | T7 South Boston - South Station - Charlestown - Sullivan | Route 7 extends to connect South Station to North Station to Sullivan, adding Orange, Green, and Blue Line access; replaces 4 and 93; improves to all-day high frequency service; new Sunday service  |
| 8 (Harbor Point - Boston Medical Center)  | T8 Harbor Point - Copley                                 | Route T8 extends from Boston Medical Center to Copley to replace 10 and parts of 16, 17; does not serve Melnea Cass Blvd., Nubian, and Kenmore; improves to all-day high frequency service  |
| 8 (Boston Medical Center - Ruggles)       | 10 South Boston - Andrew - Ruggles                       | Route 10 extends from Boston Medical Center to Ruggles to replace 8; does not serve Copley, Back Bay, South End   |
| 8 (Nubian - Kenmore via LMA)              | T28 Mattapan - Nubian - Kenmore                          | Route T28 extends from Roxbury Crossing to Kenmore via Longwood Medical Area and replaces 8, 19; Orange Line connection is maintained at Roxbury Crossing instead of at Ruggles   |
| 8 (Ruggles - LMA )                        | T12 Brookline Village - LMA - Andrew - Downtown          | New all-day high frequency Route T12 connects Seaport to Brookline Village via Longwood Medical Area and D St and replaces CT3 and part of 8  |
| 8 (LMA - Kenmore)                         | T28 or 60  | Route T28 and 60 serve Brookline Ave, Kenmore and replace 8, 19, 65   |
| 9   | T9 South Boston - Broadway - Copley                      | Route T9 same route and improves to all-day high frequency service  |
| 10 (South Boston - Boston Medical Center) | 10 South Boston - Andrew - Ruggles                       | Route 10 extends from Boston Medical Center to Ruggles to replace 8; does not serve Copley, Back Bay, South End   |
| 10 (Boston Medical Center - Copley)       | T8 Harbor Point - Copley                                 | Route T8 extends from Boston Medical Center to Copley to replace 10 and parts of 16, 17; does not serve Melnea Cass Blvd., Nubian, and Kenmore; improves to all-day high frequency service  |
| 11 (City Point - Broadway via Bayview)    | 11 South Boston - Broadway                               | Route 11 shortens to City Point - Bayview - Broadway, Red Line  |

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|--|---|--|
| 11 (Broadway - downtown)                   | T9 South Boston - Broadway - Copley; Red Line       | Transfer to Red Line Line or Route 9   |
| 11 (A St)                                  | T7, T9, T12, or Red Line                            | Travel up to 1/3 mi to multiple high frequency routes  |
| 11 (Washington St)                         | SL4/SL5   | SL4/SL5 replaces Route 11 on Washington St   |
| 43   | 43 Ruggles - Park Street                            | Route 43 same route maintains local Tremont St service with reduced service hours, later morning service and earlier evening service; no weekend service; use nearby Silver Line or Orange Line for more frequent service or longer span |
| 47 (Central - LMA)                         | T39 Porter - Central - LMA - Forest Hills           | Route T39 provides all-day high frequency service and replaces 47  |
| 47 (LMA - Nubian )                         | T15, T28, or T66                                    | Multiple all-day high frequency services replace Route 47; T15 has Orange Line connection at Ruggles, and T28, T66 have Orange Line connection at Roxbury Crossing   |
| 47 (Nubian - Broadway)                     | 42 Forest Hills - Nubian - Broadway                 | Route 42 extends from Nubian to Broadway to replace 47   |
| 55 (Fenway - Hynes)                        | 55 Kendall - LMA                                    | Route 55 extends from Fenway to LMA and from Hynes to Kendall via Mass Ave to replace CT2; stays on Boylston in Fenway area; does not serve Hynes - Park St which is replaced by Green Line  |
| 55 (Kilmarnock, Queensberry St, Jersey St) | 55 Kendall - LMA                                    | Travel less than 1/4 mi to Route 55 on Boylston St   |
| 55 (Hynes - Park St)                       | Green Line B,C,D                                    | Note this would be implemented after Hynes transfer is accessible  |
| 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   |
| 352 (Burlington - Subway)                  | 350 Burlington - Arlington - Alewife                | Route 350 shortens to not serve extension via Burlington Mall Rd, 3rd Ave; replaces 352, 354; later Sunday night service   |
| 352 (Boston)                               | Red Line  | Use Red Line to 350  |
| 354 (Cambridge Rd)                         | 350 Burlington - Arlington - Alewife                | Route 350 shortens to not serve extension via Burlington Mall Rd, 3rd Ave; replaces 352, 354; later Sunday night service   |
| 354 (Four Corners - Woburn Sq)             | 94 Burlington - Woburn - Winchester - Davis         | Route 94 extends to Woburn Sq and Four Corners to replace part of 354; new weekend service   |
| 354 (Woburn Sq - I-93)                     | 133 Anderson - Woburn - Stoneham - Melrose - Malden | New Route 133 extends to Montvale Ave and replaces part of 354; connects to Stoneham, Melrose, Orange Line; new weekend service  |
| 354 (Boston)                               | Orange Line or Red Line                             | Use Orange Line + 133 or Red Line + 94 or 350  |

