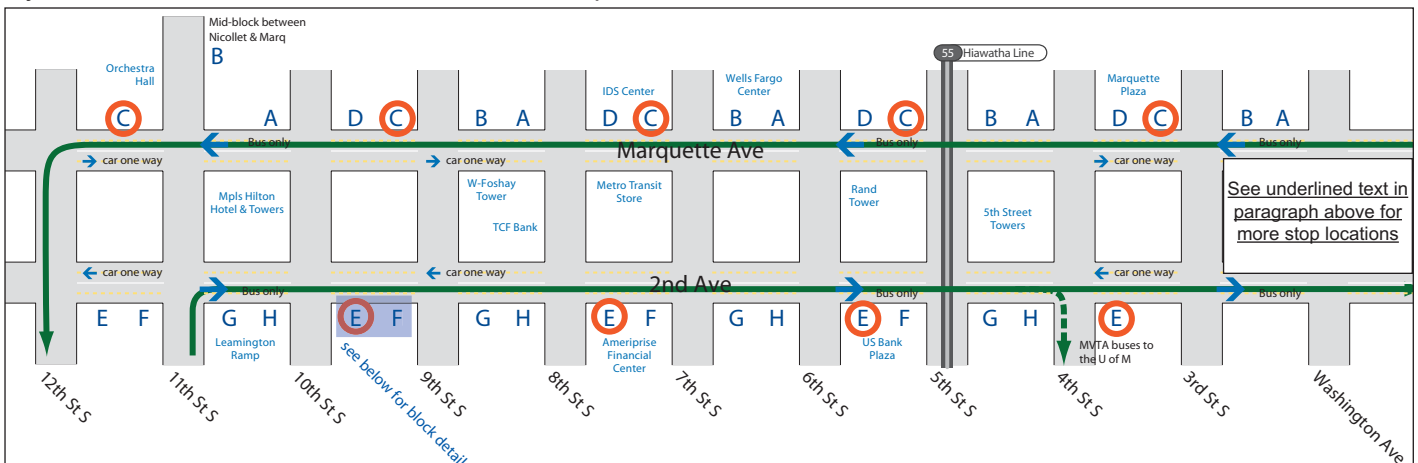


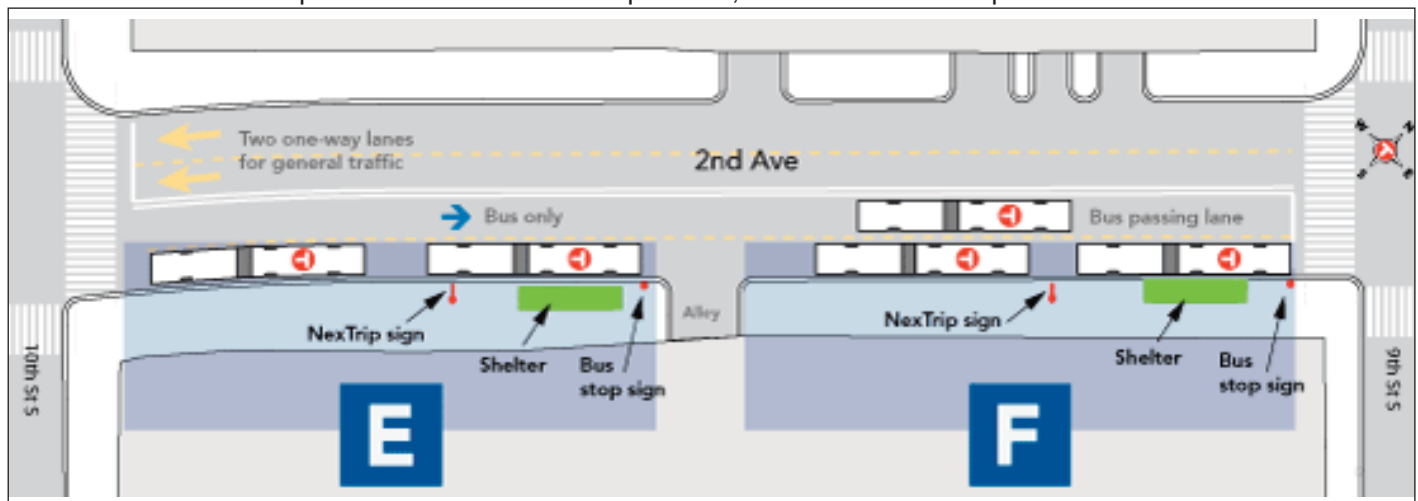
Marquette, Second Avenues Re-Open Monday, Dec. 14; All MVTA Buses Move Off Third Avenue

Beginning **Monday, Dec. 14**, all MVTA buses will move off of Third Avenue and will enter downtown Minneapolis on Second Avenue and leave downtown Minneapolis on Marquette Avenue. The transit improvements on Second and Marquette in downtown Minneapolis are expected to significantly improve travel times.

