Bus Rapid Transit Project Update

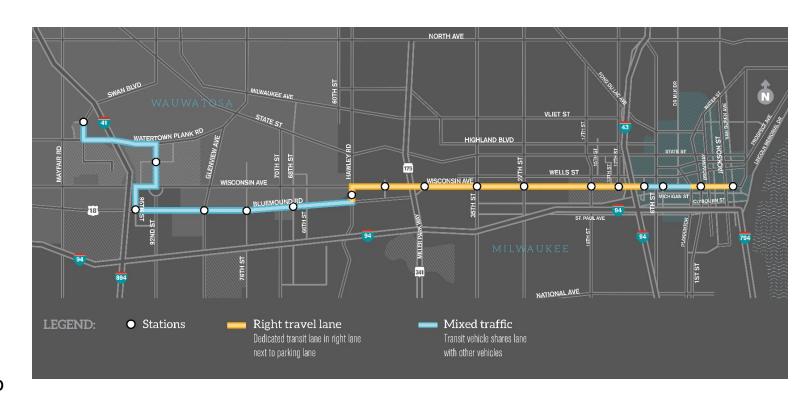
May 2021





THE EAST-WEST BUS RAPID TRANSIT CORRIDOR

- 9-mile regional, modern bus rapid transit service
- Connects downtown, Near West Side, Marquette University, Wauwatosa and the MRMC
- Provides improved access to region's most vital, most traveled and most congested corridor by building on existing MCTS routes
- Key part of regional transportation plan
- Provides opportunities to spur development of and connections to more corridors in region





Why Bus Rapid Transit?

- BRT plays a vital role in a **healthy**, **multimodal** transportation system that connects people to **jobs**, and businesses to their **customers**
- BRT is cost-effective and has been proven to increase transit use with improved service frequencies, travel time and reliability
- BRT supports millions of dollars in economic development
- BRT meets a critical need to mitigate traffic congestion



120K JOBS









COUNTLESS ATTRACTIONS

including the county zoo, Miller Park, Bucks' arena, art museum and Summerfest

 The East-West BRT is projected to average over 9,500 daily riders by 2035 and increase overall transit ridership in the corridor by 17 percent. Ridership will be fueled by activity generators within the half-mile station area around the preferred route including ...



Why Bus Rapid Transit – Populations Served

BRT Population Statistics

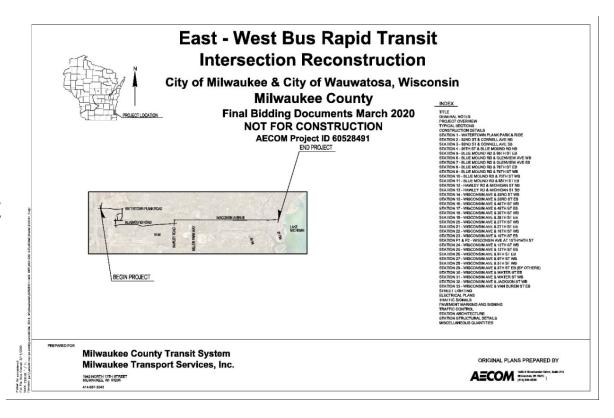
Place	Population	% Zero-Car Households	% Minority Population	% Population below Poverty	
East-West Corridor (within ½-mile)	69,821	21%	37%	23%	
City of Wauwatosa	46,838	8%	12%	6%	
City of Milwaukee	598,078	18%	63%	29%	
Milwaukee County	953,401	14%	46%	22%	
State of Wisconsin	5,724,692	7%	17%	13%	

Census, ACS 2010-2014



100% Design and Engineering

- Completed in March 2020
- Submitted to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review
- Shared with City of Milwaukee, City of Wauwatosa, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
- Review from FTA, Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, and WisDOT throughout design process
- Comments received throughout and project refined



Station Design





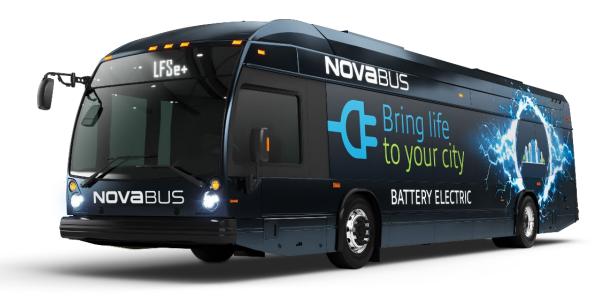
East-West BRT Station Rendering

- Standard station aesthetic and features for all stations
 - Transparent façade
 - Lighting
 - ADA compliant
 - Weather-protectant shelter
 - Off-board fare collection
 - Real-time information
- On-going coordination with property owners adjacent to station locations
- Branding efforts since May 2019 kickoff



