

# MCTS 2026 Service Plan





# Service Plan for Amendment Funds in 2026



**Maximizing service levels** while minimizing disruption by **maintaining service** on all fixed routes

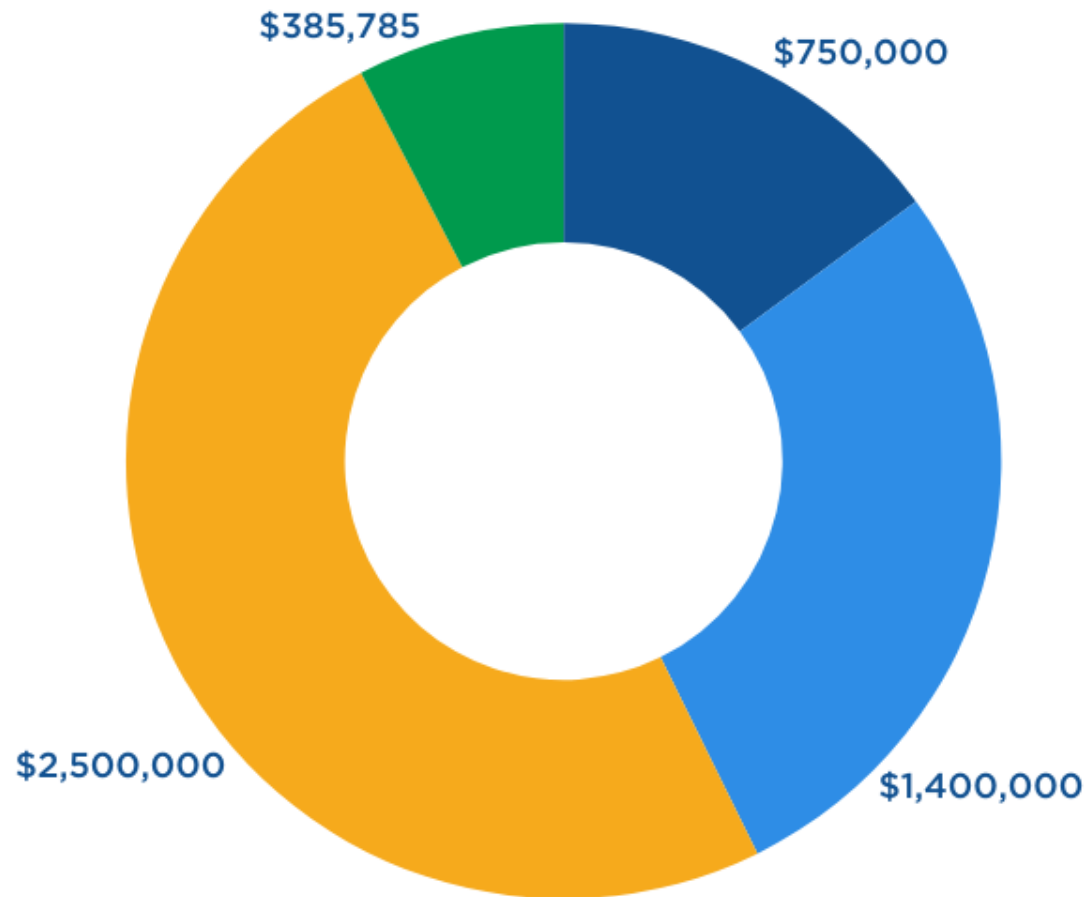
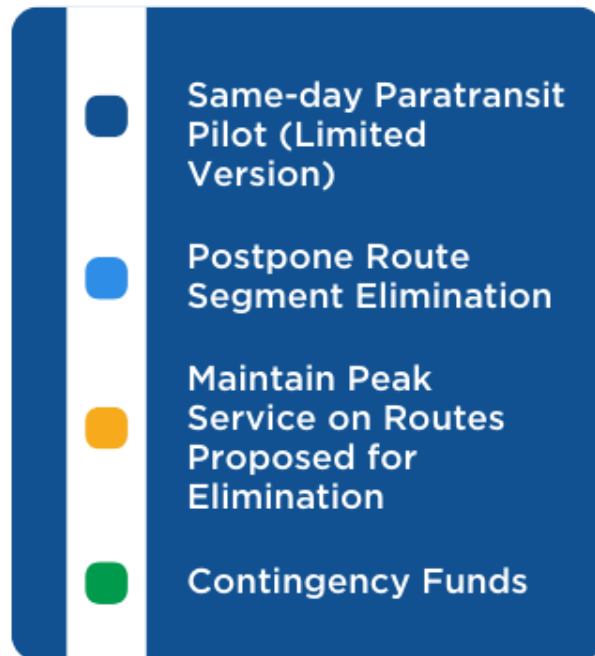
- Increased service levels will be **funded by the \$4.78M amendment allocation**
- Additional **\$250K** will also be utilized for **service enhancement** in 2026
- Total funding to maximize fixed route and same-day paratransit: **\$5M**



