Montrose Public Meeting
Fall 2014 Route & Schedule Changes

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Agenda

• Introduction

• Montrose Transit Hub
  – Near Term Options
  – Long Term Objectives

• Proposed Route/Schedule Changes for Fall 2014
Introduction

Why are changes being proposed?

1. To respond to official requests (Routes 1, 8, 50, and Call a Bus)
2. To respond to comments from METRO riders (X60, X61, Call a Bus)
3. To improve the productivity of METRO services (101, 111)
4. To differentiate METRO service types (31, 101 re-numbering)
Meeting Purpose:

1. Update status of Flight Memorial Drive layover

2. Explain proposed service changes for METRO’s Fall 2014 Schedule

3. Obtain input from transit stakeholders on:
   • Montrose transit hub ideas
   • Service change proposals

4. Guide decision-making by METRO staff and Board of Trustees
Introduction

Public Meeting Schedule:

1. Tues. 4/15 1:00-3:00 PM – Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center
2. Tues. 4/15 4:00-6:00 PM – Green Central Administration Building
3. Wed. 4/16 3:00-5:30 PM – Fairlawn-Bath Library
4. Thurs. 4/17 3:30-5:00 PM – Stautzenberger College, Brecksville
5. Tues. 4/22 9:00-10:30 AM – Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center
6. Tues. 4/22 3:00-5:00 PM – Coventry Town Hall
7. Tues. 4/22 7:00-9:00 PM – New Franklin City Hall
8. Wed. 4/23 4:00-6:00 PM – Quality Inn Conference Center, 2940 Chenoweth Rd.
9. Thurs. 5/15, 4:00-6:00 PM – Fairlawn-Montrose ACME, joint w/AMATS
Montrose Transit Hub Options

• **Near Term:**
  – Two off-street site options (Rothrock Rd)
  – Bus circulation/layover for 3 to 4 buses
  – Driver only restroom (temporary structure)
  – Bus shelter(s) for passenger comfort

• **Longer Term:**
  – More central, more visible hub location
  – Convenient walk access to more destinations
  – Permanent structure w/indoor waiting area
  – Transit-oriented development
Montrose Transit Hub Options
Rolling Acres Transit Hub (Romig Road)
Montrose Transit Hub Options

Option 1: HH Gregg Site

Option 2: Former Church Site
Proposed Changes for Fall 2014
Route 1 – W. Market

- Eliminates Flight Memorial Drive layover
- Minimizes impacts for existing riders
- Increases coverage and accessibility
- Improves safety and pedestrian access to Summit Mall
Proposed Changes for Fall 2014
Route 50 – Montrose Circulator

- Extends to proposed new Montrose Hub
- Removes Flight Memorial Dr. & W. Market Plaza loops
- Adds Rothrock and Brookwall service
- Similar running time to existing route
Proposed Changes for Fall 2014
Route 101 – Richfield/Bath

- Originates at proposed new Montrose hub
- Maintains coverage for Bath & Richfield
- Maintains connection to GCRTA # 77F Brecksville
- Transfer required to reach RKP (#1 or X61)
- Re-number 101 to #51 (circulator route number)
Proposed Changes for Fall 2014
Schedule for Service Changes:

• May 28  METRO Board Meeting
• June 13  Deadline for Changes
• June 14 – July 11  Service Scheduling
• July 12- August 12  Prepare Final Schedule
• August 11-12  Operator Bid
• August 24  Fall Schedule Starts
Questions & Answers
Great Response

- 740 total responses (August 2013 thru March 2014)
- Over half of respondents live in Bath, Copley or Fairlawn
- 67% of respondents visit Montrose more than once a week

Vehicular Circulation

- 98.6% of respondents get to Montrose by car
- 64% thought there was the right number of parking spaces
- Unconnected parking lots are the biggest obstacle to driving in and around Montrose
- 88% found it difficult to drive between stores

Transit

- Only 11% of respondents (~85 people) said they were familiar or very familiar with the bus service
  - 63% were not familiar at all
- 67% said they would never use a shuttle bus service if one existed
Bicycle & Pedestrian

- Safety (traffic) was the main obstacle to walking and biking in Montrose
- 70% of respondents would like more sidewalks and crosswalks
- Crossing St. Rt. 18 was not considered an option in its current state, unless some pedestrian infrastructure was added

Land Use & Aesthetics

- Only 4% found Montrose visually appealing
- 77% of respondents would like to see more landscaping
Completed

✓ Project “Kick-Off” Meeting (12/04/13)
✓ Stakeholder Meetings #1 (03/04/14)
✓ Existing Conditions & Inventory Assessment

Current

✓ Stakeholder Meeting #2 (04/29/14)
✓ Existing Conditions & Inventory Analysis
✓ Public Meeting #1 (05/15/14)

Upcoming/Ongoing

➢ Multi-Modal Transportation Plan August 2014
➢ Stakeholder Meeting #3 August 2014
➢ Business Retention Plan October 2014
➢ Aesthetic Plan October 2014
➢ Public Meeting #2 (TBD)
➢ Final Plan November 2014
➢ Stakeholder Meeting #4 November 2014
EXISTING CONDITIONS
Montrose Study Area

- 17,000,000 sq. ft.
  = 390.26 acres
Where the Sidewalk Ends......
Automobile Infrastructure
- 120+ Curb Cuts
- 2,384,632.6 sq. ft. = 54.7 acres
- = 41.4 American Football Fields
6,349,058.6 sq. ft. = 145.75 acres
= 110.4 American Football Fields
- 175,000 sq. ft.
  = 4.02 acres
8,908,691.2 sq. ft. = 204.52 acres = 154.94 American Football Fields

39.7% of the Study Area is Impervious
- 1,092,092.58 sq. ft.
  = 25.07 acres
  = 18.96 American Football Fields
5 MINUTE WALK FROM METRO STOPS
Table #1 - Transit Routes

Table #2 - Pedestrian / Bike

Table #3 - Traffic / Auto / Access Management

Table #4 - Land Use / Aesthetics

Possible Discussion Items:

- What areas do you like in Montrose? Why?
- What areas need improvement in Montrose? Why?
- What amenities are needed in Montrose?
- What facilities are needed for pedestrians/bicyclists/transit users?