



# WeGo Forward MTA Long-Range Transit Plan

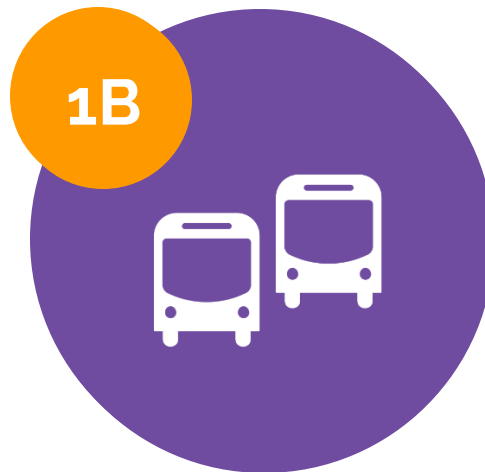
# WeGo Forward Plan Goals & Programs

- 1 Make service faster and more reliable
- 2 Provide more frequent service to reduce wait times
- 3 Provide direct service to more places
- 4 Expand service to more areas
- 5 Make service safer and more comfortable to use
- 6 Reduce transfer times and make transfers more comfortable
- 7 Improve service for high-need customers

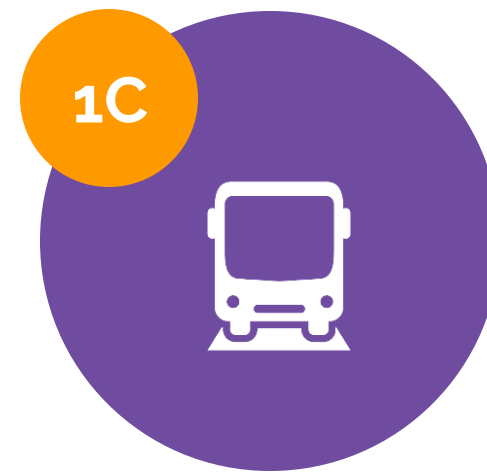
# Faster and More Reliable Service



Downtown Nashville  
Transit Priority Corridors



BRT and Rapid Bus  
Service in All Access  
Corridors



Transit Priority in  
Key Locations

# 1A Downtown Transit Priority Corridors

- As recommended in Connect Downtown, three Transit Priority Corridors with BRT facilities
  - Westside
  - East Bank
  - James Robertson
- Nearly all transit services will use one or more of these corridors in downtown
- Also two new transit centers:
  - SoBro
  - East Bank

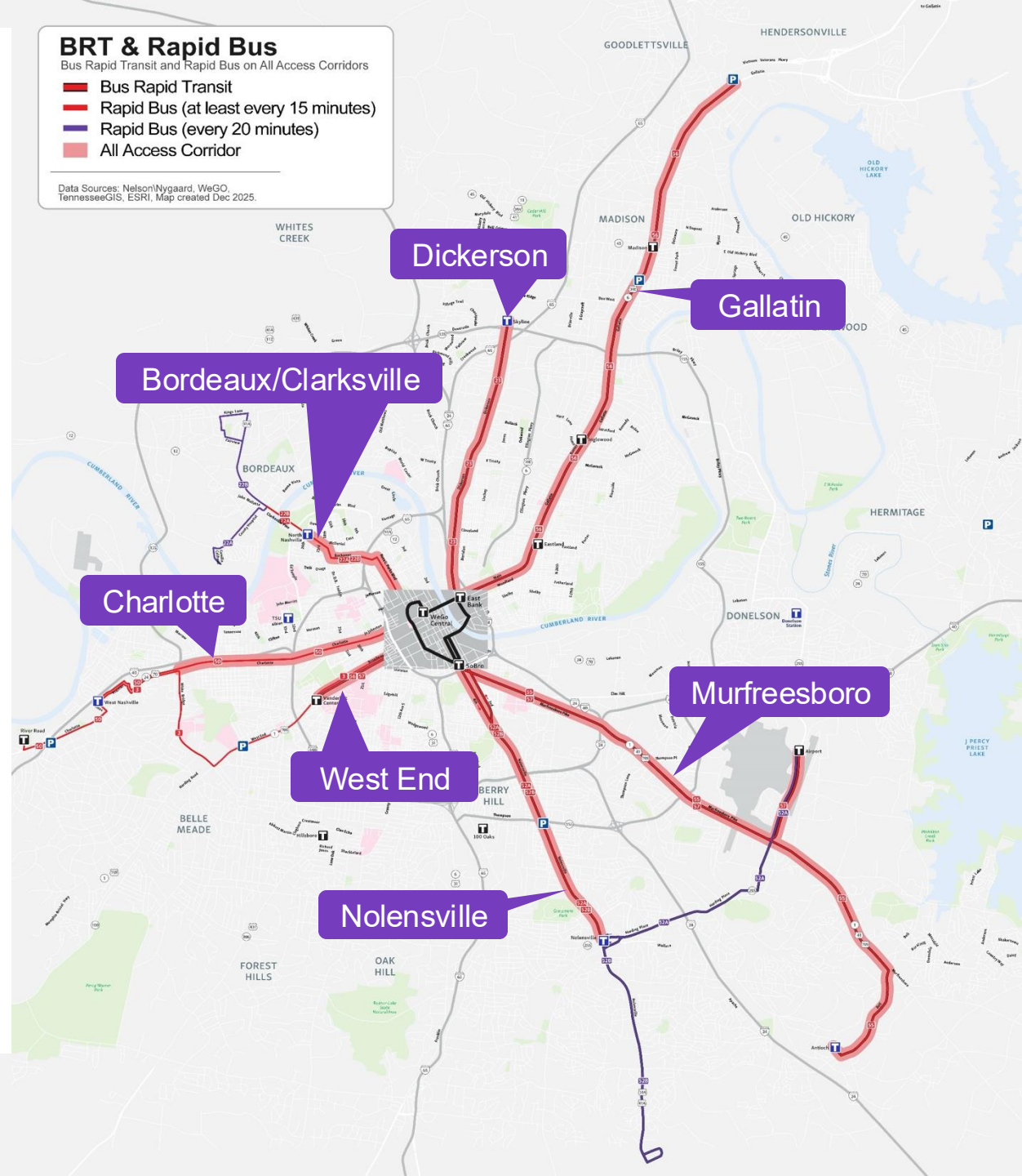


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# All Access Corridors

- Nashville's most heavily used pikes and roadways, including by 80% of all transit riders
- Smarter traffic signals to reduce traffic delays
- BRT or Rapid Bus service every 15 minutes or better
- Pedestrian and bike improvements

