

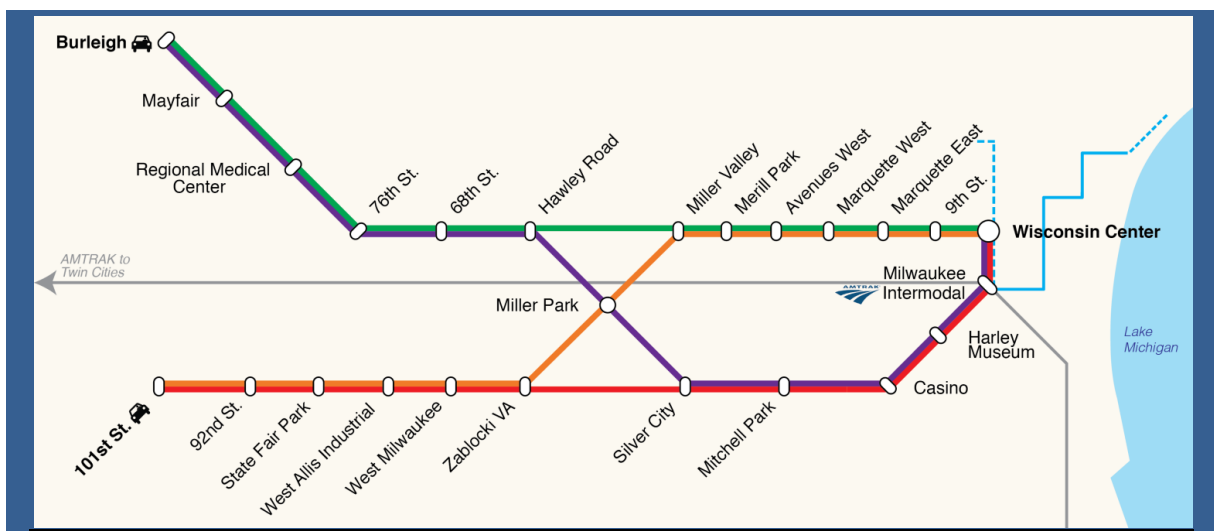
We Need Better Transportation Options for Milwaukee

Join the Coalition for More Responsible Transportation

Milwaukee's transportation system is in crisis: Neighborhood roads are riddled with potholes, bridges are crumbling, and an inadequate public transit system has left tens of thousands of Milwaukeeans cut off from work, school and medical services.

WISDOT's Billion-Dollar Boondoggle: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing to unnecessarily add lanes to I-94 between the Zoo and Marquette Interchanges -- against significant community opposition, despite the fact that our state's transportation fund has been tapped dry, and all while traffic along this stretch of road is declining. The expansion is expected to cost upwards of \$850 million and will divert resources away from much-needed local infrastructure improvements. It will do nothing to benefit Milwaukeeans who don't or can't drive, and WISDOT failed to consider including public transit options in the project.

The Coalition for More Responsible Transportation: CMRT, a coalition of 25 statewide and local faith organizations, community groups, environmental and public interest advocacy non-profits, is calling for better options for the community. Milwaukee needs a transportation system that connects all members of the community to the places they need to go, supports the region's economy, and efficiently reinvests our tax dollars into local communities.



CMRT has proposed to repair I-94 without expansion and develop a modern transit network to truly serve the community. This "Rehab & Transit" plan could cost half as much as WISDOT's currently proposed expansion project.

We need to get our transportation spending priorities straight: While spending on big-ticket highway projects and expansions like this increased by 50% between 1998 and 2013, funds for local transportation needs have been cut. With limited resources dedicated to community infrastructure, Wisconsin's local roads and bridges are crumbling, and transit systems are struggling to maintain service.

Milwaukee needs equitable, affordable and convenient 21st century mobility: CMRT is calling on WISDOT to go back to the drawing board. We're mobilizing the public, partnering with local and state leaders, and elevating the issue in the media to win.

- **Building power in Milwaukee:** CMRT turned out more than 400 people in opposition to any expansion of I-94 to WISDOT's public hearings. We have held numerous educational events in local churches and at neighborhood centers, and hosted a town hall meeting with state legislators, local officials and 125 members of the public.
- **Success at the Capitol:** The state legislature refused to give the go-ahead to WISDOT's billion-dollar boondoggle I-94 expansion plan this spring. The legislature is also commissioning an audit of WISDOT, further calling into question harmful, unaffordable projects like the expansion of I-94.
- **Local support:** The City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County have passed multiple resolutions opposing any expansion. The County has endorsed CMRT's "Rehab & Transit" plan.
- **Media:** CMRT's work has generated more than 200 media hits, including in all major Wisconsin news outlets and in national publications like POLITICO.