



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final

Climate, City Services & Infrastructure

Chairperson Meeka Owens
Vice Chair Ryan James
Councilmember Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember Seth Walsh

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

10:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATION

CINCINNATI METRO UPDATE

Andy Aiello, CEO Metro

Troy Miller, Director Of Government Affairs

AGENDA

PRESENTATION

1. [202601558](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Meeka Owens regarding Cincinnati Metro Update.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

MOTIONS

2. [202601467](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Cramerding, Jeffreys and Albi, **WE MOVE** that the Administration work with the Department of Transportation and Engineering, CPD, ODOT, and other appropriate agencies and jurisdictions to identify and implement temporary measures to mitigate traffic delays due to the construction on the Brent Spence Bridge. **WE FURTHER MOVE** that the Administration provides regular updates on such mitigation efforts, their success or need for adjustments, planned additional mitigation efforts, and any funding needs to implement these efforts on a rolling basis until the construction is completed.

Sponsors: Cramerding, Jeffreys and Albi

Attachments: [MOTION](#)

3. [202601511](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens and James, **WE MOVE** that the City Administration be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to pursue the Certified Welcoming designation from Welcoming America on behalf of the City of Cincinnati. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Owens and James

Attachments: [202601511](#)

ADJOURNMENT



Cincinnati Metro Update

May 2026



metro
your way to go

METRO'S SERVICES



Fixed-Route



- Open to public
- Travel on set routes
- Operate on a schedule



ADA Paratransit



- Required by ADA
- Eligible passengers only
- Call to reserve trip



On-Demand



- Open to public
- Travel in small zones
- App-based reservation



Bus Rapid Transit



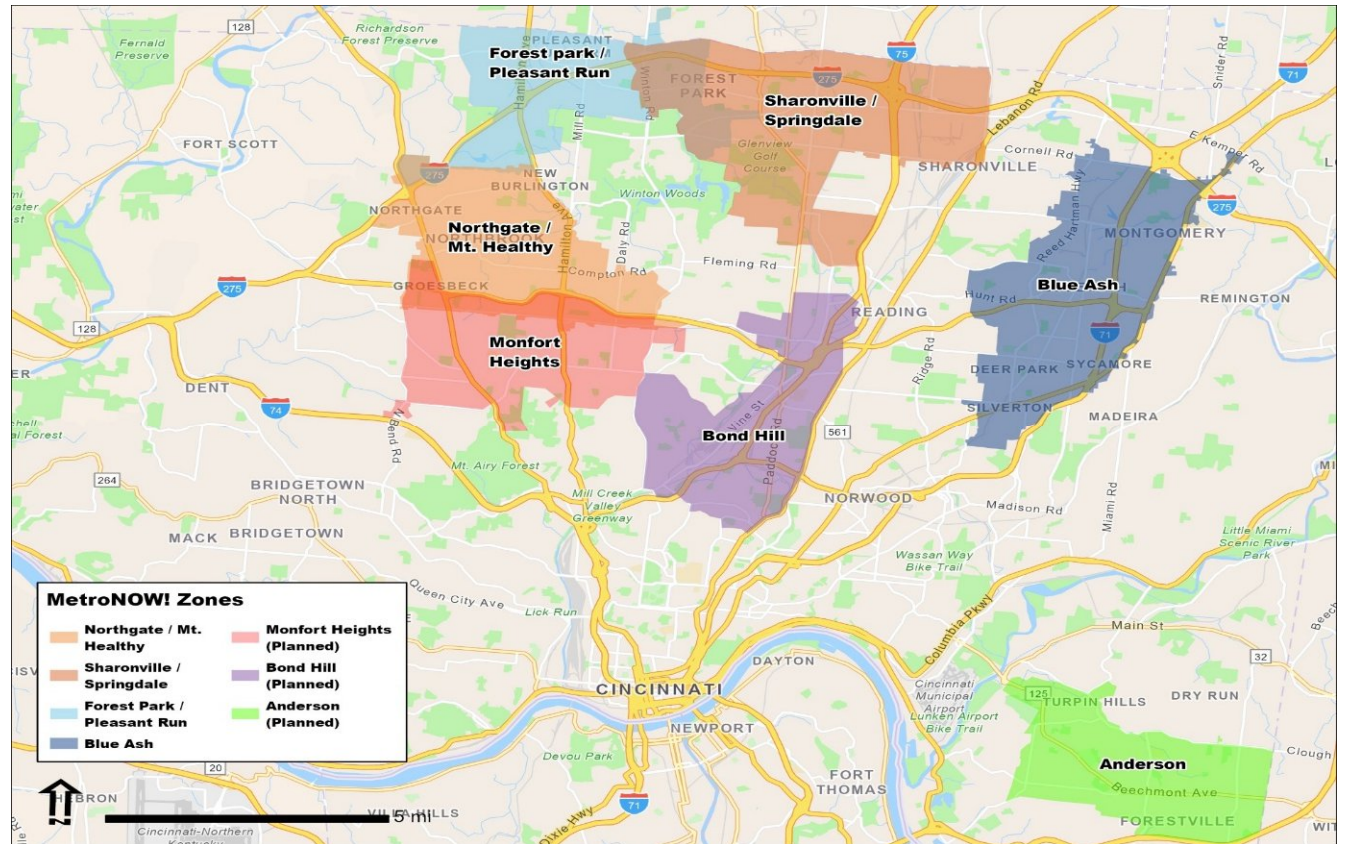
- Fixed-Route service
- Rail-like stations
- High frequency