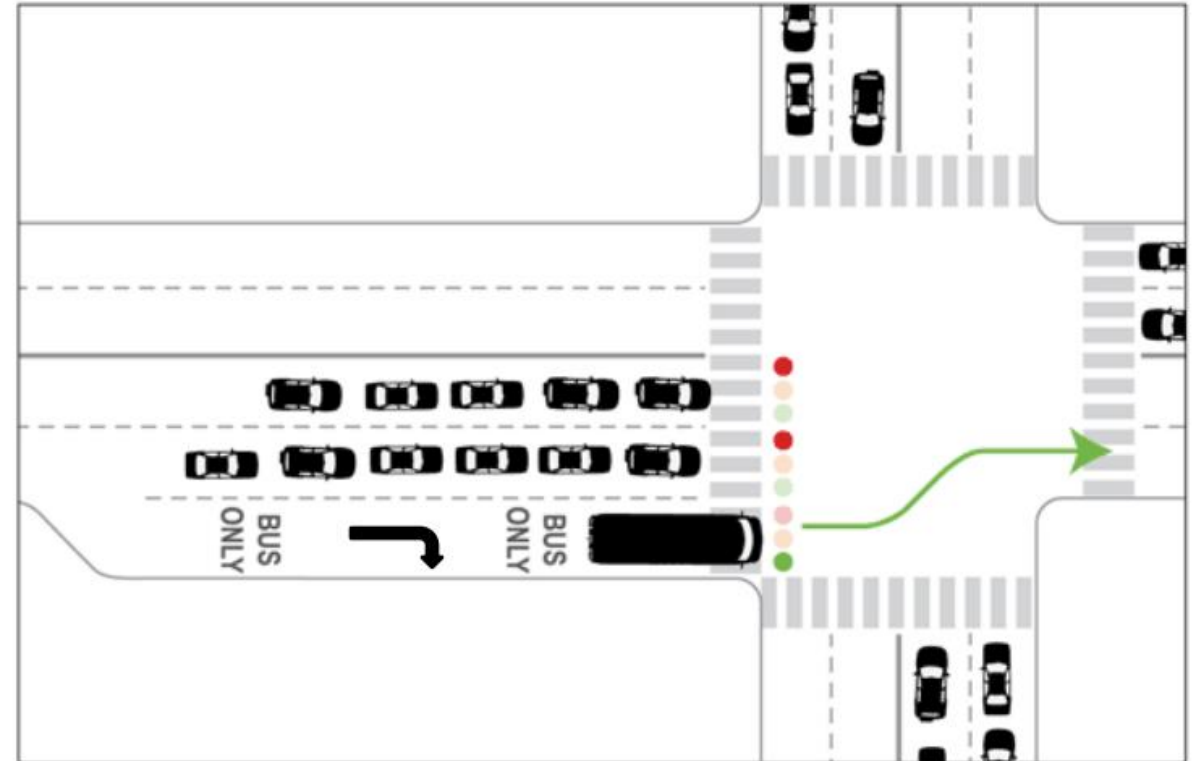




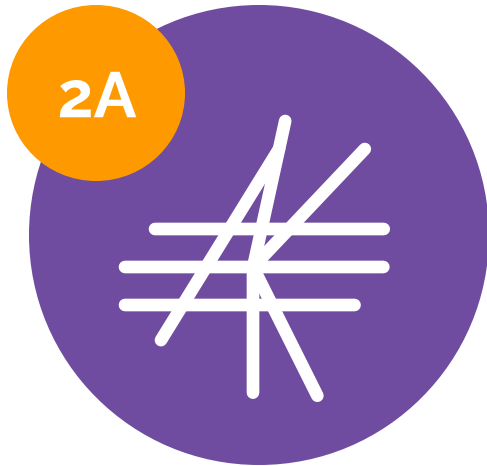
# Transit Priority in Key Locations

- Transit prioritization is included for locations outside of the All Access Corridors to improve transit service reliability
- Transit prioritization can include bus-only lanes for limited segments and transit signal prioritization (TSP)
- Transit Signal Prioritization is in place at some intersections in the Murfreesboro Pike corridor, used by Route 55 buses

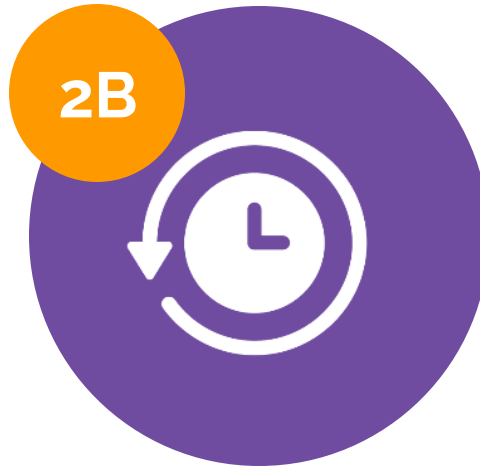
Example Schematic of Transit Signal Priority at a Signalized Intersection



# More Frequent Service for Longer Hours



Frequent Transit  
Network



More Frequent Service  
on Nearly All Routes

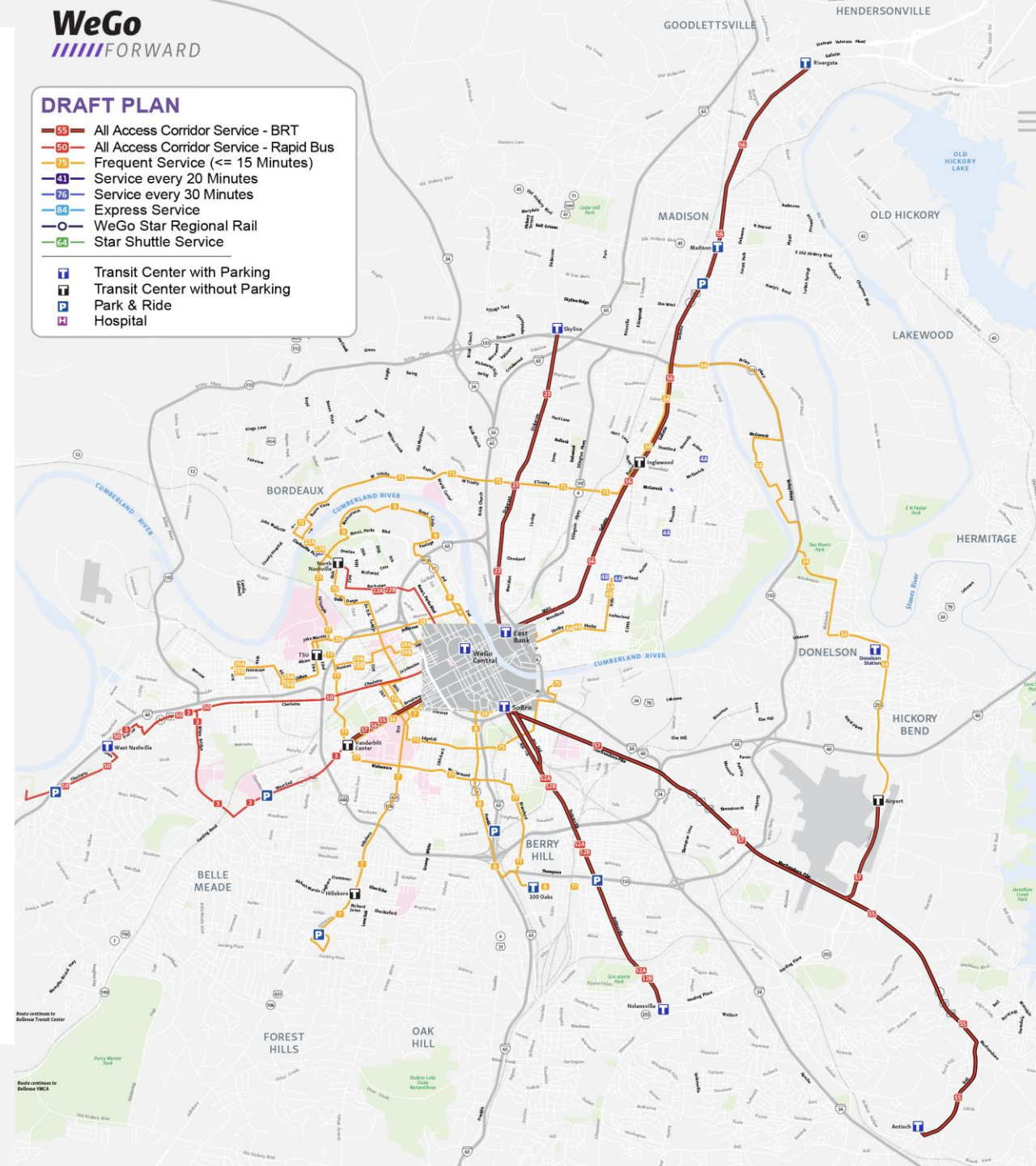
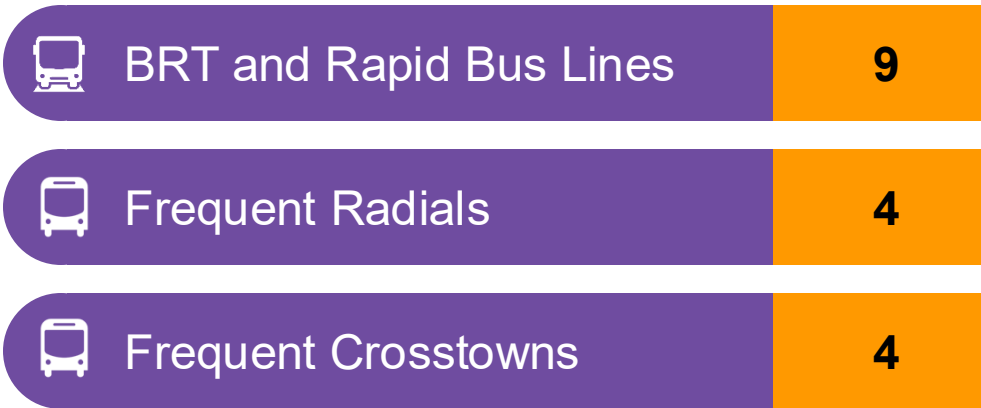