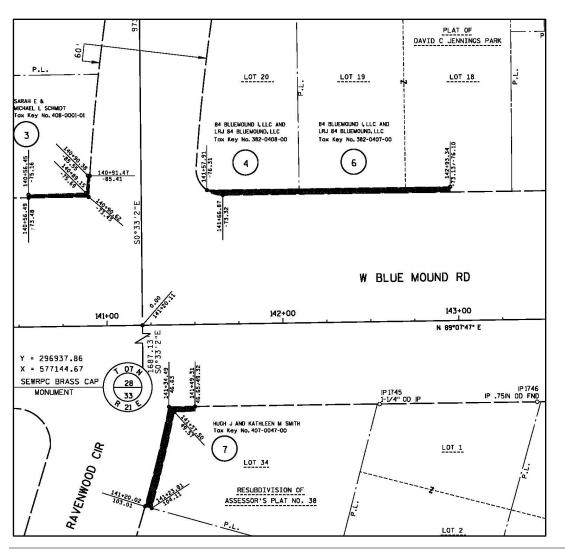
Vehicle Selection

- Nova Bus selected to produce 11 all-electric vehicles
- A division of Volvo Group Canada, Inc. with manufacturing in the U.S.
- Several components of the bus will be built and assembled locally at businesses in Pleasant Prairie, Racine, Greendale, Pewaukee, Elkhart Lake, and Manitowoc





Right-of-Way – TLE Agreements



- No permanent ROW acquisition
- Early property owner outreach
- 33 TLE for 33 parcels
 - TLEs are for 16 stations and 4 curb ramps
 - Project team procuring real estate contractor to complete
 TLE negotiation and agreements
- Current activities:
 - 100% complete





Third Party Agreements with WisDOT, City of Milwaukee, and City of Wauwatosa

- Meetings with technical staff and elected
- Review/comment on 60%, 90%, 99%, and 100% plans
- IGA/MOU signed
 - City of Milwaukee 1/13/2020
 - MOU (Construction) 1/13/2020
 - IGA (Operations) Pending
 - City of Wauwatosa 2/4/2020
 - WisDOT 4/13/2020
 - Bublr Bike 7/16/2020











Project Costs and Expenses

- Capital Cost (\$55.05 million)
 - Federal share (cannot exceed 80%): 79% Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program Small Starts \$40.9M; Section 5307 Urbanized Formula Funds \$2.3M
 - Milwaukee County match: 21%
 - √ \$11.7 million committed through Milwaukee County Bus Replacement Funds, Milwaukee County Signal Prioritization Project, Milwaukee County 2019 Capital Budget, Milwaukee County Bonding, and Vehicle Registration Fee Revenue.

SCC#	Description	YOE \$	Expended to Date	
		(million)	\$	%
10	Guideway & Track Elements	\$1.54	\$0.0	0.0%
20	Stations, Stops, Terminals, Intermodal	\$3.31	\$0.0	0.0%
30	Support Facilities: Yards, Shops, Admin. Bldgs	\$-	\$0.0	0.0%
40	Sitework & Special Conditions	\$16.87	\$0.0	0.0%
50	Systems	\$7.35	\$0.0	0.0%
60	Row, Land, Existing Improvements	\$0.24	\$0.0	0.0%
70	Vehicles	\$15.22	\$0.0	0.0%
80	Professional Services	\$8.20	\$4.4	53.7%
90	Unallocated Contingency	\$2.32	\$0.0	0.0%
100	Finance Costs	\$-	\$0.0	0.0%
	Project Total	\$55.05	\$4.4	8.0%



Federal Appropriation and Grant Execution

US DOT Secretary Chao Appropriated \$40.9M in May 2020

✓ Executed Small Starts Grant Agreement December 14, 2020



Paving the way for solicitation of construction contractor and Spring/Summer Construction 2021



Construction Contract

- Apparent low bidder for construction is Zenith Tech (\$15.2 M)
- Contract execution expected on 5/11/21

Construction expected to begin in <u>early June</u> 2021

2016

East-West BRT Feasibilty Study

Select Locally Preferred Alternative

2017-2018

Federal Transit Administration
Project Development

Engineering/
Environmental Review

2018-2020 Final Design

2021-2022

Construction

2021-2022 Startup/Testing

Service Begins

PROJECT PHASES



<u>2020</u>

- Final Design Activities
 - 100% designs
 - Utility coordination
 - Continued stakeholder engagement
- FTA Risk Assessment
- Begin vehicle procurement
- Small Starts Grant Agreement
- Milwaukee County Board Approval

2021

Begin Construction (June)

<u>2022</u>

- Vehicle delivery and testing
- Finalize Construction
- Fall Start of revenue service

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