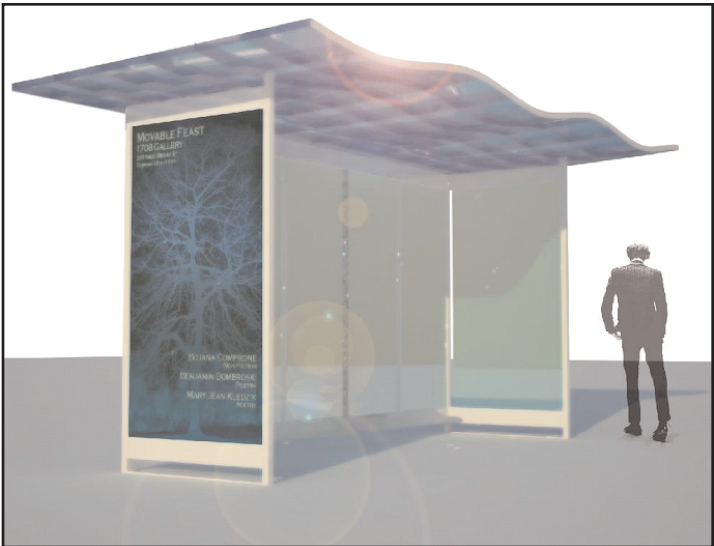
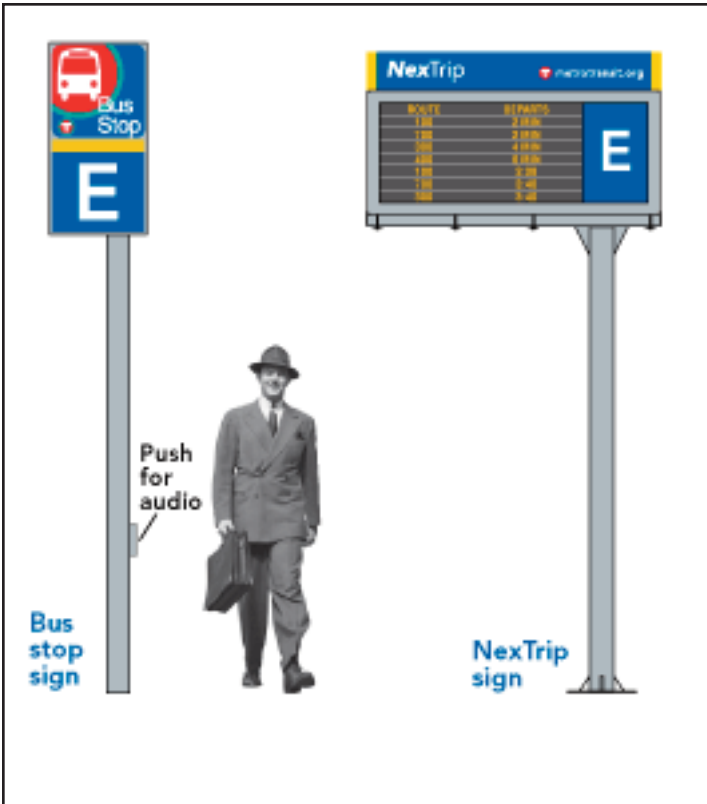
MVTA buses traveling into downtown Minneapolis on Second Avenue will stop every other block, at all “E” stops, beginning at 10th St (see map below). Buses will also stop before Washington Avenue and before 2nd St. MVTA buses departing downtown Minneapolis on Marquette Avenue will stop on 2nd Street before 3rd Avenue, on Marquette Avenue before 2nd Street, and then every other block at all “C” stops beginning just past 3rd St. The last stop on Marquette Avenue will be mid-block between 11th and 12th Streets. Buses will also stop at a new location on 12th St. between Second and Third Avenues. The map below shows the stops that will be made by MVTA buses via an red circle around the stop locations.



Both Marquette and Second Avenues have been completely reconfigured to allow side-by-side bus-only lanes. Passengers will **always** board in the “curb” lane. Passengers will **not** be allowed to board buses that are traveling in the “passing” lane. Each block contains two “bus-stop zones.” Riders must pay attention to their zone as there will frequently be two buses stopped in a bus-stop zone. The second bus will not pull forward to the front of the “bus-stop zone” when the first bus pulls out, but will exit from its position.



In addition to the bus-only lanes, there will be shelters at each stop zone, along with wider sidewalks, additional lighting, NexTrip real-time information and enhanced streetscape design. Note: initially, the NexTrip departure information regarding MVTA buses will be based on MVTA's schedule as the fleet is not yet equipped with the technology needed to feed real-time information to the signs. The MVTA expects implementation of the technology on its fleet in 2010.



Sample Shelter