Later Service  
on Nearly All Routes



# Frequent Transit Network




- The service element that is the most important to the most people is frequent service
- WeGo Forward includes a robust network of frequent service (every 15 minutes or better)





# More Frequent Service

More frequent service will be provided on nearly all routes

Service Frequencies	Today	WeGo Forward
 Frequent routes (15 min or less)	8	17
 Every 20 to 30 minutes	13	16
 More than 30 minutes	6	3



# Later Service

Buses will run later hours in the evening on nearly all routes, with 24-hour service on nine WeGo routes

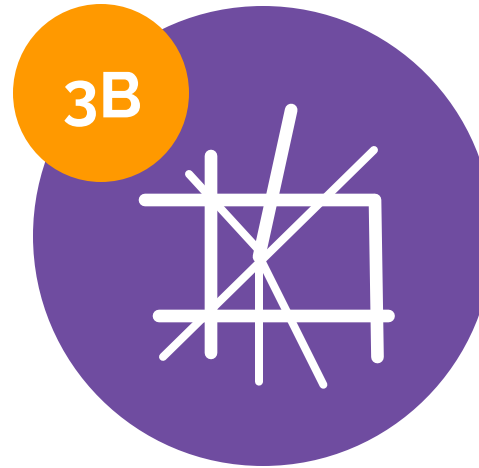
## Hours of Service

24-hour routes	0	9
Until 1 AM	9	10
Until 12 AM	3	13

# Direct Service to More Places



Direct Services to  
More of Downtown  
and Midtown






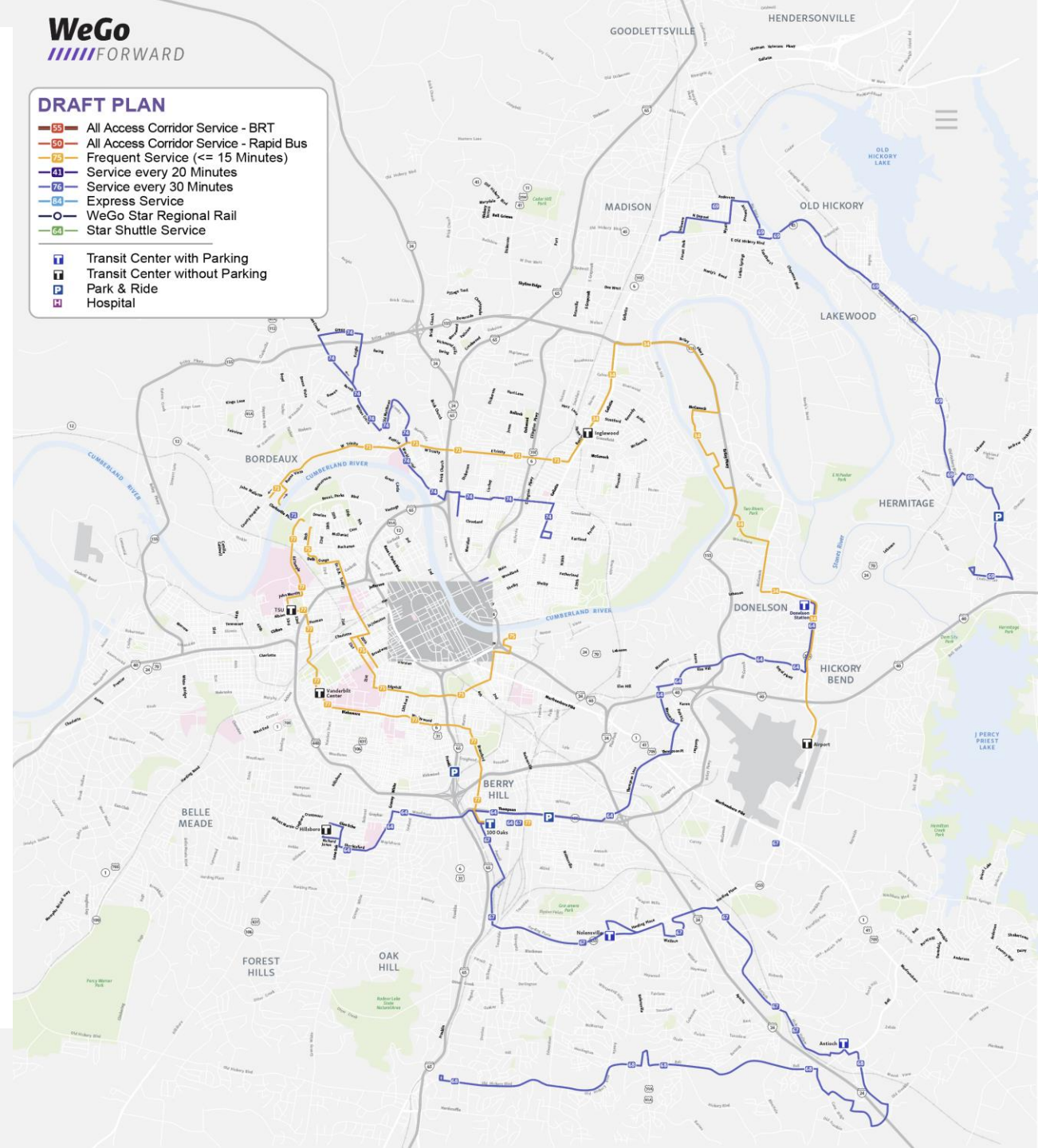
New Crosstown  
Routes



# Direct Service to More Places

- More service to/from or via SoBro, Midtown, and East Bank

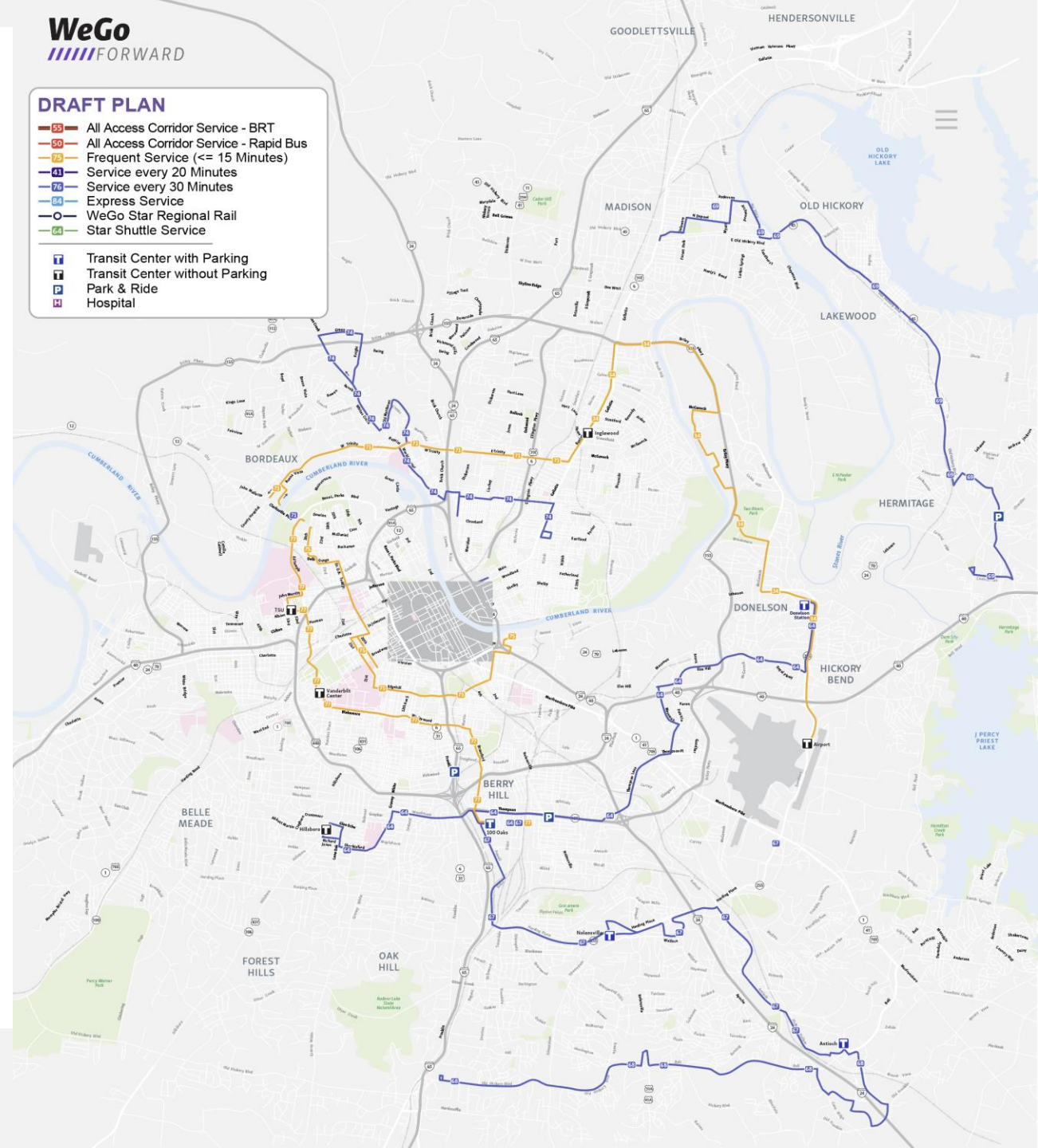
	Today	WeGo Forward
 Midtown	4	11
 SoBro	3	9
 East Bank	8	11



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# More Crosstown Routes

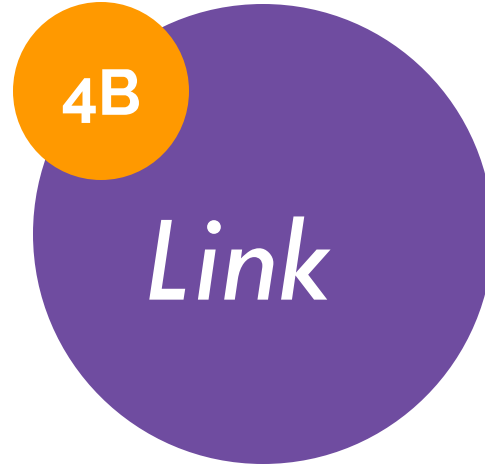
- More crosstown routes connecting destinations outside of downtown