Reinventing Metro Service Improvements

- Implemented 24-hr service on 7 routes
- Launched 8 new crosstown routes
- Expanded weekend service
- Increased frequency for faster service
- Increased span across most routes
- Opened Northside Transit Center
- Free Wi-Fi & charging ports on buses
- Improved customer amenities (245 new benches, 50 shelters, apps, etc.)
- Launched 4 *MetroNow!* on-demand service zones
- Introduced EZConnect Regional paratransit collaboration



METRO NOW!



Metro Transit Infrastructure Fund (MTIF)

25% of Issue 7 levy proceeds benefit countywide transit-related infrastructure improvements, including roads, bridges, and sidewalks in Metro's service area.

- Awarded \$349+ million to 131 projects across Hamilton County since 2021
- Applications close May 30

Paxton Ave. Rehabilitation



River Road

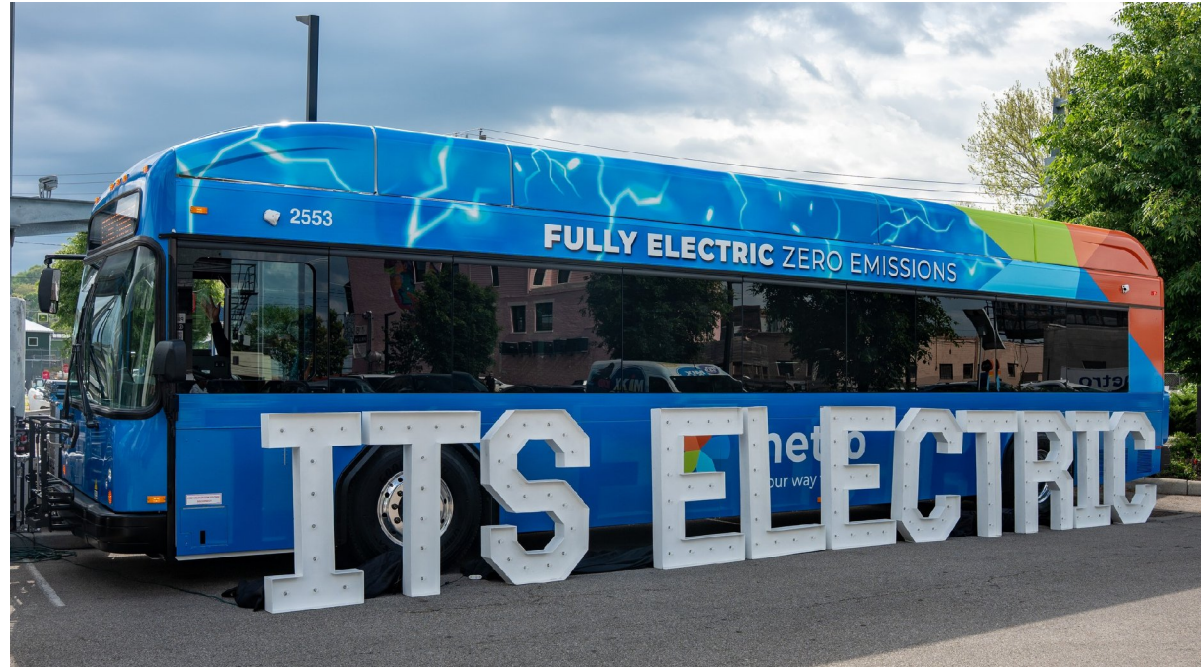


Zero-Emission, 100% Electric

Launched first two 100% battery electric buses into service on Earth Day.

