

Bus Network Redesign

A better bus network: new connections, more service, more frequency.

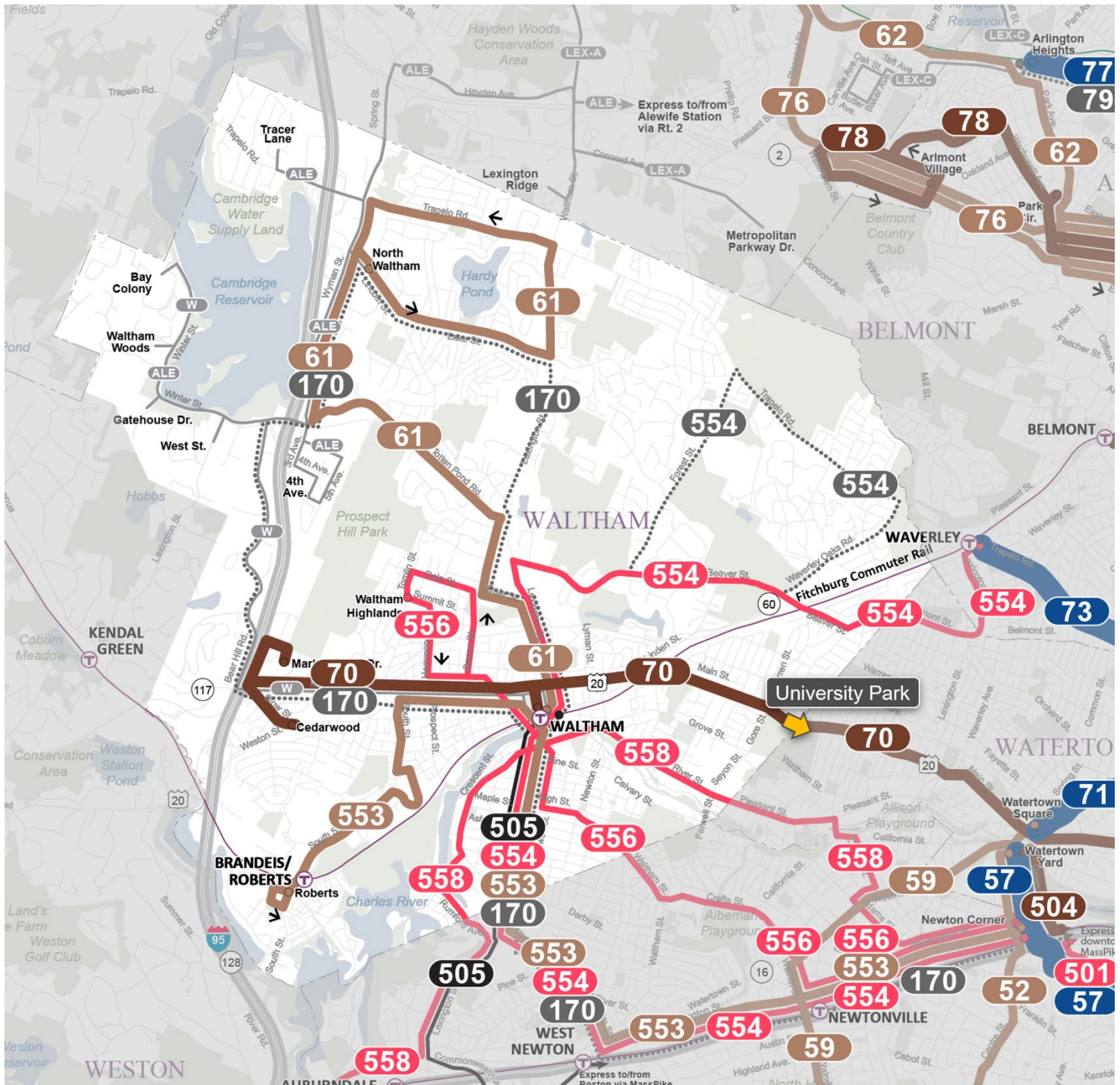
See what this means in **Waltham.**



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Transportation Authority**

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The network, today



Service

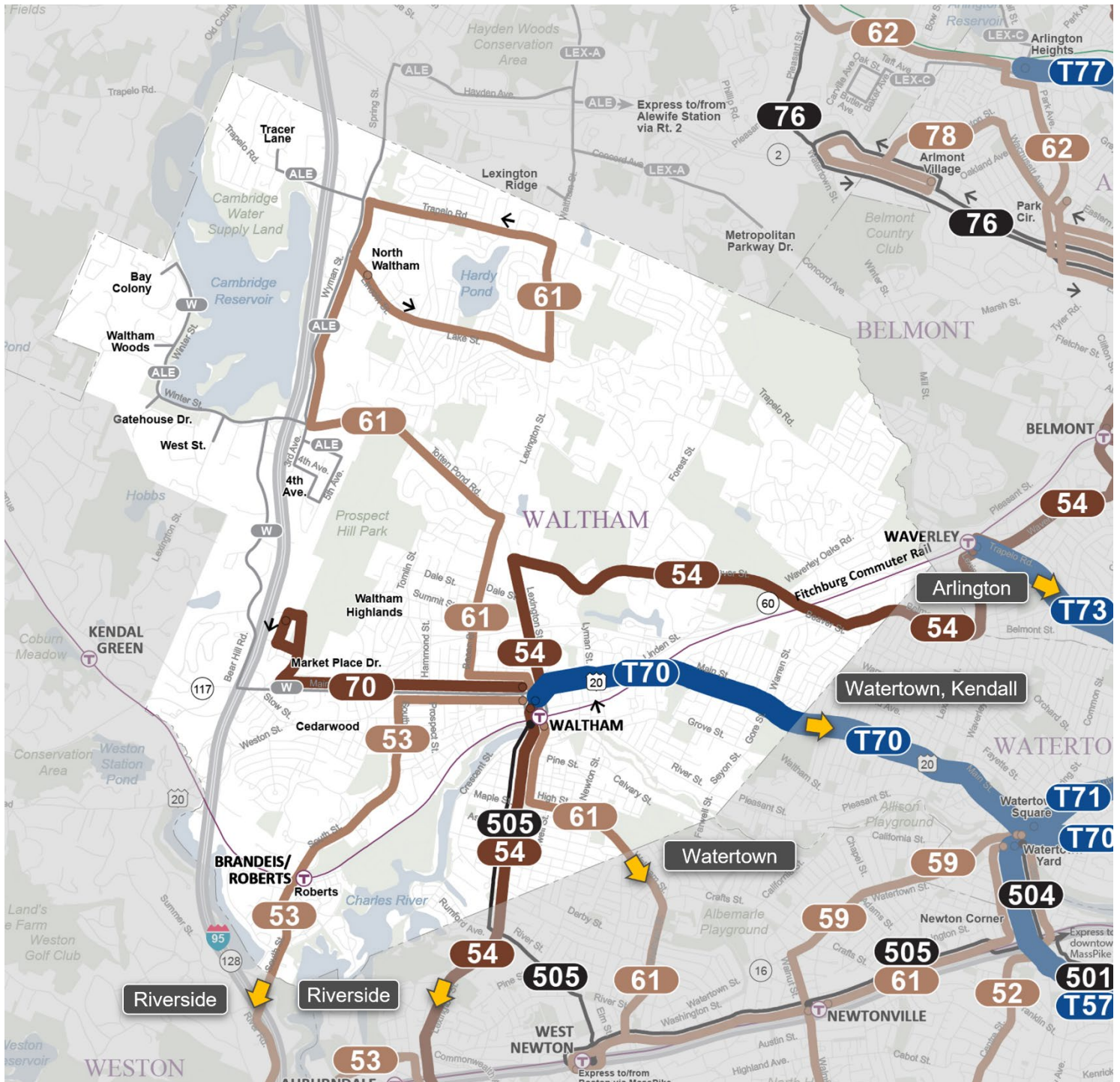
- 000 **Key Bus Routes**
Every 15 min or better midday and weekdays
- 000 **Every 30 min or better**
Midday and weekdays
- 000 **Every 60 min or better**
Service at least every 60 min midday on weekdays
- 000 **Less Than Hourly**
Service less than once every 60 min midday on weekdays

- 000 **Peak-Only**
- 000 **Suspended due to COVID-19**
- 000 **Non-MBTA Route**
- 000 **Silver Line**

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Our proposal

All details and full-sized maps are available at:
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Service

- 000 **Every 15 min or better**
5:00 am to 1:00 am, 7 days a week. In some cases this service is provided by two overlapping routes.
- 000 **Every 30 min or better**
6:00 am to 10:00 pm, 7 days a week. Some routes run more frequently at peak. Some routes have service as early as 5:00 am and as late as 1:00 pm.
- 000 **Every 60 min or better**
6:00 am to 7:00 pm 7 days a week. Some routes run more frequently at peak. Some routes run as late as 10:00 pm.