# Expand Service to More Places



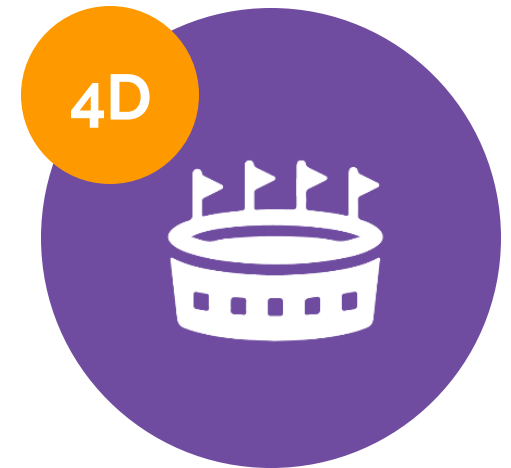
New Fixed-Route  
Services



Countywide  
WeGo Link Service



All Day  
Express Service



Expanded  
Special Event Service

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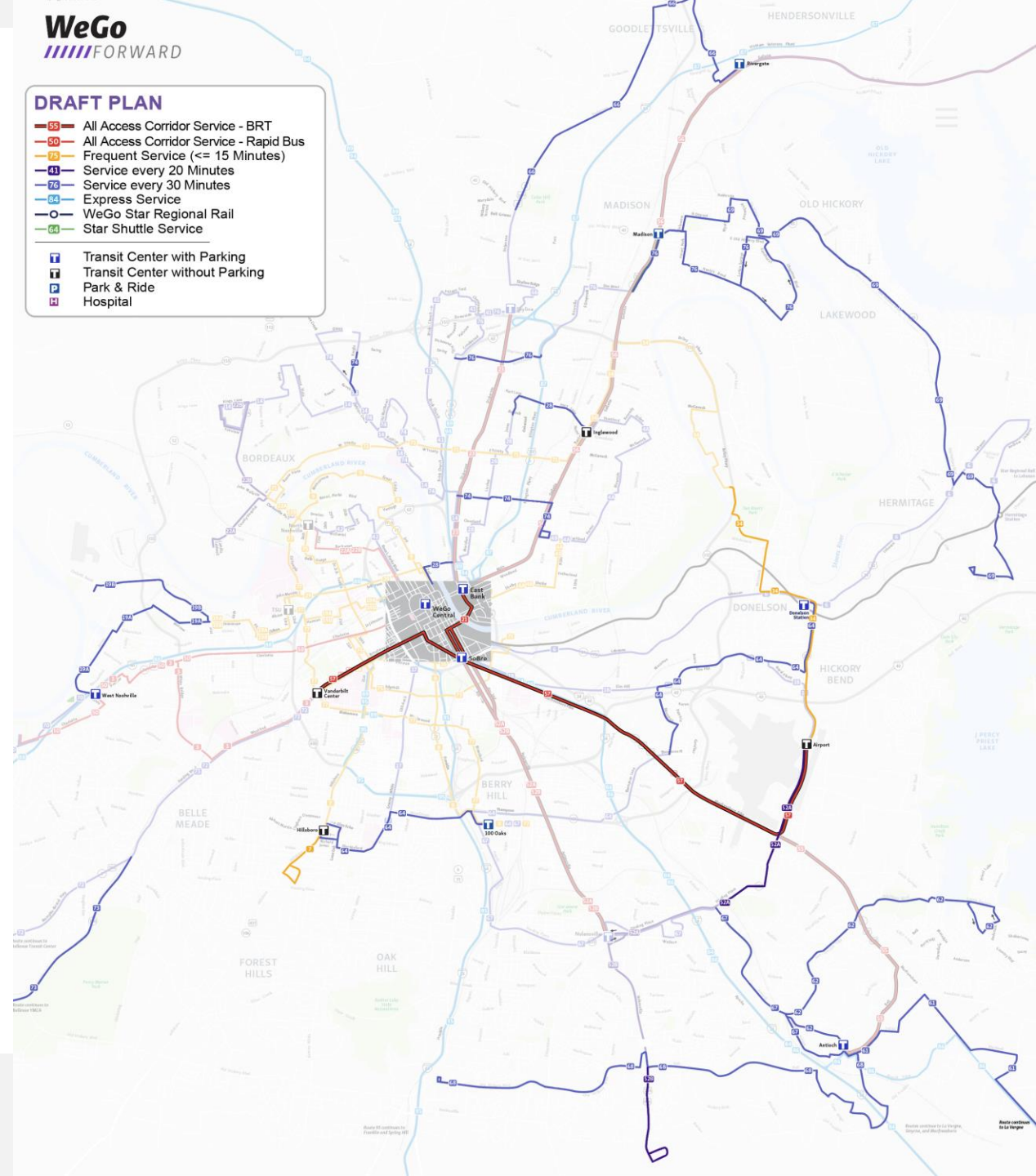


# Expanded Fixed Route Services

- New and extended routes will expand service to new areas



- In addition, many other routes will be reconfigured to provide additional service