Four more buses go into service this summer.

13 total by 2027



Government Square

- Now part of City's "**Transit Zone**" ordinance
 - Coordinated Quality of Life team to ensure positive use of the space
 - Metro, CPD, 311, 3CDC
- Expanded partnership with **3CDC** to add ambassadors, landscaping, and programming
- **SORTA Board Motion (10/28/25)**
 - Continue development of multi-nodal network
 - Study physical space and operation
 - Engage stakeholders throughout





REGIONAL IMPACT

Leading the Nation in Ridership Recovery

13.5M

rides taken on Metro
in 2025

15%

increase in service miles
& 11% increase in service
hours within City limits

85%

of riders are satisfied
with improvements*

*2024 passenger survey

31%

of riders have been
using Metro for less than
two years*

Safety Performance Peer Comparison:

#1

Most miles
operated between
collisions
380,916 Total Miles

#1

Most miles
operated between
injuries
390,612 Total Miles

*Federal Transit Administration



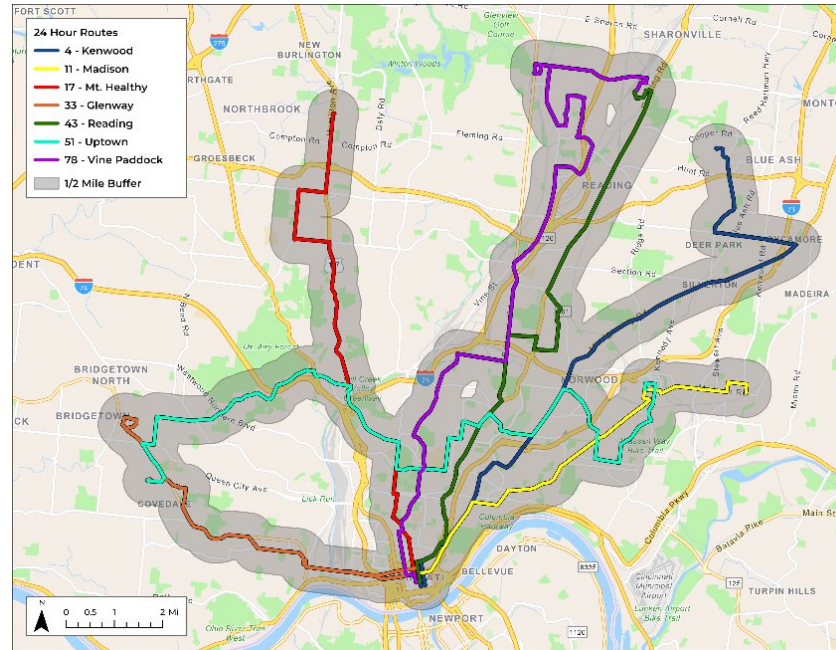
Job Access Improvements

93,393

more jobs accessible by
Metro

740

more employers
accessible by Metro



220,235

Hamilton County jobs
with 24-hour service

\$850M

total wages accessible by
Metro





metroMAX

your vehicle for growth

Year	XBE Contracts	XBE Spend
2019	4	\$72,000
2020	13	\$626,517
2021	30	\$902,745
2022	40	\$4,300,000
2023	70	\$8,600,000
2024	90	\$8,700,000
2025	80	\$14,258,898