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## \$5 Million Allocation



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## TRANSITPLUS

S A M E D A Y P I L O T

Estimated Cost to Maintain: \$750,000



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Timeline of service changes and other actions MCTS will be taking in 2026:

**January 1**



- **Fare increases**
- **Same-Day Pilot**

- **Peak Service on 6 Routes**
- **Frequency Reduction on 16 Routes**
- **Continue Current Service Levels on 5 Routes**



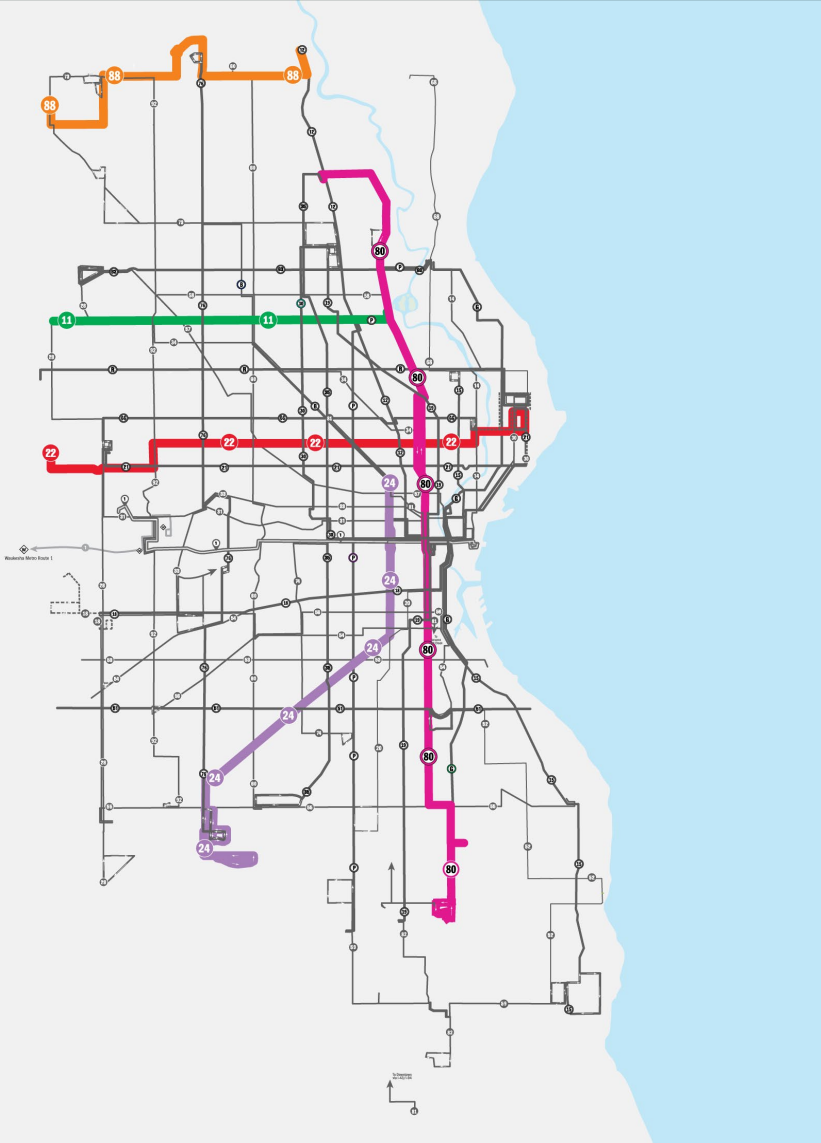
**January 11**



**March 8**

- **Route Segment Eliminations Begin on 5 Routes**

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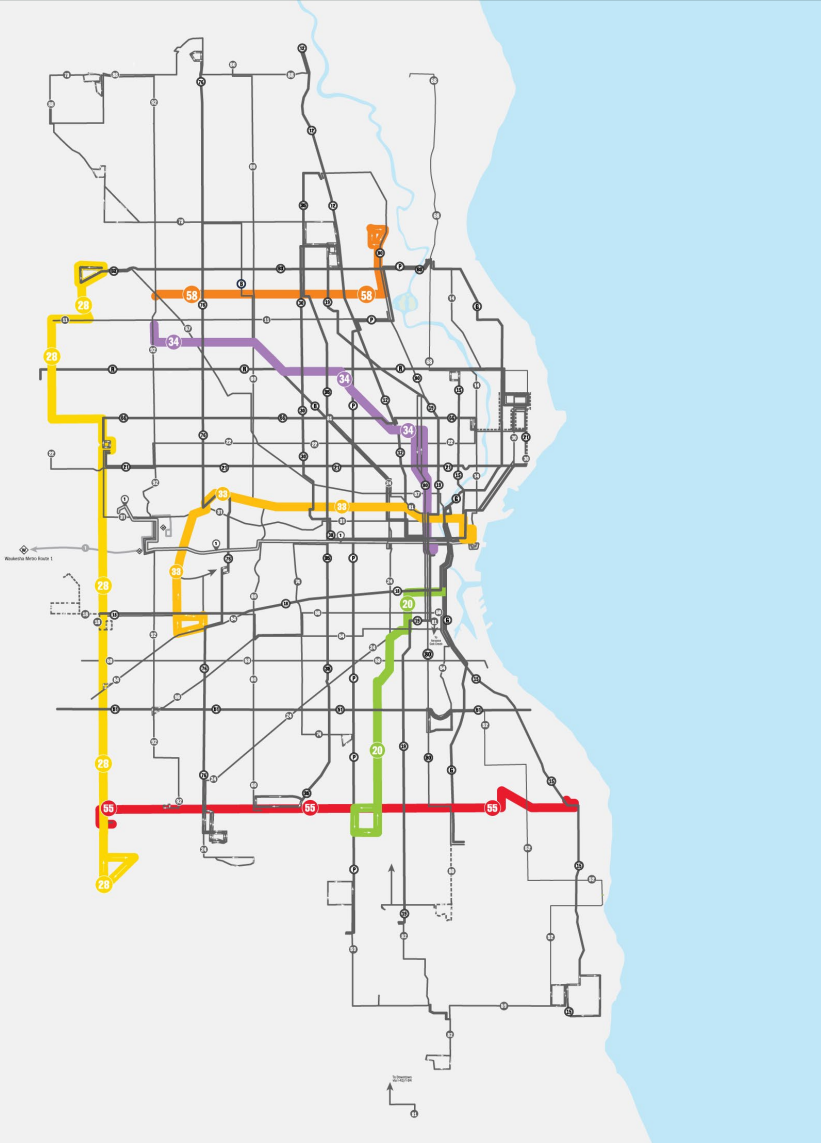


January 11 through March 7: Maintain full route service on five routes, previously scheduled for segment elimination

- Route 11: Hampton Avenue
- Route 22: Center Street
- Route 24: Forest Home – 16th
- Route 80: 6th Street
- Route 88: Brown Deer Road

