

CONVERSION TO FIXED BUS STOPS

Why changing current “flag” stops to “fixed” stops provides important improvements for MVTA riders

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Flag Stops: Mean that a bus only stops when a rider signals or requests a stop manually; this type of stop can minimize walking distance to/from buses with increased flexibility, but can cause confusion for operators and riders.

Fixed Stops: Use designated, marked stop locations for pick-up and drop-off. Stops are strategically spaced and located to improve safety and accessibility.



WHY CONVERT TO FIXED STOPS?

Safety

- Fixed stops allow MVTA to evaluate boarding conditions and enhance safety for riders.

Experience

- Fixed stops can improve rider experience by increasing clarity and reducing potential missed pick-ups. They can also provide better amenities at designated stops such as benches, lighting, shelters, etc.

Accessibility

- Fixed stops can ensure compliance with ADA requirements at stop locations.

Efficiency

- Fixed stops eliminate unplanned stops which can lead to more reliable scheduling and on-time performance. Additionally, they can result in optimized stop spacing that balances accessibility and speed.

Planning

- Fixed stops allow MVTA to monitor stop usage and needs more easily, which can result in data-driven decision making.

Cost

- Fixed stops may reduce fuel consumption and vehicle maintenance caused by numerous unexpected stops.