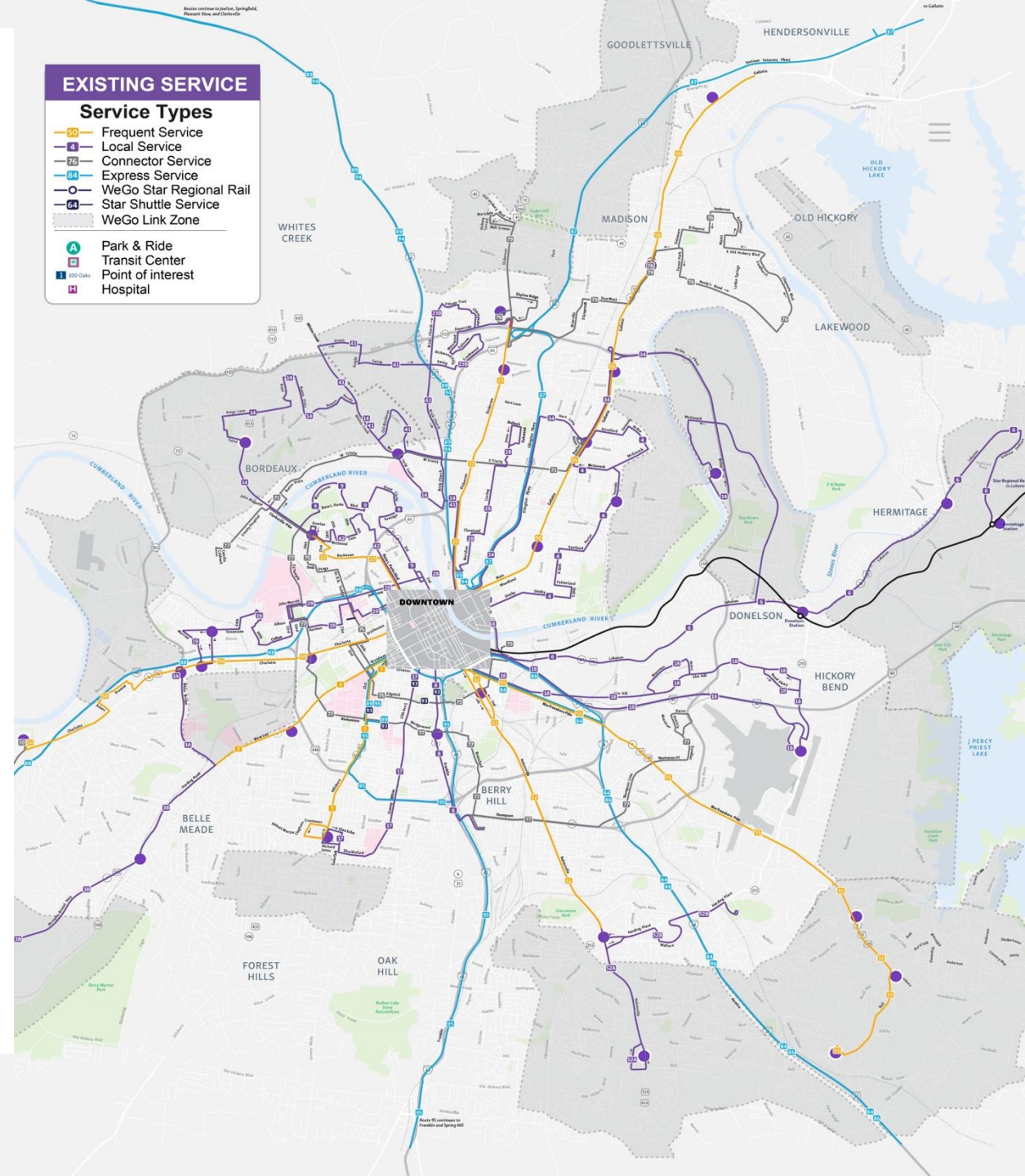


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Link

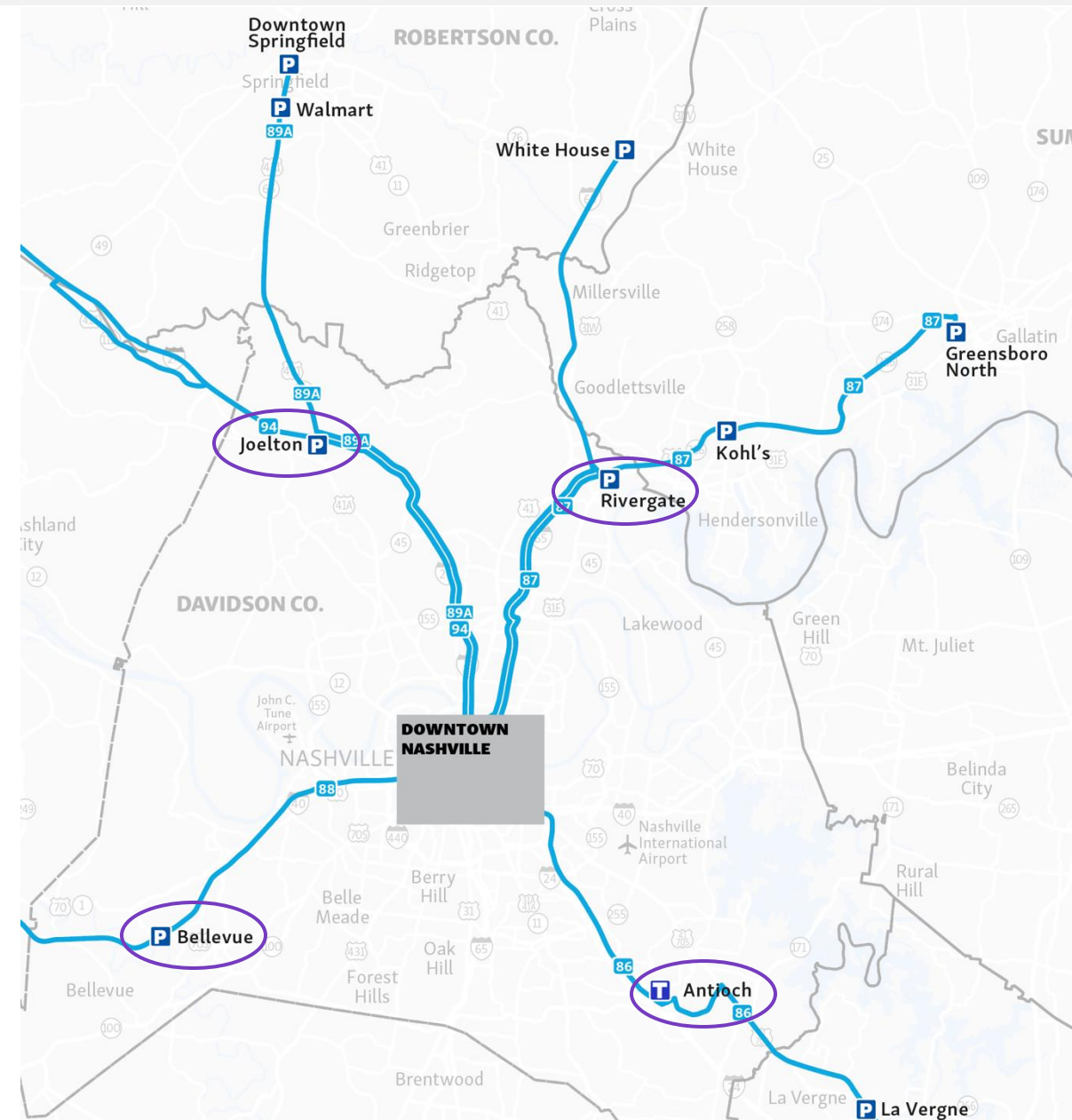
# Countywide WeGo Link Service

- WeGo Link is now available in 19 designated zones
- WeGo Forward will:
  - Expand service countywide
  - Expand connections to more locations

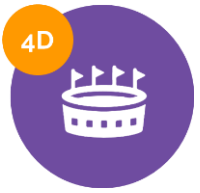


# 4C All Day Express Service

- Service from four locations to Downtown and Midtown:
  - Joelton
  - Rivergate
  - Antioch
  - Bellevue
- Monday – Sunday service
- 30-minute peak/60-minute midday and evening
- Until 1 AM on Fridays and Saturdays
- Service provided in conjunction with RTA service



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# Expanded Special Event Service

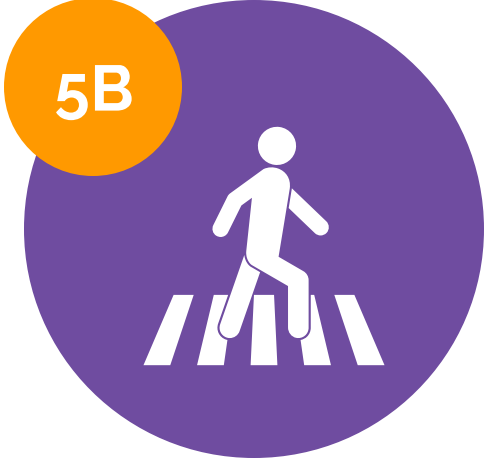
- Large numbers of residents who live beyond the reach of regular services travel to and from Nashville for major events
- WeGo currently provides special train and bus service from outer counties to major events
- Services would be expanded to locations in Davidson County beyond the reach of regular transit



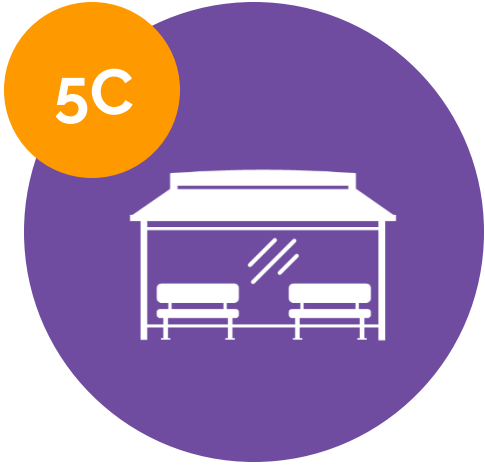
# Safer and More Comfortable Service



Pedestrian  
Improvements to Make  
Easier to Use Transit



Pedestrian Crossings  
at Major Stops  
between Signalized  
Intersections



Stop  
Improvements



# Pedestrian Improvements to Make Transit Accessible

- Choose How You Move includes an 86 miles of new sidewalks, many connecting neighborhoods to major transit routes
- All Access Corridors also include pedestrian improvements





# Pedestrian Crossing at Major Stops

- Safe access to bus stops will be prioritized as transit improvements are implemented, including the provision of mid-block crossings



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# Stop Improvements

- Choose How You Move includes stop improvements at 285 locations
- WeGo Forward will expand the program further

