



I-35W and 46th Street Station

Restructuring Plan Effective December 4, 2010:

The transit station is planned to be operational effective Monday, December 6, 2010.

News releases to the neighborhood and city newsletters and the Southwest Journal should be being read by the public during late November 2010.

Here are the highlights of the I-35W & 46th Street service plan:

1. Route **11-D** will be extended to Ramsey and Washburn schools on 50th St. for the 8:30 am to 3:00 pm school day *for about 35 students living along Route 11. New bus operation will occur on Pleasant Avenue from 50th to 49th, and on 49th Street from Pleasant to Nicollet avenues.*
2. Route **18-G** Grand Ave will no longer serve 48th St. & Grand Ave. All Route 18G's will be extended across 46th St. to Nicollet Ave for connections to points on Nicollet or for a short walk to I-35W & 46th St. Station. *This affects about 5 people boarding at 48th & Grand Ave. It is ¼ mile to 46th St.*
3. Route **46** will be re-routed via 50th St. – Bryant Ave – 46th St. daily (overhead signs "Via Bryant"), with selected weekday trips remaining on 50th St. between Nicollet and Bryant to serve the 8:30 am to 3:00 pm school day at Washburn and Ramsey schools (overhead signs "Via Nicollet"). Morning school trips will be westbound, and afternoon trips will go eastbound. Rush hour frequency will be improved to every 15 minutes. Sunday morning service will be improved to every 30 minutes to serve the 9:00 AM church start times. New terminal letters will be used for 46th & Hiawatha - 46A, and 7th St. and Madison – 46E. *The route change affects about 20 customers boarding along 50th or Nicollet at non-school hours. Alternatives: routes 4 or 18 to Route 46.*
4. Route **146** will be changed to operate non-stop between 46th Street at Nicollet Ave and I-35W at Lake St. Passengers near I-35W at 46th St. will be served by 15-minute service on new Route 535 on freeway level of the I-35W & 46th St. Station. Route 146 service will be thinned to every 15 to 20 minutes, and have less span of service in the PM. The 3:00 pm or post-5:30 pm commuters will have routes 535 and 46 connecting at I-35W & 46th St. Station. *Affects about 50 customers, including about 18 who have been boarding on 2nd Ave S at 46th St.*
5. Route **152** U of M will be eliminated. Service to the U at Southdale continues via faster Route **579**. Route 579 will offer one more trip AM and PM over Route 152 all year long. Service on France Ave continues to be provided by Route **6** connection to Route **114** at Uptown Transit Station. *This affects about 5 customers.* Service on W. 50th St. west of Bryant Ave will be replaced by Route **46** connecting with Route **579** U of M Express at I-35W & 46th Street. *This affects about 35 customers.* The U commuters living east of Lyndale Ave can ride Route **113**, now extended to Lyndale at 56th Street. *This affects about 7 customers.* Travel times will be about 7 to 10 minutes longer to the U of M.

6. Route **156** will continue to offer express service, except for the 3:00 pm departure from downtown, which will be replaced by a Route 535 connection to the Route 156 Shuttle. The Route **156** shuttle connection point with Route **535** will be moved to the new I-35W & 46th St. Station. I-35W at Diamond Lake Rd will no longer be served by Route **535**. Note item 7. In peak hours, Route **156** is an alternative, including new shuttle trip for downtown work start at 6:00 am. *This affects about 30 customers during off peak hours or in the reverse-commute direction of travel.*
7. Route **535** will be re-routed to follow I-35W between 76th St. and downtown Minneapolis with stops at 66th St., 46th St. (freeway level), and Lake Street. New route will be at least 5 minutes *faster* per direction. Downtown Marquette Ave Stop Group will be at letter D stops rather than letter C stops. As a result of the route change, Nicollet Avenue at 66th St. will no longer be served by Route **535**. Route **515** connecting with Route **535** at I-35W & 66th St. is an alternative. *This change affects about 50 customers during off peak hours or in reverse-commute travel.*
8. Route **576** will be eliminated and replaced by routes **535** and **558**. *This change affects about 320 customers during the peak hours.* Service from Lyndale Ave in Bloomington, and at the Knox Ave Park & Ride in Richfield will be provided by new faster Route **535** as described above in item 7. The bus stop serving the Knox Avenue Park & Ride is to be moved from the cul-de-sac to the Knox Ave northbound just past the driveway to Dick's Sporting Goods. This will allow us to operate the commuter service for the park & ride with one less peak period bus and driver. *About 110 park & ride customers will have a slightly longer walk to and from the bus.* Commuters living along Penn Ave and 66th St. in Richfield will be served by improved Route **558** service during the fringe of the peak periods. *This change affects about 12 customers.*
9. Reverse-commute trips on routes **578** and **597** will serve the new station. This will create new connections at I-35W & 46th St. Station to fast commuter routes serving suburban schools and employers, available via routes **535**, **578**, and **597**. Route **597** will have two AM and two PM reverse-commute express trips.