MetroRapid Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

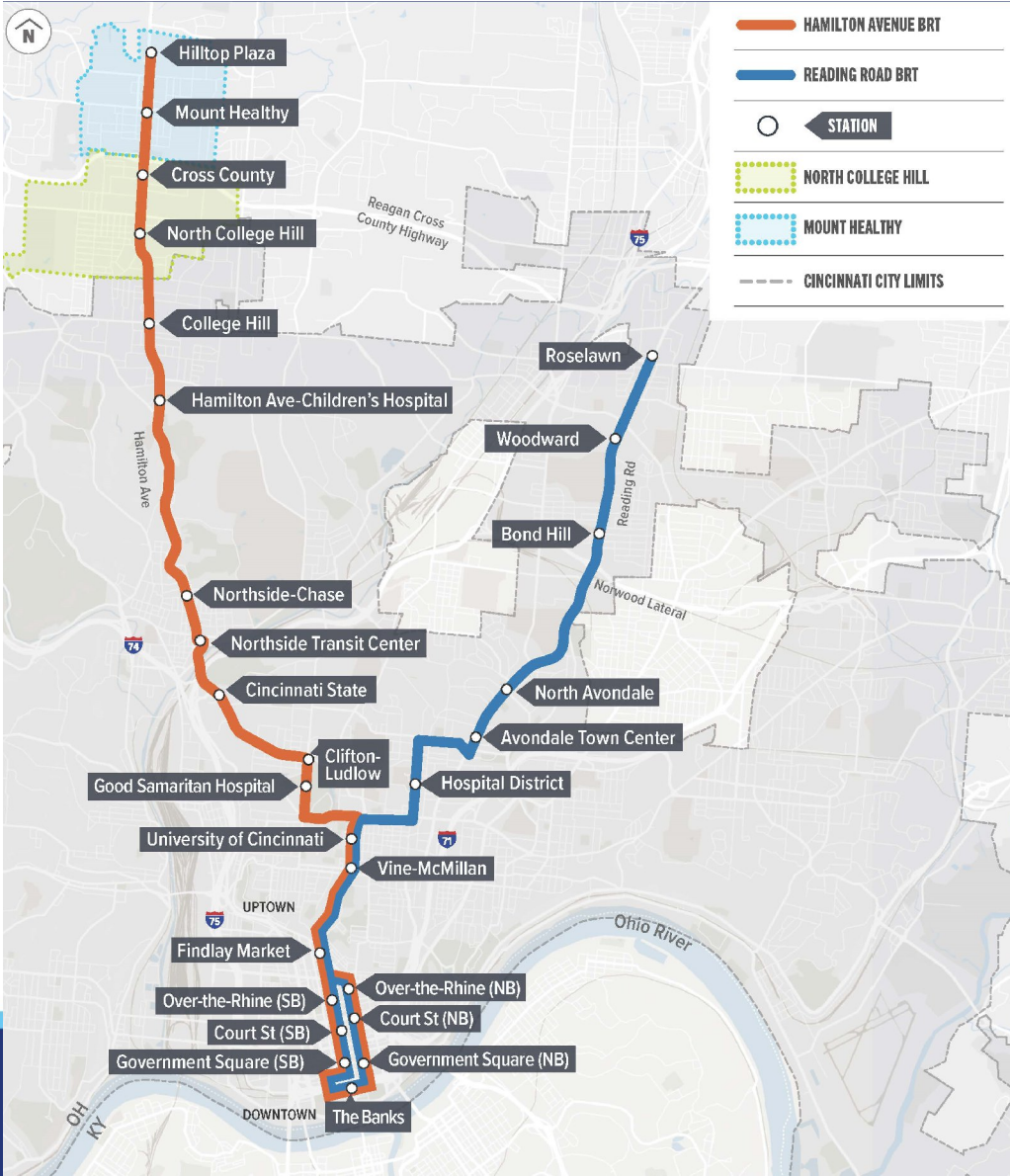
- Combines flexibility of buses with the efficiency of rail
- Operates at faster speeds
- Provides greater service reliability
- Uses advanced technologies, infrastructure, and operational investments to provide a significantly better service
- Plays a substantial role in economic development
- Positively impacts businesses and property values



Public Participation
250 Meetings | 9,574 Participants

MetroRapid Service

BRT Projects	Miles	Stations	Frequency (6 AM – 8 PM)
Reading Road	9.2	13	10 minutes
Hamilton Avenue	11.8	11	10 minutes
Total Combined	21.0	24	10 minutes
Shared – The Banks to Uptown	3.0	7	5 minutes