Estimated Cost: **\$1,400,000**

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Beginning January 11: Maintain peak service, seven days per week, on the six routes previously proposed for full elimination

- Route 20: S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street
- Route 28: 108<sup>th</sup> Street
- Route 33: Vliet – 84<sup>th</sup>
- Route 34: Hopkins – Congress
- Route 55: Layton Avenue
- Route 58: Villard Avenue

Estimated Cost: **\$2,500,000**

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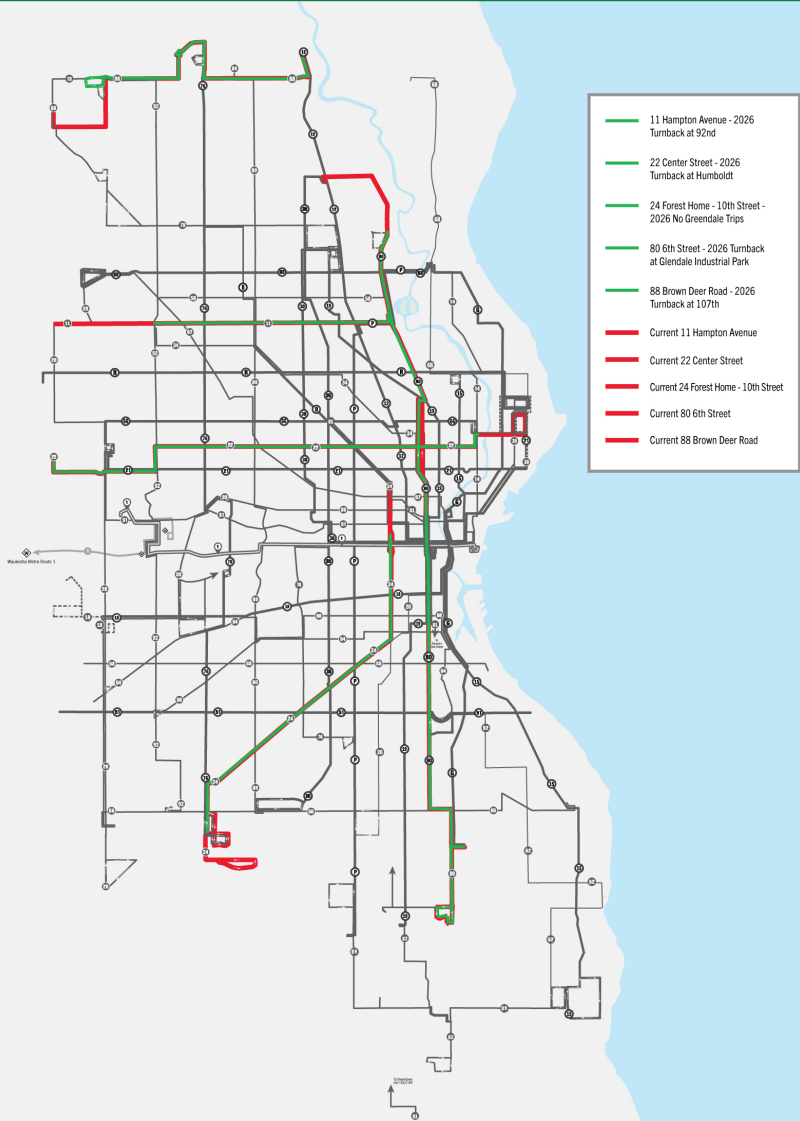


Beginning January 11: Implement frequency reduction on sixteen routes as previously proposed

- **Weekday**
  - **Route 12:** Teutonia Avenue
  - **Route 14:** Humboldt – Wisconsin
  - **Route 31:** State – Highland
  - **Route 51:** Oklahoma Avenue
  - **Route 53:** Lincoln Avenue
  - **Route 57:** Walnut – Appleton
  - **Route 60:** 60<sup>th</sup> Street
  - **Route 63:** Silver Spring Drive
- **Saturday**
  - **Route 18:** National – Greenfield
  - **Route 19:** M.L. King – S. 13th
  - **Route 21:** North Avenue
  - **Route 31:** State – Highland
  - **Route 59:** Drexel Avenue
  - **Route 74:** S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street
  - **GreenLine:** Bayshore – Airport
  - **PurpleLine:** 27<sup>th</sup> Street
  - **RedLine:** Capitol Drive
- **Sunday**
  - **Route 31:** State – Highland
  - **Route 59:** Drexel Avenue
  - **Route 74:** S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street



