

## What is MetroNEXT?

MetroNEXT is a yearlong planning & public involvement initiative by Metro Transit to guide and prioritize future public transportation improvements for the Omaha region. The process will result in a MetroNEXT Plan, a multi-year transit enhancement strategy for the agency.

## What will MetroNEXT include?

Throughout the MetroNEXT process, we will consider:

- › More frequent bus arrivals
- › Better bus stops, including passenger shelters and route information
- › Future ORBT lines
- › New service types to connect the region
- › Potential service expansion

## When is it happening?

Starting in March 2021, Metro staff will engage with community members to create the MetroNEXT plan. There will be multiple opportunities for input throughout the year, with a finalized plan taking shape early in 2022. Implementation will occur over multiple years and will begin as funding sources become available. The MetroNEXT Plan will become the guiding strategy for the agency as it implements transit enhancements across the region.

## How can I share my feedback?

Metro will provide opportunities for input at various points during the MetroNEXT process through public meetings, surveys, focus groups, and a variety of other methods. More information will be available as the public meetings approach.

## How will my feedback be used?

Our planning team will incorporate all input we receive as priorities are considered, including bus frequency increases, route updates, bus stop amenities and locations, future ORBT corridors, new service types, and potential service expansion.

## How does COVID-19 impact future plans for transit?

COVID-19 has illuminated the importance of safe and reliable transportation, especially for essential workers and those seeking critical services. While some of Metro's routes have experienced significant reductions due to remote work and other closures, other routes have seen stable – and growing – demand. As we emerge from the pandemic, it is important that we reassess our transportation network and prepare for the changing needs of the future.

## How does MetroNEXT relate to ConnectGO?

ConnectGO, a partnership of the Greater Omaha Chamber, Metro Transit, and other regional stakeholders, is an initiative aiming to create a unified transportation strategy for greater Omaha that addresses all modes of travel. MetroNEXT builds on the vision set forth in ConnectGO, developing regional transit priorities into actionable steps toward a shared future vision. More information about ConnectGO can be found at [ConnectGO.org](https://ConnectGO.org).