MetroRapid Station Renderings



Side/Curb Stations



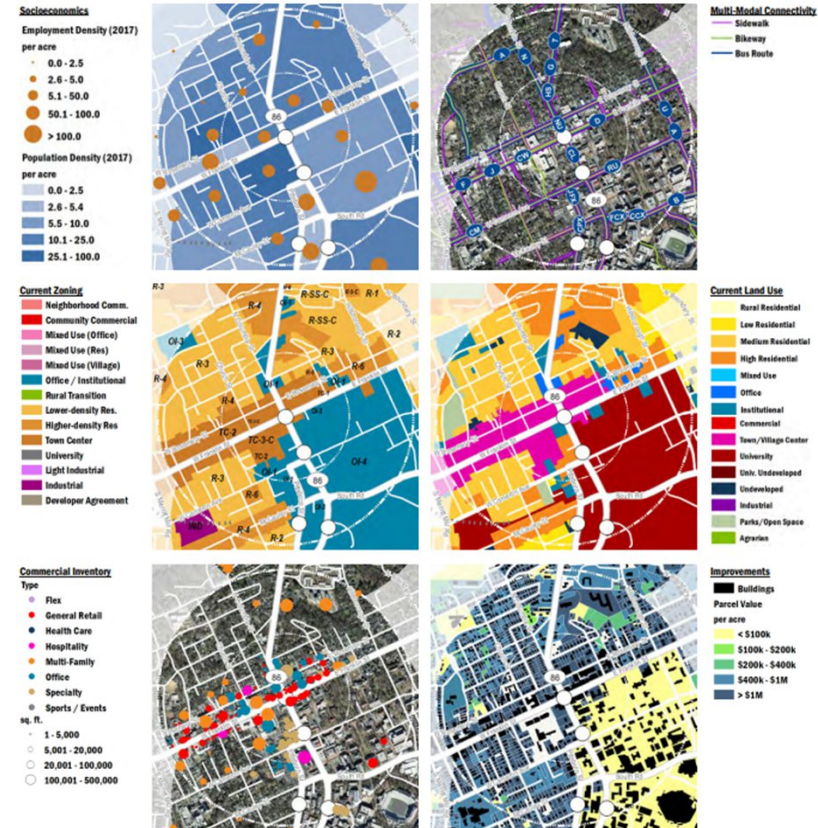
Center Stations

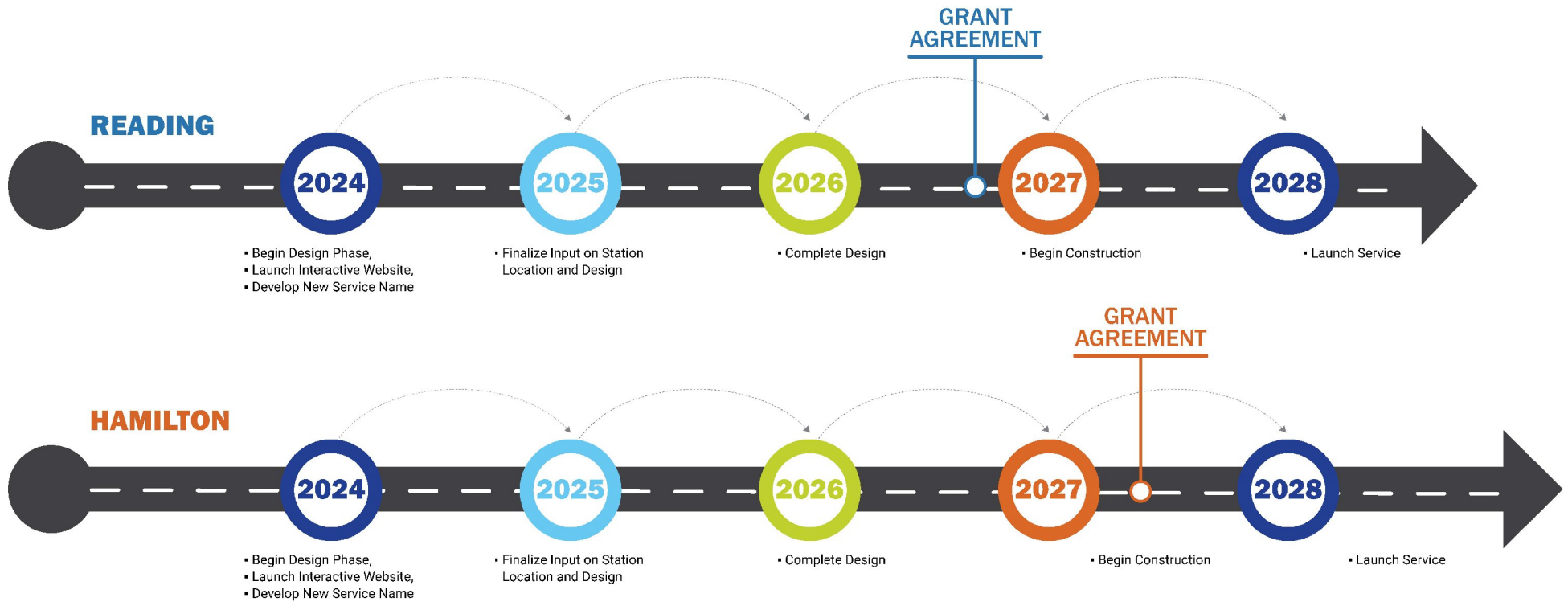
Neighborhood
Business District
Stations



Transit Oriented Development Opportunities

- TOD Typology Development
- Policy, Zoning and Typology Fit Strategy
