

Fiscal Crisis Leads to Bus Route Reductions



Milwaukee County has reached a fiscal crisis point, and we need your help. Over the past decade, Milwaukee County taxpayers have increased income and sales tax payments to the State by \$355 million, yet shared revenue and other funding from the state has declined or remained flat over the same time period.

County Executive Chris Abele and County Supervisors have been strong supporters of transit.

Unfortunately, limitations in state law have caused Milwaukee County to effectively reach the cap on the amount it can collect from property and sales tax. State and Federal transit support has been stagnant, especially in comparison to inflationary cost increases, and grant monies that have helped past budgets are increasingly scarce.

These fiscal constraints on Milwaukee County impact MCTS's ability to maintain and expand transit services. Unless there is a state solution, balancing future County budgets will continue to involve tough decisions.

The proposed 2020 Transit Budget includes significant service changes. Although 97% of annual ridership would not be impacted by these changes, the total number of bus routes could be reduced from 51 to 35 including:

- ▶ 6 Freeway Flyer routes - 40, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49
- ▶ 4 UBUS Routes - 40U, 42U, 44U, 49U
- ▶ 5 Shuttles - 17, 137, 219, 223, 276
- ▶ Route 52 Clement - 15th Avenue
- ▶ Route 55 Layton Avenue: would no longer have service west of S.76th Street
- ▶ Route 80 6th Street: would no longer have service south of MATC South Campus

Route 40U Alternatives

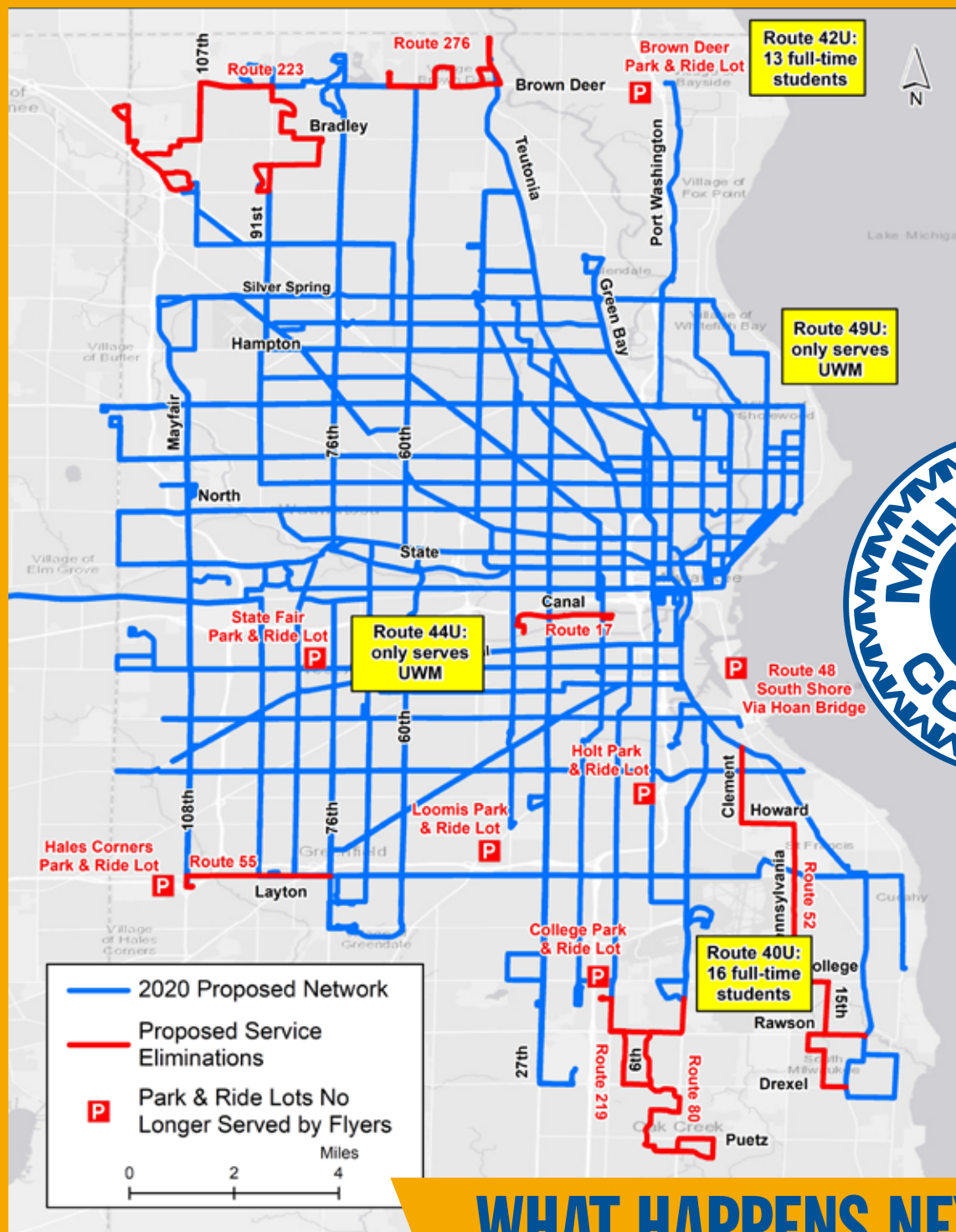
- ▶ MATC South Campus – Route 80 provides local service to and from MATC Downtown via S. 6th Street.
- ▶ College Park & Ride – Route 19 provides local service on College Avenue adjacent to the park ride lot to MATC Downtown via either S. 13th or S. 20th Streets.
- ▶ Holt Park & Ride – Route 80 provides local service near the lot on S. 6th Street to MATC Downtown and MATC South.

Route 42U Alternatives

- ▶ Brown Deer East Park & Ride and Bayshore Park & Ride – Route 63 provides service to these lots via Silver Spring Drive and Port Washington Road but does not serve MATC North.
- ▶ Ozaukee County Shared Ride Taxi picks up at north end of Routes 12 (Green Bay Road & Cherrywood) and 63 (Brown Deer East Park & Ride) in Milwaukee County

Route 80 (South of MATC South Campus)

- ▶ No alternative service. Wisconsin Coach Lines / Coach USA offers limited service daily at Howell Avenue & Forest Hill in Oak Creek to the Milwaukee Intermodal Station.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- 1 Voice your concerns by filling out our official survey (by mail or via an online version available at RideMCTS.com/Budget)
- 2 Find meetings and the Fair Deal petition at county.milwaukee.gov/Fair-Deal
- 3 Tell your state legislators how important public transportation is to you.