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Beginning March 8: Implement route modifications (segment and frequency reductions) on five routes as previously proposed

- **Route 11:** Hampton Avenue
- **Route 22:** Center Street
- **Route 24:** Forest Home – 16th
- **Route 80:** 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- **Route 88:** Brown Deer Road

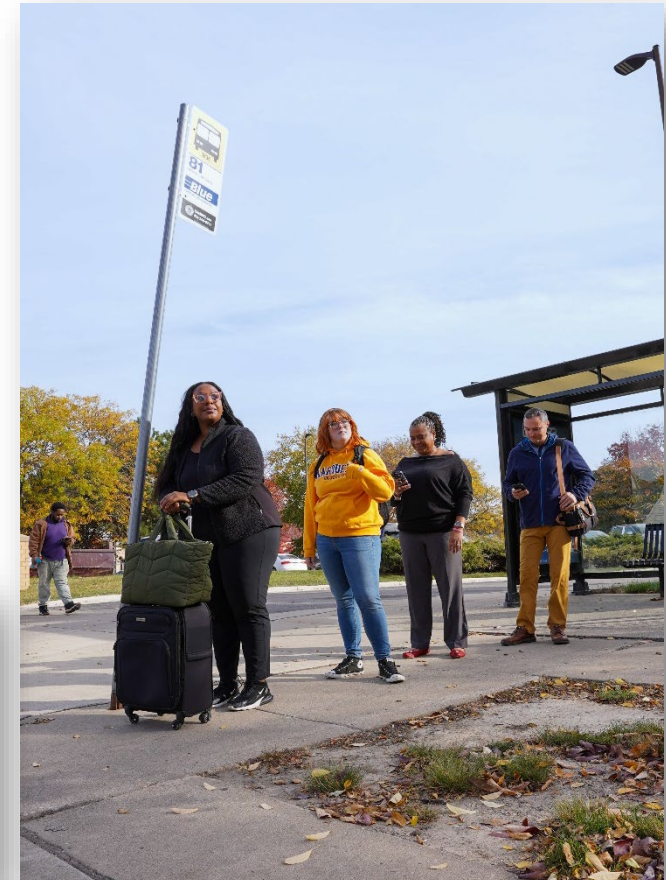
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## Contingency funds held for service adjustments throughout 2026

- MCTS will designate some of the amendment funds to be used for service level adjustments throughout the year.
- We will monitor and evaluate service levels on the routes running peak service only, the routes modified with segment elimination, and the routes that had their frequencies adjusted, to make these routes as productive as possible while minimizing disruption to the communities we serve.

**Estimated Cost: \$385,785**



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## Conclusion and Summary:

**Engage strategically with key stakeholders**, including ATU Local 998, board members, customers, business and community leaders, throughout 2026.

**Continue partnering with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) to boost student ridership** and expand collaborative opportunities.

**Provide regular service-level updates to the Board** and begin system optimization in preparation for the 2027 budget, addressing anticipated deficits and pursuing both internal and external sustainability initiatives.



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## Conclusion and Summary:

MCTS plans to **launch an updated same-day paratransit pilot** in early 2026 and maintain it throughout the year.

MCTS will also **continue working with ATU Local 998** and review their proposed service and route adjustments.

- **Route 52:** Clement – Pennsylvania
- **Route 59:** Drexel Avenue
- **Route 68:** Port Washington – Capitol
- **Route 73:** Mill Road
- **Route 74:** S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street
- **Route 82:** S. 13<sup>th</sup> – Howell



# Thank You

