

Bus Network Redesign

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

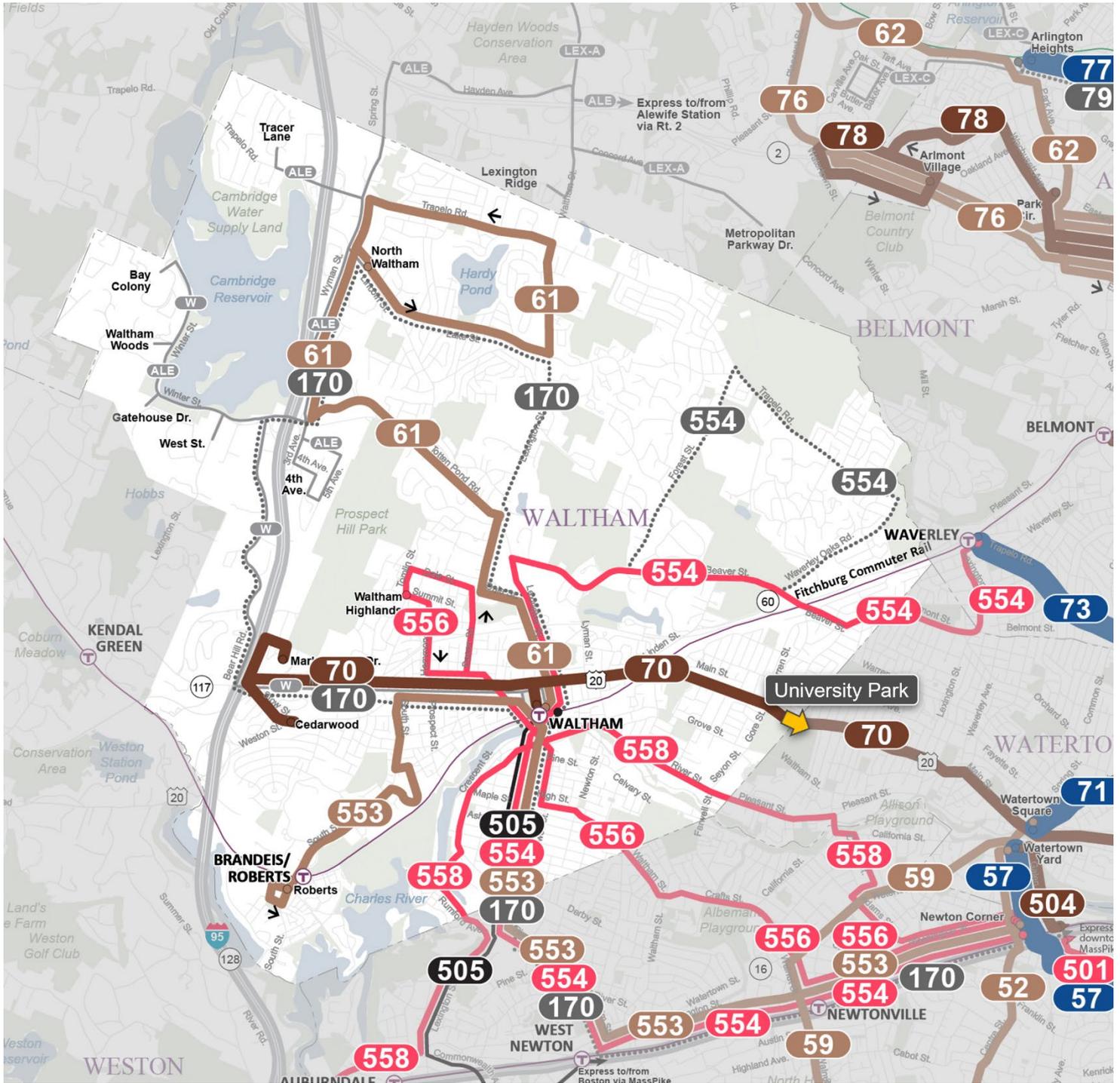
See what this means in **Waltham.**



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Better
Bus
Project

The network, today

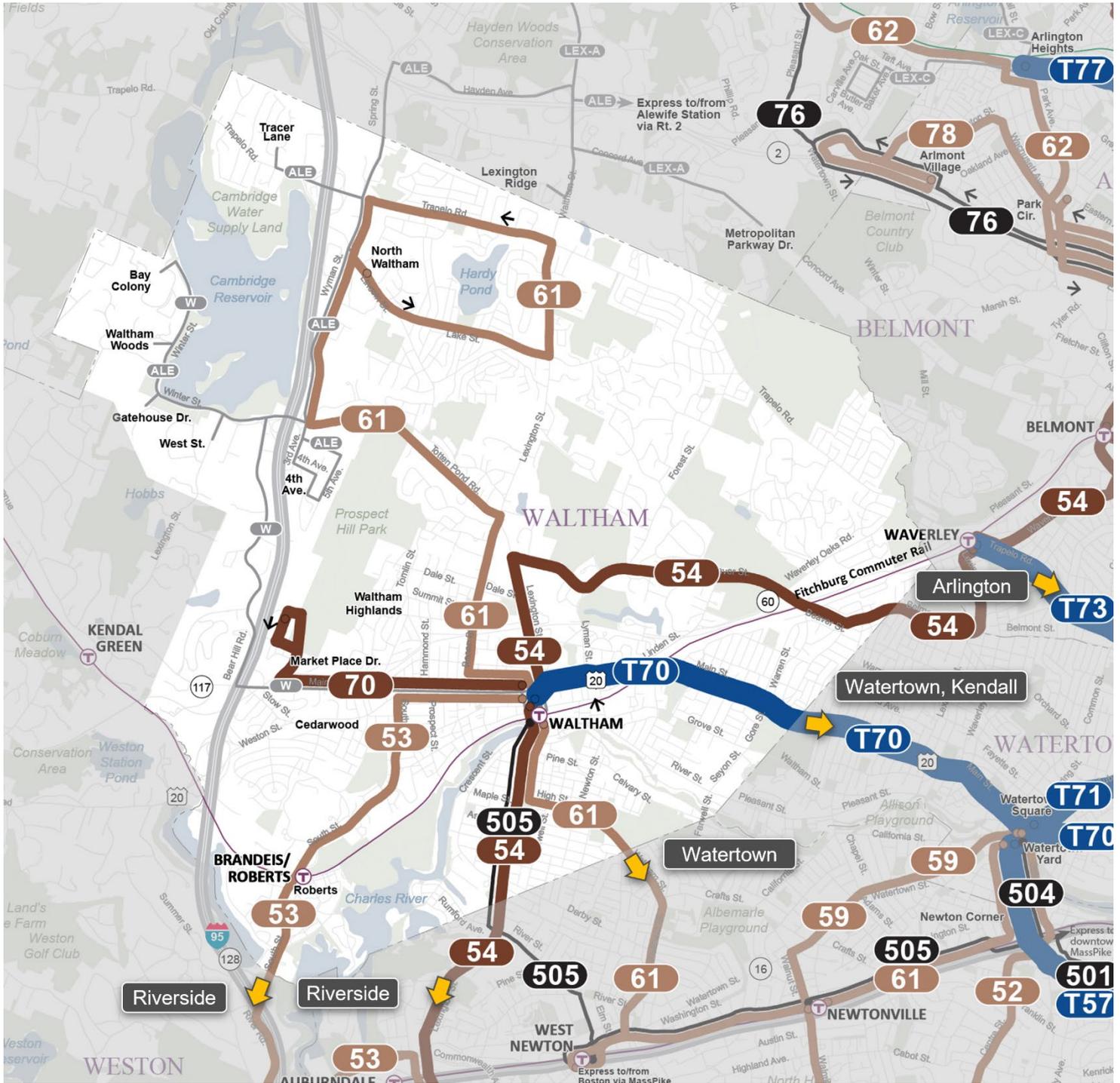


Service

- 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**

Our proposal

All details and full-sized maps are available at: mbta.com/bnrd



Service	
	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.
	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 am.
	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.
	Less Than Hourly
	Peak-Only
	Non-MBTA Route
	Silver Line



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

8K

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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