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Route 15: Route 15 will maintain most of the same routing as it exists today but will not serve north of Capitol Drive. The northern portion of the route will now terminate at N. Richards Street and E. Capitol Drive and then will route south at E. Capitol Drive and N. Holton Street. The southern end of the route will continue to operate on S. Chicago Road and terminate southbound, nearside on S. Chicago Road and Drexel Boulevard. The northbound routing will now loop around on Drexel Boulevard, 15th Avenue, and Marquette Avenue, and reconnect with the main routing at Marquette Avenue and 10th Avenue. Frequency will be one bus every 15 minutes for most of the day on weekdays, 20 minutes on Saturdays and 20 minutes on Sundays.

Route 19: Going northbound, a modified Route 19 will serve S. 13th Street between Zellman Court, just south of S. College Avenue and W. Windlake Avenue where it will then navigate to Windlake Avenue to S. 11th Street to W. Greenfield Avenue to S. 6th Street. Once on S. 6th Street, Route 19 will turn east onto W. Kilbourn Avenue, then head northbound on N. Old World 3rd Street/Dr. MLK Drive. The route will then head north on Dr. MLK Drive to W. Atkinson Avenue and then on to N. 32nd Street. It will then go west on W. Cameron Avenue, north on N. 35th Street, and finally west on W. Florist Avenue where it will terminate on W. Florist Avenue and N. Teutonia Avenue. Southbound routing will then continue south on N. Teutonia Avenue, west on W. Silver Spring Drive, and reconnect with the main routing on N. 35th Street. The southern end will continue to terminate at Zellman Court. Frequency will be one bus every 15 minutes for most of the day on weekdays, 20 minutes on Saturdays and 25 minutes on Sundays.

Route 20: A new Route 20 will be a daytime route meaning it will only operate between the hours of 6AM and 8PM daily. Going northbound, this route serves the College-Walmart at S. 27th Street and W. Sycamore Street, then navigates north on S. 27th Street, east on W. College Avenue and serves S. 20th Street between S. College Avenue to W. Windlake Avenue. The route will the navigate to National and 2nd Street via S. 16th Street, W. Forest Home Avenue, S. 11th Street, W. National Avenue to S. 2nd Street. The bus will loop around S. 2nd Street to W. Virginia Street then to S. 1st Street and reconnect with the main routing on W. National Avenue. This route will only have a southern end layover at the College-Walmart in Franklin. Frequency will be one bus every 38 minutes between 6AM and 8PM on weekdays, 35 minutes on Saturdays, and 31 minutes on Sundays.

Route 31: A modified Route 31 will maintain much of the same routing as it exists today with several adjustments. The eastern end of the route will no longer operate via N. 12th Street to W. Wisconsin Avenue, instead operating on W. Highland Avenue and N. 6th Street to get to and from the Intermodal Station. Going westbound and once on Highland Avenue, the route will not branch as it does today. Instead, it will only serve Highland, N. 37th Street, W. State Street, Harwood Avenue, W. Watertown Plank Road, Mayfair Road and terminate at Mayfair Mall. The route will no longer make a loop through Milwaukee Regional Medical Complex but rather it will stay on Watertown Plank Road. The Research Park will continue to be served with limited-service trips in the 8AM and 5PM shift change times. The eastern terminus layover is at N. 5th & W. Clybourn Street (Intermodal Station), and the western terminus layover is at Mayfair Mall. Frequency will be one bus every 31 minutes for most of the day on weekdays, 27 minutes on Saturdays and 25 minutes on Sundays.

Route 33: A modified Route 33 will maintain much of the same routing as it exists today but will now serve further west into Downtown Wauwatosa and south on Glenview Avenue and S. 84th Street to West Allis. The new portion of this route extends to Harwood Avenue through Downtown Wauwatosa where it will then serve Glenview Avenue-S. 84th Street between Harwood Avenue and National Avenue. On the western terminus, a one-way clockwise loop will navigate east from S. 84th Street and W. Greenfield Avenue, south at W. Greenfield Avenue and S. 76th Street then southwest on W. National Avenue to the layover at W. National Avenue and S. 79th Street before heading back north on S. 84th Street to the main routing. The eastern terminus layover will not change and is still at Prospect & Kilbourn/State. Frequency will be one bus every 28 minutes for most of the day on weekdays, 27 minutes on Saturdays and 35 minutes on Sundays.

Route 35: Route 35 will maintain most of the same routing as it exists today but will now extend further south to W. Layton Avenue & S. 60th Street. The northern portion of the route will terminate at N. Teutonia Avenue and W. Good Hope Road with daytime weekday trips extending to serve Aurora Health east of Teutonia on W. Good Hope Road. The southern terminus layover will be at W. Layton Avenue & S. 60th Street. Northbound return routing is west on W. Layton Avenue to S. 60th Street, north on S. 60th Street to I-894, enter I-894 and continue east, exit at W. Loomis Road, north on W. Loomis Road to S. 35th Street, north on S. 35th Street to continue current routing. Frequency will be one bus every 15 minutes for most of the day on weekdays, 19 minutes on Saturdays and 20 minutes on Sundays.

Route 51: Route 51 will maintain the same routing as it exists today. Frequency will be one bus every 15 minutes for most of the day on weekdays, 25 minutes on Saturdays and 23 minutes on Sundays.

Route 52: A modified Route 52 will be a daytime route meaning it will only operate between the hours of 6AM and 8PM daily. This route serves S. Clement Avenue between S. Kinnickinnic Avenue and E. Howard Avenue, E. Howard Avenue between S. Clement Avenue and S. Pennsylvania Avenue, S. Pennsylvania Avenue between E. Howard Avenue and E. College Avenue, E. College Avenue between S. Pennsylvania Avenue and 15th Avenue, 15th Avenue between E. College Avenue and E. Rawson Avenue, E. Rawson Avenue between 15th Avenue and 10th Avenue, 10th Avenue between E. Rawson Avenue and Madison Avenue and a clockwise loop with service on Madison Avenue between 10th Avenue and S. 5th Avenue, S. 5th Avenue between Madison Avenue and E. Puetz Road, E. Puetz Road between S. 5th Avenue and S. Chicago Road, and S. Chicago Road between E. Puetz Road and Mackinac Avenue. The route will reconnect with the main route by continuing north on S. Chicago Road and east on Marquette Avenue to 10th Avenue. The southern terminus layover will be located at S. Chicago Avenue and Mackinac Avenue near the Grant Park Plaza. The northern terminus layover on S. Herman Street south of S. Kinnickinnic Avenue and connects with high frequency Route 15. The frequency will be one bus every 40 minutes on weekdays, 37 minutes on Saturdays and 38 minutes on Sundays.

Route 63: A modified Route 63 will serve W. Silver Spring Drive between N. Lovers Lane Road and N. Port Washington Road to Bayshore. The route will no longer extend further north past Bayshore. Frequency will be one bus every 23 minutes for most of the day on weekdays, 22 minutes on Saturdays and 21 minutes on Sundays.

Route 68: The new Route 68 will be a daytime route meaning it will only operate between the hours of 6AM and 8PM daily. The route serves N. Port Washington Road via E. Capitol Drive and W. Brown Deer Road. On the north end, the bus will turn around in the Brown Deer East Park & Ride lot. This route's only layover will occur at the southern terminus layover N. Fratney Street south of Capitol Drive. Frequency will be one bus every 30 minutes between 6AM and 8PM on weekdays, every 28 minutes on Saturdays and every 25 minutes on Sundays.