



2nd Avenue and Marquette Bus Lanes Open on December 14

The downtown Minneapolis bus detours will end and the long awaited renovated bus lanes on 2nd Avenue and Marquette will open on December 14, 2009. There are many new features to these bus lanes that will enhance on-time reliability, increase travel speeds, and provide better passenger amenities. Each express bus on Marquette and 2nd Avenues will stop every other block—not every block like today. More of your time will be spent moving. Bus stops will be organized by a letter system. Each route will serve the stops marked by a specific letter. Stop letters will appear on signs and in shelters. Stops A, B, C and D will be on Marquette Avenue. Stops E, F, G and H will be on 2nd Avenue.

Maple Grove Transit (MGT) inbound routes into Minneapolis have been assigned to the “**D**” bus stop group except for the D stop on Marquette at 4th Street. MGT outbound routes leaving Minneapolis have been assigned to the “**H**” bus stop group.

Most blocks have two “separate” stops (*example: letter stop “G and H”*) and each stop accommodates two buses. See example on the other side. Arriving buses will pull into the first available space to board customers. You will be able to board through all available doors. Buses will not load customers in the passing lane. Never walk into the bus lane or the passing lane. Each bus stop has enhanced transit information specific to the routes that serve the stop, and most bus stops have shelters. ***Please go to the following Metro Transit website for complete details on bus stop procedures and project overview: www.metrotransit.org/marq2/.***

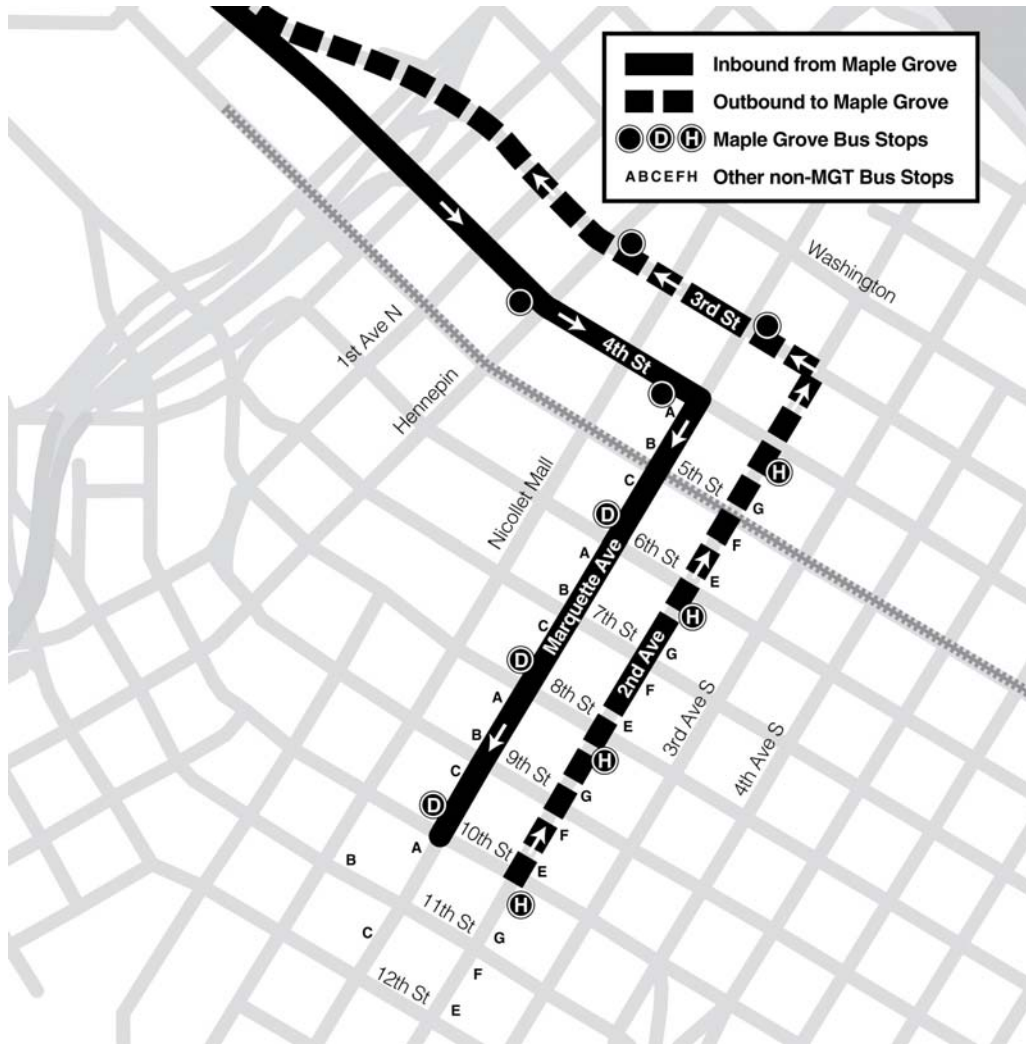
There have also been changes to the bus stop assignments on 4th Street and on 3rd Street. The goal is to also speed up the buses traveling on these two streets, so the total number of bus stops have been reduced. These stops are not marked with a “letter” designation.

Including the bus stops on Marquette and 2nd Avenue, the following is a list of the **only** stops Maple Grove Transit will make in Minneapolis:

Inbound MGT Bus Stops	Outbound MGT Bus Stops
4 th Street and Hennepin Avenue	2 nd Avenue and 10 th Street (“H” stop)
4 th Street and Marquette Avenue	2 nd Avenue and 8 th Street (“H” stop)
Marquette and 6 th Street (“D” stop)	2 nd Avenue and 6 th Street (“H” stop)
Marquette and 8 th Street (“D” stop)	2 nd Avenue and 4 th Street (“H” stop)
Marquette and 10 th Street (“D” stop)	3 rd Street and Marquette Avenue (new bus stop)
	3 rd Street and Hennepin Avenue

Most MGT trip times have been adjusted by a minute or two to reflect the faster operating times and to ensure optimal utilization of the bus lanes. The revised pocket schedule dated 12/12/09 will list the new trip times and is posted under Rider Alerts at www.maplegrovetransit.org. The 12/12/09 pocket schedule does not list the bus stop letter assignments on Marquette and 2nd Avenues, but it does show the route map with the above listed stops. Therefore, please keep this flyer for future reference. **The map on the other side shows the Maple Grove downtown routing and bus stops.** If you have any questions, please contact the Transit Administrator at transit@ci.maple-grove.mn.us or 763-494-6005.

The map below shows the Maple Grove Transit express bus routing and stops in downtown Minneapolis effective 12/14/09:



The diagram below is an “example” of the new bus stops on Marquette and 2nd Avenues. This example shows the bus stops on 2nd Avenue between 9th and 10th Street for bus stop “E” and “F”. Maple Grove Transit does not stop on this block.

