

IT'S TIME TO GET STARTED.

Nashville is growing by almost 100 people every day. To be prepared for the future, we have to invest in a transportation system that relieves traffic congestion, connects our neighborhoods, and increases access for all Nashvillians, whether they're new arrivals or those who have spent their entire lives here.



(HTTP://WWW.TRANSITFORNASHVILLE.COM/NEWS/2017/12/12/MTA-PLANS-TO-EXPAND-BUS-SERVICE-TO-15-MINUTE-FREQUENCY-FALL-2019)

Congestion has become a constant and will only get worse. Nashville can't build its way out of traffic jams with more and wider roads. We need transportation alternatives so that having more people doesn't mean more gridlock. https://www.transitfornashville.com/the_plan

Nashville has been talking about transit for years – now we have the opportunity to take action. Let's Move Nashville is a bold plan based on input from community leaders, business owners, and neighbors. This plan will ensure that all Nashvillians have access to better transportation options.

The [Let's Move Nashville](http://letsmoveonashville.com/site/web/assets/2017/12/Nashville-Transit-Improvement-Program-20171213.pdf) (<http://letsmoveonashville.com/site/web/assets/2017/12/Nashville-Transit-Improvement-Program-20171213.pdf>) plan includes:

- **Improved and expanded existing bus service**

MTA will expand services on 10 of MTA's busiest routes (West End, Shelby, Hillsboro, Charlotte, Murfreesboro, Bordeaux, Dickerson, Gallatin, Nolensville, Music City Circuit) by providing service that comes at least every 15 minutes during peak travel times and runs 20 hours a day.

- Expanded service hours will be 5:15 a.m.–1:15 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and 6:15 a.m.–10:15 p.m. on Sundays
- Improved frequency, every 15 minutes, by fall 2019

- **Light rail**

Light rail transit (LRT) brings fast, high-capacity trains to Nashville – traveling in their own lanes and avoiding daily traffic congestion. Travel by LRT is dependable and hassle-free, providing an alternative to driving for people traveling in and out of downtown for work or play. And passengers will find park-and-ride lots, bike lanes and racks, and sidewalks along the LRT corridors to make riding LRT easy to access.

It will feature five major corridors, with a **downtown tunnel** connection that will allow for trains and rapid buses to run from West and Northwest to Southeast, and Northeast to South.

- **Rapid bus**

Rapid bus will be designed based on the needs of the individual corridors, incorporating convenient elements such as a fully electric bus fleet, fewer stops and upgraded shelters that are larger and include real-time information. Approximately 25 miles of total rapid bus is proposed along Dickerson, Clarksville Pike (Bordeaux), West End and Hillsboro.

- **Downtown transit tunnel**

In order to avoid disruptions in the busy downtown corridor, an underground tunnel will be built to run under Fifth Avenue running from Music City Central to a new SoBro Transit Center that will allow for trains and rapid buses to run from West and Northwest to Southeast, and Northeast to South.

- **Neighborhood transit centers**

Transit centers will provide safe and comfortable locations to board the bus, convenient pedestrian connections and real-time information. Nearly two dozen transit centers are proposed throughout Davidson County, giving commuters the option to park and ride, connect to rideshare, or enjoy a cup of coffee.