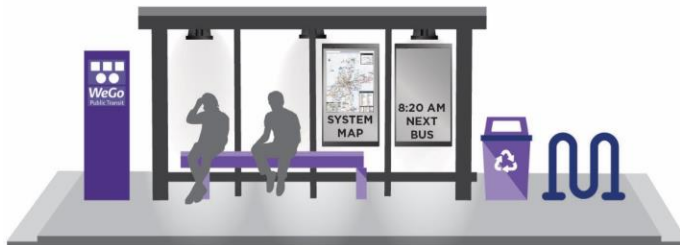
## ENHANCED STOP

### USE:

Stops with moderate boarding volumes

### TYPICAL ELEMENTS:

Medium-sized shelter with seating  
Real-time schedule information  
Maps  
Lighting  
Bicycle racks  
Trash receptacle



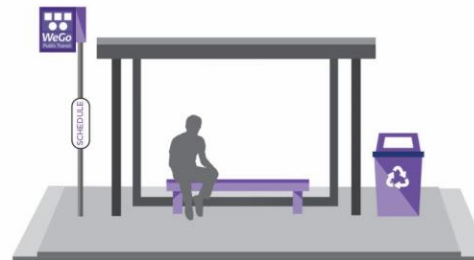
## REGULAR STOP

### USE:

Stops with lower boarding volumes

### STANDARD ELEMENTS:

Distinctive standardized design  
Regular-sized shelter with seating  
Raised platform/level boarding  
Bus stop sign  
Trash receptacle



## BASIC STOP

### USE:

Stops used mostly for alightings

### STANDARD ELEMENTS:

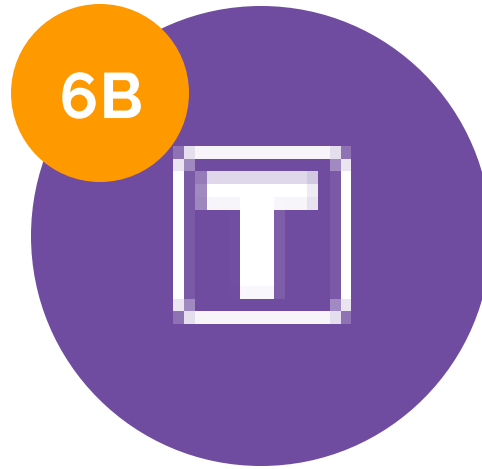
Bus stop sign  
Bench



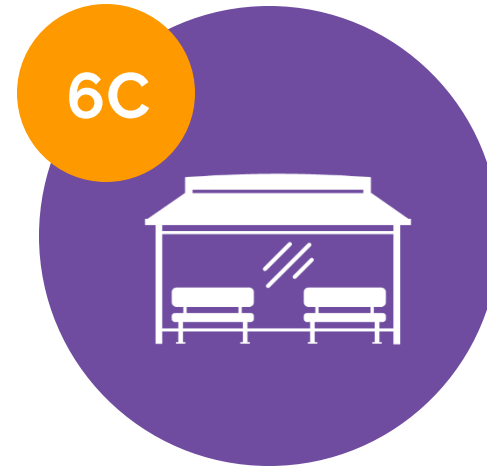
# Reduce Transfer Times and Make Transfers More Comfortable