- **Playbook to prepare region to capitalize on the public investment**

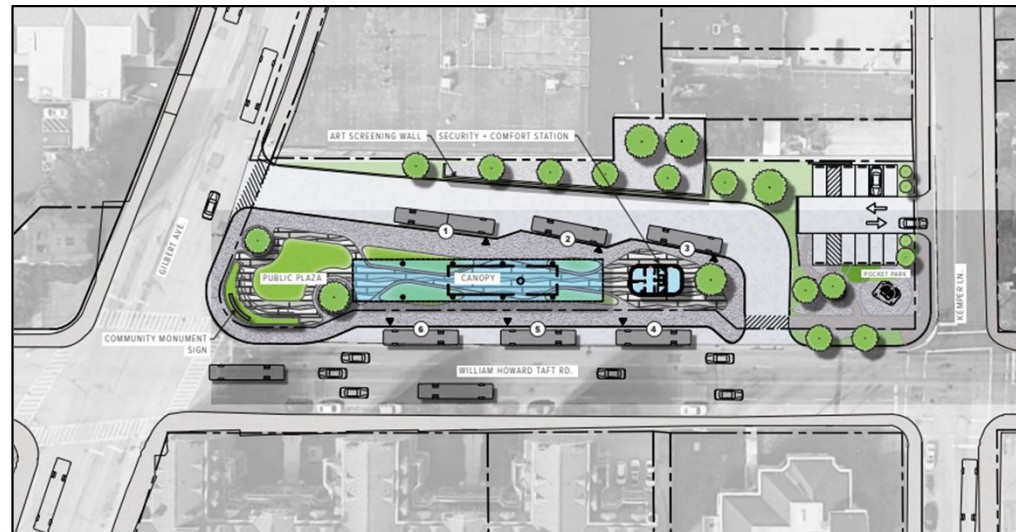




New Transit Center: Walnut Hills

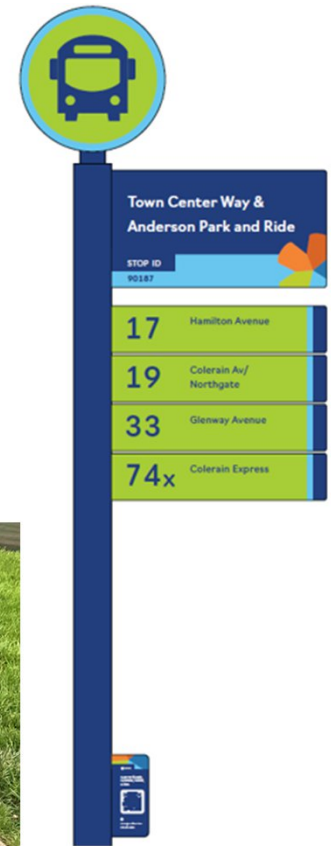


- 2624 Gilbert Ave
- Q2 2026 procure for construction
- Q4 2026 start construction
- Q1 2028 operational