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| If you currently ride...                                | Your new route is...                     | What's new   |
|---|--|--|
| 426 (Lynn - Wonderland)                                 | 426 Lynn - Saugus - Wonderland           | All service serves Wonderland and does not serve Boston; serve Northgate Shopping Center to replace Route 411; more direct route via Revere St near Wonderland |
| 426 (American Legion Hwy, VFW Pkwy)                     | T110, T116, Blue Line                    | Travel 1/4 mi to all-day high frequency service on T110, T116, Blue Line   |
| 426 (Revere - Boston)                                   | Blue Line, Commuter Rail connections     | Use Blue Line to 426, or Commuter Rail   |
| 428 (Route 1 - Saugus Center - Lincoln Ave @ Winter St) | 131 Melrose - Saugus - Lynn              | Route 131 improves to medium frequency with more midday, evening, and weekend service; extends to Saugus and Lynn and replaces part of 428, 429                |
| 428 (Saugus Center, Clifftondale Sq)                    | 105 Saugus - Malden                      | Route 105 improves with more evening service and frequency; extends to Saugus and replaces part of 428, 429, 430; does not serve Main St - Sullivan portion    |
| 428 (Clifftondale Sq - Linden Sq)                       | 426 Lynn - Saugus - Wonderland           | Route 426 operates consistently to Wonderland and does not serve Boston express; replaces part of 411, 428, 429; frequency improves all days                   |
| 428 (Oaklandvale - Route 1)                             | No service within 1/2 mi                 | Route 105 and 131 provide all-day seven day service from Square One Mall   |
| 434 (Peabody Sq - Washington St)                        | 435 Salem Depot - Peabody - Lynn         | Current service operation; some stops over 1/2 mi away on Lynnfield St in South Peabody  |
| 434 (South Peabody - Lynn)                              | 436 Liberty Tree Mall - Lynnfield - Lynn | Current service operation; some stops over 1/2 mi away on Lynnfield St in South Peabody  |
| 450 (Salem - Wonderland)                                | 450 Salem - Lynn - Wonderland            | All service to Wonderland; frequency improves on all days and replaces part of 455; shortens to not serve Revere-Haymarket segment                             |
| 450 (McClellan Highway)                                 | T104, 119 or 120                         | Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route T104, 119 or 120  |
| 450 (Boston)  | Blue Line, Commuter Rail connections     | Use Blue Line to 450, or Commuter Rail   |
| 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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| 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   |
| 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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| SL1 (Logan Airport - South Station) | SL1 Logan Airport - South Station  | SL1 and SL3 do not stop at Silver Line Way for faster route between Airport & South Station                               |
| SL1 (Silver Line Way)               | SL2 Design Center - South Station or SLW Silver Line Way - South Station | SL2 operates rush hours only; travel to D St or World Trade Center at other times   |
| SL2                                 | SL2 Design Center - South Station  | SL2 operates rush hours only; travel to D St or World Trade Center at other times   |
| SL3 (Chelsea - South Station)       | SL3 Chelsea - South Station  | SL1 and SL3 do not stop at Silver Line Way for faster route between Airport & South Station                               |
| SL3 (Silver Line Way)               | SL2 Design Center - South Station or SLW Silver Line Way - South Station | SL2 operates rush hours only; travel to D St or World Trade Center at other times   |
| SL4/SL5                             | SL4/SL5 combined - Nubian - South Station                                | Combine Route SL4 & SL5 for better legibility, reliability, and opportunity for iconic stops in downtown section of route |

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# What this means for you

## More high-frequency service.

Today

3

# of routes with service  
every 15 min or better

Proposed

6

New **Congress Street** service connects to **Charlestown**, **South Boston**, and all rapid transit and commuter rail lines.

**Route 9** improves to all-day high frequency service between **Copley** and **South Boston**.

## Better access to major destinations.

Proposed

51K

More residents across the  
region with faster, frequent  
service to Back Bay

New frequent service to **South End**, **Uphams Corner**, **Harbor Point**, **South Boston**, the **Seaport**, and **Charlestown**.

New fast and frequent connection between **North Station** and **South Station**.

Simplified **SL4/SL5** is easier to understand.

## More weekend service.

Proposed

5%

% increase in Sunday service  
(revenue vehicle miles)

More Sunday service.



But we can't do this without you.

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