More Frequent Service  
to Reduce  
Connection Times



New  
Transit Centers

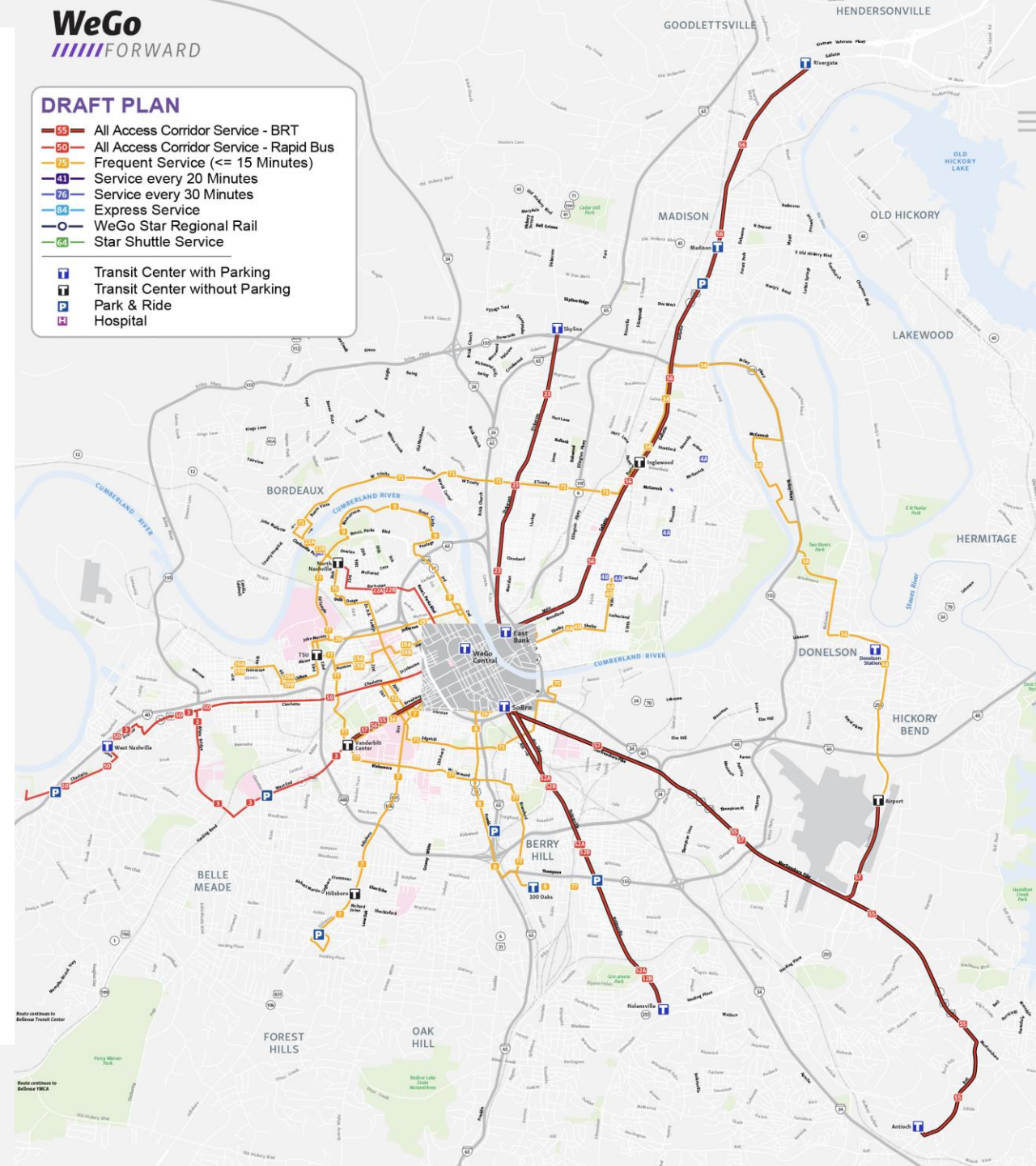


Stop Improvements at  
Major On-Street  
Transfer Locations



# More Frequent Service to Reduce Connection Times

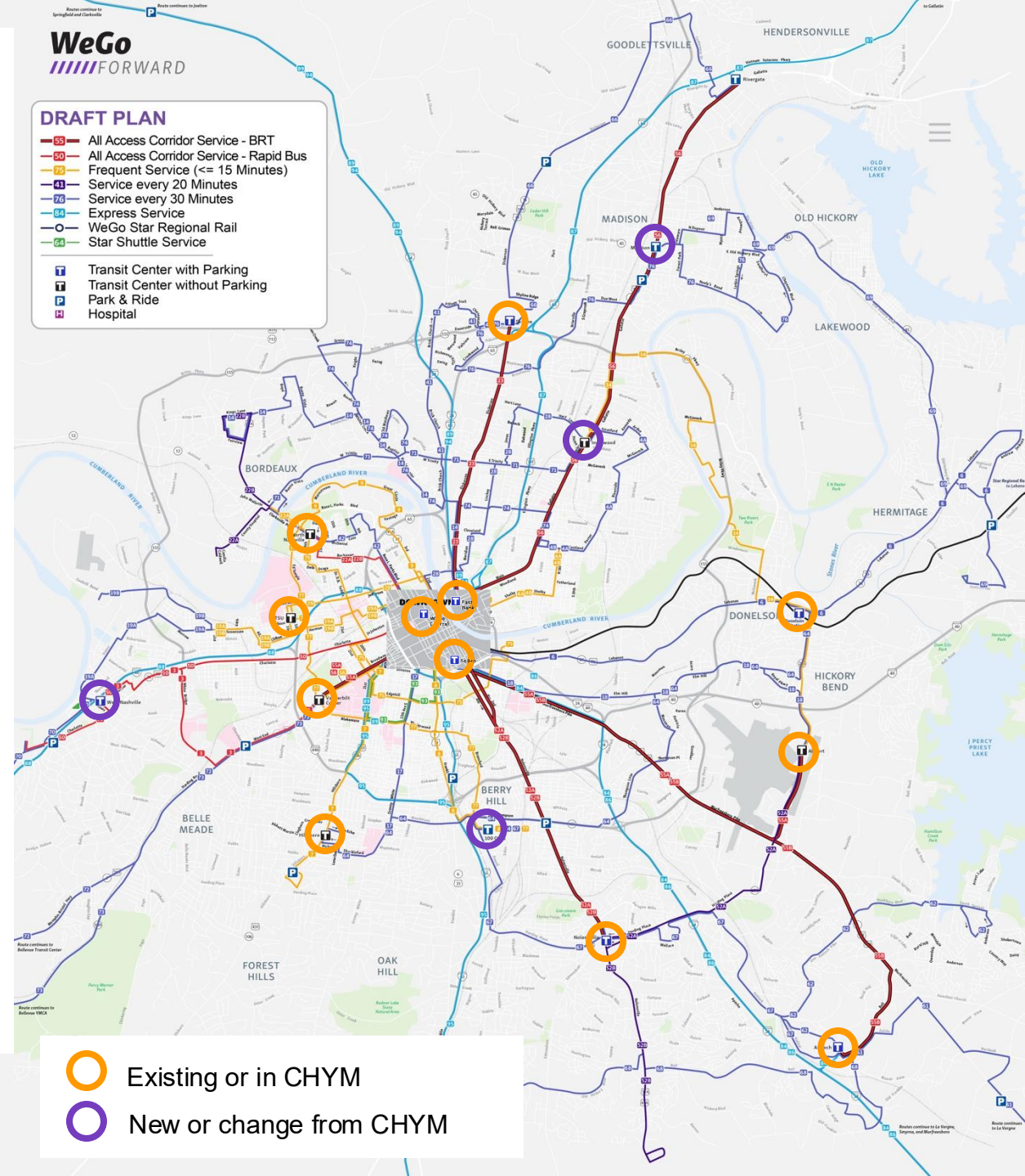
- Nearly all WeGo routes are proposed for frequency improvements. Service will operate every 15-minutes or better on 17 WeGo routes
- Improved frequencies throughout the network will result in shorter wait times at route transfer locations





# New Transit Centers

- A total of 21 transit centers are proposed to facilitate transfers between routes
- Downtown transit centers include Central, SoBro and East Bank
- Major non-downtown transit centers with four or more bus routes include:
  - North Nashville
  - West Nashville
  - Vanderbilt
  - 100 Oaks
  - Antioch
  - Airport
  - Inglewood
  - Skyline



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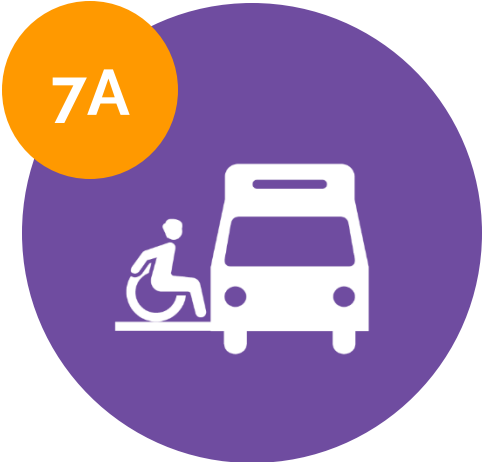


# Stop Improvements at Major On-Street Transfer Locations

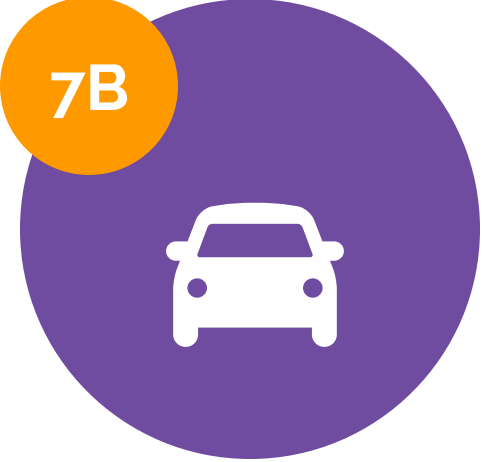
- The majority of passenger transfers will occur at the 21 proposed transit centers in the WeGo Forward network. However, additional transfers will occur elsewhere throughout the network where two or more routes intersect
- WeGo Forward includes stop improvements to accommodate passenger transfers at non-transit center locations, such as shelters and benches, lighting and passenger information



# Better Service for High-Need Populations



Better Paratransit



Volunteer Driver Partnerships

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## Better Paratransit

- Expansion to New Areas
- App-Based Options
- Access On Demand

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## Volunteer Driver Partnerships

- Existing volunteer drive services are limited in terms of eligibility, geography, and capacity
- Regionwide program could meet important needs in areas without other alternatives
- Similar to VanStar, WeGo would partner with other providers for this service



# Summary

- Comprehensive suite of improvements
  - Choose How You Move and beyond
- Improvements to virtually all existing services
  - BRT and Rapid Bus
  - More frequent service for longer hours
  - Faster and more reliable service
  - Service to new areas
- New and improved facilities
  - Transit centers
  - Bus stops
  - Park & Ride lots
- Better transit for a better Nashville

