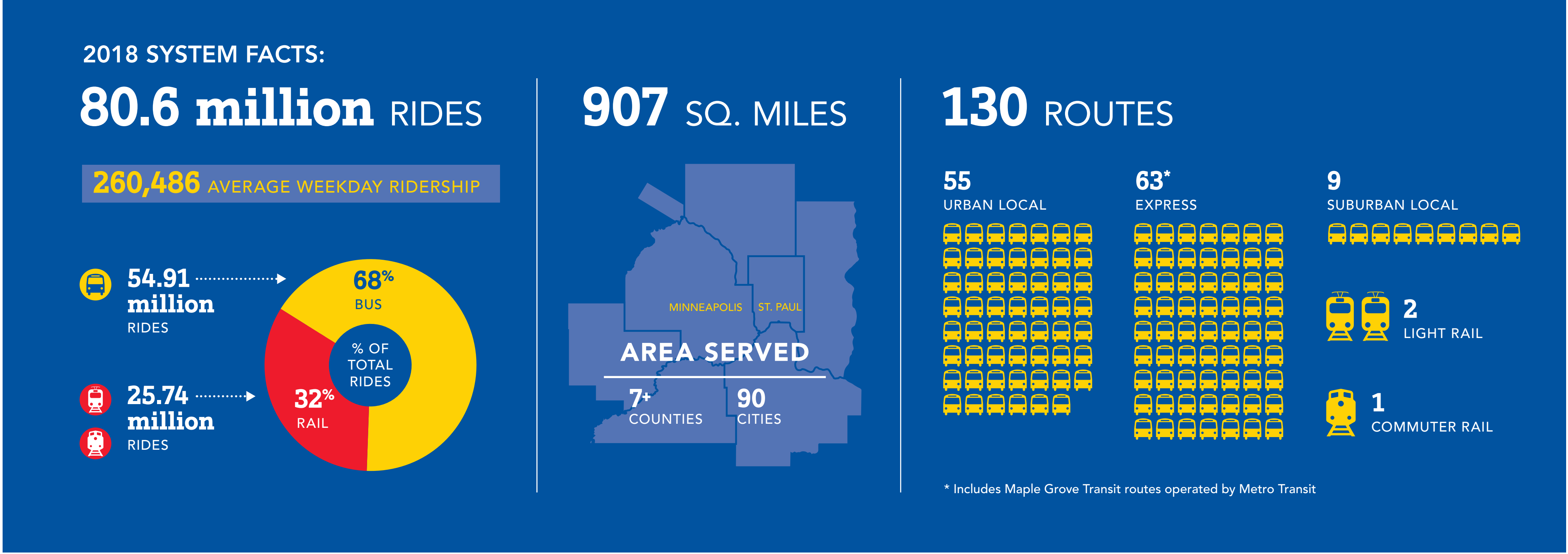


BETTER BUS ROUTES

Improving the speed, reliability and customer experience on local bus routes



PROJECT SUMMARY

Goal: Implement cost-effective, common-sense improvements on high ridership local routes

Improvement Strategies:

Stop Spacing: Up to 1/4 mile apart so buses spend more time moving and less time stopping



Typical Local Route



Better Bus Route

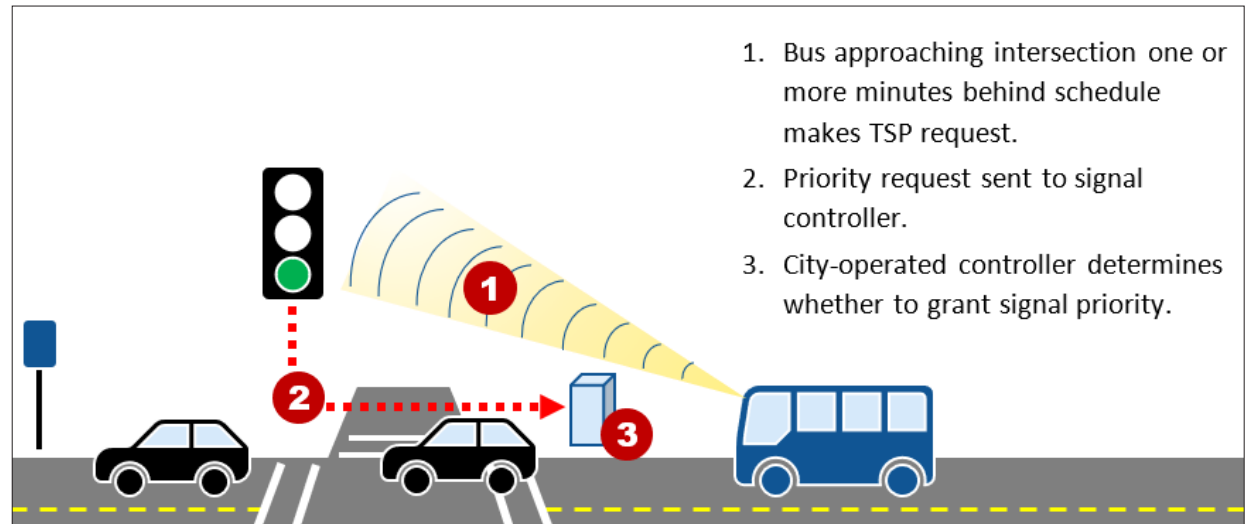


METRO BRT

Shelters: Goal to place a shelter at all stops that meet boarding requirements



Transit Signal Priority: Install at select locations that provide the greatest benefit



Bus Stop Accessibility: Ensure all stops are ADA compliant; consider improvements to pedestrian network leading to bus stops



PILOT PROJECT - ROUTE 2



Project Improvements

- Minor routing change to streamline service
- Removed or relocated 28 bus stops, with a net decrease of 19 bus stops
- Installed 8 new shelters and 5 new ADA pads
- Transit signal priority planned at 13 intersections
- Travel time savings invested in longer operator recoveries

Results

- Peak period, peak direction travel times improved by over 5 percent
- 88 percent of all boardings now at a sheltered stop
- All bus stops are ADA accessible

Lessons Learned

- Allow plenty of time for outreach
- Requires detailed coordination with the city on signage changes
- Don't overlook other routes using same stops



NEXT PROJECT - ROUTE 63

Route Description

- East-west crosstown route serving St. Paul
- Connects with LRT stations, local colleges and transit hubs
- Grant funding secured for frequency improvement

Planned Improvements - Spring 2020

- Comprehensive stop consolidation
- 20+ new ADA pads
- 6-12 new or upgraded shelters
- TSP at select intersections