Next Stop: Continued Progress

- Nearly 4K updated bus stop signs across Metro's network
- New Sales Office on Government Square
- 400 new benches & 205 shelters & Simme seats
- Three more MetroNow! zones
- MTIF round six awards
- Final design for Walnut Hills Transit Center
- Improved customer amenities (wayfinding, real-time signs, etc.).
- Continued organizational focus on safety, service quality and financial sustainability





Thank You

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Councilmember

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Meeka D. Owens
Cincinnati City Council

April 29th, 2026

MOTION: Exploring the Welcoming City Accreditation

WE MOVE that the City Administration be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to pursue the Certified Welcoming designation from Welcoming America on behalf of the City of Cincinnati.

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Councilmember Meeka D. Owens

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan James", is written over a horizontal line.

Councilmember Ryan James

STATEMENT

The City of Cincinnati has a long and established history of welcoming immigrants and refugees whose contributions strengthen the civic, cultural, and economic fabric of the community. Data documented by Cincinnati Compass, a collaborative of the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, the City of Cincinnati, and more than 65 community partners, demonstrates that recent population growth in the region is driven largely by immigrants and refugees relocating to Greater Cincinnati, underscoring the importance of a proactive and coordinated welcoming strategy for the City's long-term vitality.

In 2017, Cincinnati formally affirmed its status as a welcoming city and has since taken meaningful steps to support immigrant and refugee residents, including sustained investment in legal services through the Immigrant and Refugee Law Center beginning in 2018. These actions reflect a strong foundation upon which the City can further institutionalize immigrant inclusion.

The Green Cincinnati Plan includes a strategic priority to develop a "Climate Migration Response Plan." This work includes efforts to make newcomers of any background feel welcome and have ease in navigating our city and culture.

Welcoming America's **Certified Welcoming** designation provides a nationally recognized, evidence-based framework for local governments to assess and strengthen immigrant inclusion efforts across seven core areas: Civic Engagement; Connected Communities; Economic Development; Education; Equitable Access; Government and Community Leadership; and Safe Communities. The program's tiered one-to-five-star structure allows municipalities of varying capacity to demonstrate progress and continuous improvement.

The certification process—consisting of a self-assessment, desktop review, evaluative audit, and final report—offers an objective, third-party evaluation that highlights community strengths and identifies opportunities for growth. Cities such as Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Dayton report that achieving Certified Welcoming status has increased accountability, attracted regional and national investment, and embedded welcoming practices across government operations.

Cincinnati already benefits from a robust ecosystem of immigrant-serving organizations, faith institutions, schools, workforce development entities, legal aid providers, and business leaders whose work aligns closely with Welcoming America's standards. Leveraging this existing capacity through a formal certification process would provide a shared framework to align City departments, strengthen partnerships, and guide future policy and investment over the four-year certification period.

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The following information was obtained from the records of the California State Board of Education, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sacramento, California, regarding the activities of the California Council on Science and Technology (CCSTI) during the period from 1970 to 1972.

The CCSTI was organized in 1970 as a non-profit organization to promote the development of science and technology in California. Its primary objectives are to: (1) provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information among scientists, engineers, and the general public; (2) conduct research and development in the field of science and technology; and (3) provide technical assistance and consulting services to government agencies, educational institutions, and the private sector.

The CCSTI has held several public hearings and conferences on the subject of science and technology in California. These activities have resulted in the publication of several reports and the development of various programs and projects. The following is a list of the major activities of the CCSTI during the period from 1970 to 1972:

- 1. Conducted a series of public hearings on the subject of "Science and Technology in California" in 1970 and 1971.
- 2. Published the report "Science and Technology in California: A Report of the California Council on Science and Technology" in 1971.
- 3. Conducted a series of conferences on the subject of "Science and Technology in California" in 1971 and 1972.
- 4. Provided technical assistance and consulting services to the California State Board of Education, the California State Board of Control, and the California State Board of Prison and Adult Corrections.
- 5. Conducted research and development in the field of science and technology, including the development of a computer program for the analysis of data from the California State Board of Education.

The CCSTI has received financial support from the California State Board of Education, the California State Board of Control, and the California State Board of Prison and Adult Corrections. It has also received support from the private sector, including the General Electric Company and the Lockheed Martin Corporation.