- **Accessibility and safety improvements**

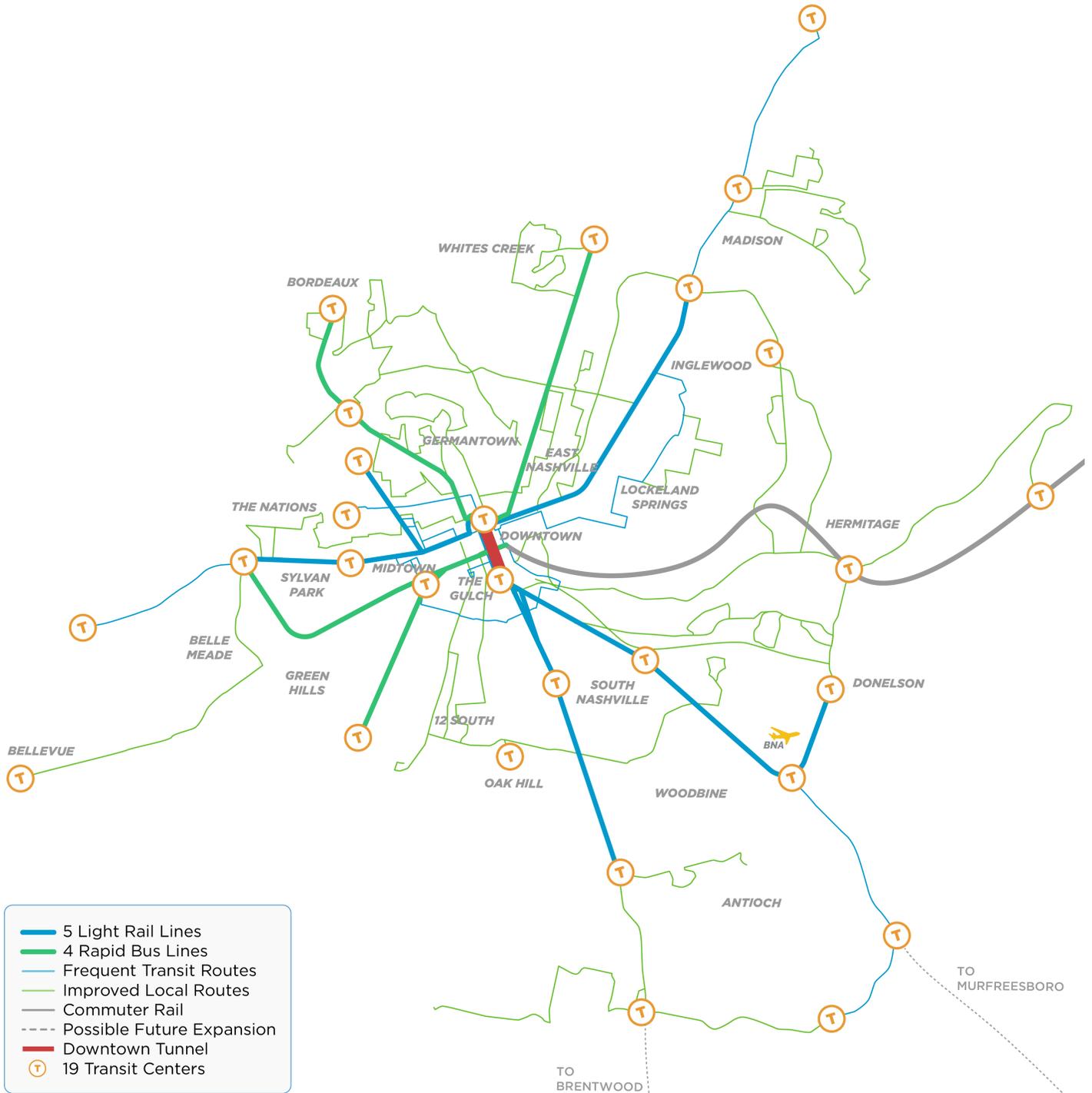
AccessRide improvements will include real-time information, call-ahead service and same-day schedule availability. Service improvements will begin in late 2018.



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Benefits

• **Options**

Let's Move Nashville will increase access and mobility across the city, especially for seniors, disabled and transit-dependent riders. Increased transit options give all Nashvillians the opportunity to enjoy city events and neighborhoods with fewer traffic and parking hassles.

• **Jobs**

Transit will create opportunities for good-paying jobs for Davidson County residents living in Nashville. The transit network will be a major economic driver through operation of the transit network. Additionally, transit will increase access for all employees and employers across the county.

• **Affordability**

Increased transportation options provide more opportunities for everyone. To keep Nashville affordable, Let's Move Nashville proposes to

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eliminate transit fares for any resident living at or below the poverty level. In a city designed for cars, equal access to transportation options is a critical economic opportunity issue. In addition to the cost of a car, any spike in gas prices, insurance rates or repairs adds to the cost burden.

Recent legislation also allows the city to reinvest revenue from increased property values along transit lines in affordable and workforce housing, lowering cost burdens for working families.

- **Commuter time**

Nashville is the 23rd-most-congested city in the United States, with drivers' spending 34 hours in traffic annually and losing an average of \$1,308 each year to traffic-related costs, such as wasted time, fuel and productivity. Let's Move Nashville prioritizes diverse transit options as a method of reducing congestion and alleviating the growing pressure on our current system.

- **Walkability and safety**

Access to safer sidewalks is a critical need throughout the city. Between 2004 and 2014, 209 Nashville pedestrians were struck and killed by cars. Let's Move Nashville will create additional sidewalks in Davidson County to increase pedestrian safety while connecting to transit.

- **Sustainability**

Access to transportation options would reduce carbon emissions from automobiles in the effort to make Nashville "the greenest city in the Southeast" under the Livable Nashville plan. A small percentage of MTA's current buses are electric, and the city will continue to incorporate electric buses into the fleet.

Funding

Let's Move Nashville is a \$5.4 billion investment in our city's future. It is our opportunity to create a long-lasting, comprehensive transit system that will enhance walkability and safety, provide jobs, improve congestion, and ensure Nashville is a great place to live and work for many years to come.

The plan will be funded through a combination of business, sales and tourism taxes shared between Davidson County residents and visitors.



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