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How your trip would change in Waltham

New Connections

If you're going to...	Your new route is...	What's new
Riverside, Lasell, Roberts, Brandeis, Waltham Center	53 Waltham - Brandeis - Riverside	New Route 53 replaces 553 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside; Saturday frequency improves; new Sunday service
Riverside, Auburndale, Waltham Center, Bentley, Waverley, Belmont Center, Arlington Center	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside and does not serve downtown Boston; extends from Waverley to Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service

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Current Routes

If you currently ride...	Your new route is...	What's new
61	61 Waltham - Watertown	Route 61 extends to West Newton and Watertown Yard via Washington St to replace 553/554/556/558
70 (Waltham - Central Sq)	T70 Waltham - Watertown - Kendall	Route T70 extends from Central Sq to Kendall
70 (Market Place Drive - Waltham)	70 Market Place Drive - Waltham - Watertown - Kendall	Route 70 extends from Central Sq to Kendall
70 (Cedarwood)	70 Market Place Drive - Waltham - Watertown - Kendall	Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route 70 on Main St
70 (Central Sq - University Park)	T70 Waltham - Watertown - Kendall	Travel less than 1/4 mi to T70/70
170	No service within 1/2 mi	Current Route 170 suspension becomes permanent; travel over 1/2 mi to 70, or use 128 Business Council services
505 (Waltham Center - River St)	505 Waltham - Watertown - Boston	Route 505 extends to River St, Washington St, Newton Corner and replaces part of 554, 554, 556, 558; shortens to not serve Lexington St and parts of West Newton; extends to Back Bay/Copley to/from Financial District
505 (Lexington St)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside, Waverley, Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service
505 (Commonwealth Ave & Washington St)	505, Auburndale, or West Newton Commuter Rail	Travel to Routes 53, 54, 505, or Commuter Rail. Some areas over 1/2 mi from service
553 (Roberts - Waltham Center)	53 Waltham - Brandeis - Riverside	New Route 53 replaces 553 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside; Saturday frequency improves; new Sunday service
553 (Waltham Center - Boston)	505 Waltham - Watertown - Boston	Route 505 extends to River St, Washington St, Newton Corner and replaces part of 554, 554, 556, 558; shortens to not serve Lexington St and parts of West Newton; extends to Back Bay/Copley to/from Financial District
554 (Waverley - Moody St)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside and does not serve downtown Boston; extends from Waverley to Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service
554 (River St - Boston)	505 Waltham - Watertown - Boston	Route 505 extends to River St, Washington St, Newton Corner and replaces part of 554, 554, 556, 558; shortens to not serve Lexington St and parts of West Newton; extends to Back Bay/Copley to/from Financial District
554 (Forest St, Trapelo Rd, Waverley Oaks Rd)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	Current service operation; some stops over 1/2 mi away on Lynnfield St in South Peabody

Routes with a “T” designation in front of the route number would have service every 15 minutes or better 7 days a week 5:00 AM to 1:00 AM.

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556 (Waltham - Watertown)	61 Waltham - Watertown	Route 61 extends to West Newton and Watertown Yard via Washington St to replace 553/554/556/558
556 (Waltham Highlands, Crafts St)	61 Waltham - Watertown	Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route 61
558 (Riverside - Waltham)	54 Arlington - Waltham - Riverside	New Route 54 replaces parts of 67, 505, 554, 558 and extends to Green Line D at Riverside and does not serve downtown Boston; extends from Waverley to Belmont Center and Arlington Center; new weekend service
558 (River St, Pleasant St)	T70 Waltham - Watertown - Kendall	Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route T70 with all-day high frequency service
558 (Nonantum)	59 Needham Junction - Newton Highlands - Watertown Square	Travel up to 1/2 mi to Route 59 with more weekend frequency and later evening service

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What this means for you

More high-frequency service.

Today

Proposed

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of routes with service
every 15 min or better

New high-frequency connection to **Watertown**, **Allston**, **Central Square**, and **Kendall/MIT** on extended and simpler **Route T70**.

Better access to major destinations.

Proposed

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More residents with faster,
frequent service to
Kendall Square

Better service and connections to the places you want to go: **Kendall Square**, **Copley Square**, **Newton**, **Arlington**, **Watertown**, and **Belmont**.

Express connection to both **Back Bay** and **Downtown** on **Route 505**.

More weekend service.

Proposed

260%

% increase in Sunday service
(revenue vehicle miles)

New weekend connections to **Riverside**, **Belmont**, and **Arlington**.

New Sunday service to **Brandeis/Roberts**, **Beaver Street**, **Moody Street**, and **High Street**.



But we can't do this without you.

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