

*The latest news for Metro riders*

**DECEMBER SERVICES CHANGES**

Metro will implement the next round of its routine service changes on **Sunday, Dec. 4.**

Throughout the months of August and September, Metro staff engaged the community to gather feedback on several major changes being proposed for our fixed-route service throughout Hamilton County.



Since those meetings, our team of planners and schedulers have worked to apply your feedback to their plan. While the details are still being finalized, these exciting updates are set to include:

- **Two new routes:** Rt. 67 will transform into an all-day crosstown route connecting Forest Park and Sycamore Township, and the all-new Rt. 5 will connect Oakley to Sharonville via Blue Ash
- **New local service** throughout Blue Ash, Sharonville and Evendale
- **Simplification** of multiple routes by consolidating route branches

Be sure to check [www.go-metro.com](http://www.go-metro.com) for more information as December approaches!

**Plan your trip with the Transit app!**



Metro is proud to continue its tradition of honoring Veterans Day by providing **free rides to all active, reserve and retired military members on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.**

To ride free on Veterans Day, military personnel must show valid proof of military status upon boarding the bus, including:

- U.S. Dept. of Defense-issued ID card
- Veterans Affairs ID card
- State-issued driver's license with veteran designation

Beyond Veterans Day, Metro's support of military members continues year-round, thanks to the **Metro Veterans Program (MVP)**. Launched on Veterans Day 2020, the MVP offers military veterans, active-duty and reserve personnel bus fare at half-price every day! With transportation services among the top requests received by veteran-support organizations, Metro is proud to help provide access to employment, health care and other services that support veterans as they return to civilian life.

**Are you a military member? Learn how to enroll in the MVP here!**

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# BUSINESS EXPO 2022

## VENDOR FAIR

*WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DOING BUSINESS WITH METRO AND OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES?  
METRO'S VENDOR FAIR WILL FEATURE PRESENTATIONS, RESOURCES, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO NETWORK.  
A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND BUFFET STYLE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST.*



THIS IS A **FREE EVENT**  
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**NOVEMBER 9, 2022 | 9AM-3PM**

UNION TERMINAL CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER  
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As part of our ongoing commitment to increasing our partnerships with small, diverse and/or disadvantaged businesses (DBEs) in our community, on Wednesday, Nov. 9, Metro will host a business expo and vendor fair catered specifically for small, diverse and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE)!

We are thrilled to say that over the last three years, Metro's DBE partnerships have soared more than 3,000% as we continue devoting resources to investing in these businesses.

The fair will provide an opportunity for these businesses to network, gather resources and learn more about upcoming opportunities to partner with Metro.

Additionally, those who attend can enter a drawing to win a FREE three-month bus wrap advertising their business (approx. \$14,000 value).

The fair is FREE to attend, but registration beforehand is requested.

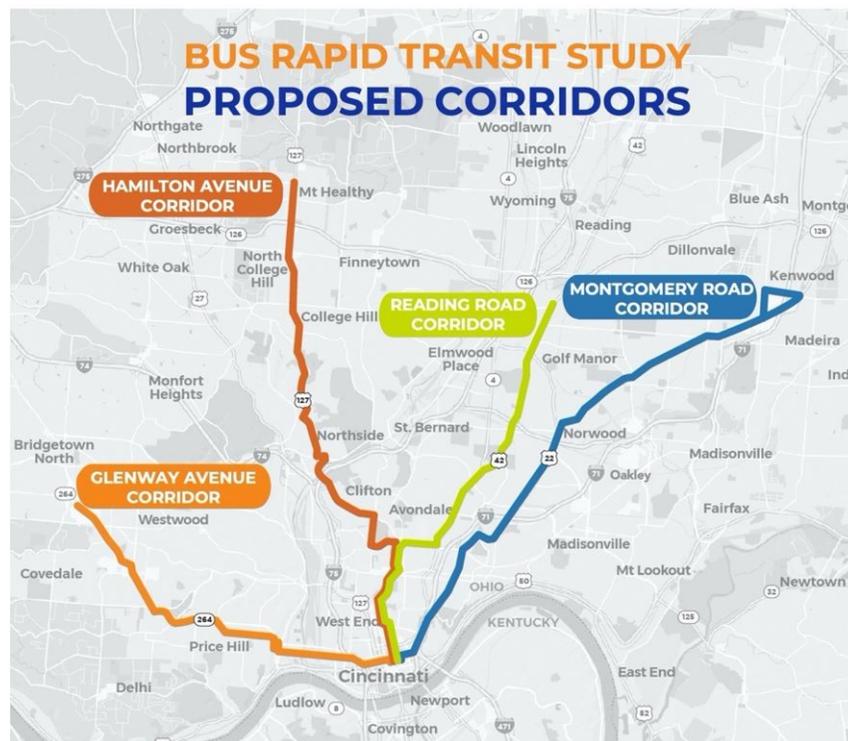
**Register Here!**

# REINVENTING! METRO!

**BUS RAPID TRANSIT STUDY**

Hopefully by now you've heard the exciting news that Metro has launched a study to determine how best to introduce a new, innovative transit option to Hamilton County: **bus rapid transit (BRT)**.

Over the last several weeks, our staff has been engaging community members and leaders to determine which two of these four corridors would serve the region most effectively at the outset.



There are still plenty of opportunities to learn more and weigh in on our BRT study! Also, if you haven't already, we'd love your feedback through our online survey!

**See the full meeting schedule and take our  
online survey here!**

# Happy Holidays

Believe it or not, but the winter holiday season is just around the corner!

Here is a reminder of our upcoming holidays and how they will impact Metro service:

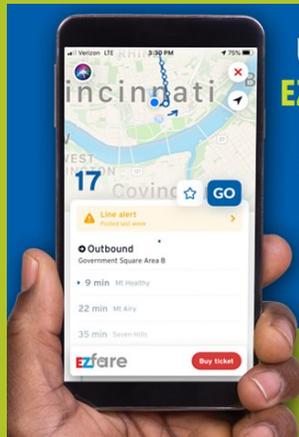
- Thanksgiving Day: Sunday service
- Christmas Eve (Dec. 24): Regular service
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25): Sunday service
- Day after Christmas (Dec. 26): Regular service
- New Year's Eve: Regular service

**See our full line-up of holiday service schedules here.**

## Ride Fare-Free on Black Friday!

Speaking of holidays, in order to kick off the holiday shopping season, all Metro and Access paratransit routes will operate **fare-free on Black Friday, Nov. 25.**

Black Friday shopping can be stressful enough without having to fight traffic or find parking, so leave the driving to us!



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Not to mention top-of-the-line benefits, potential for premium pay and a \$2,000 hiring bonus!

No CDL? No problem! Metro offers paid training and will cover the cost of your CDL permit and license (\$5,000 value). Plus, operators receive excellent benefits. Apply today at [go-metro.com/careers](http://go-metro.com/careers)!

## November SORTA Board Meetings

The Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) Board of Trustees committees will meet **Tuesday, Nov. 8, beginning at 9 a.m.**, at its board room on the 6th Floor of the Huntington Center, 525 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202.

The full board will meet the following Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the same location, beginning at 6 p.m.

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