# West Suburban Service Changes Concept Plan

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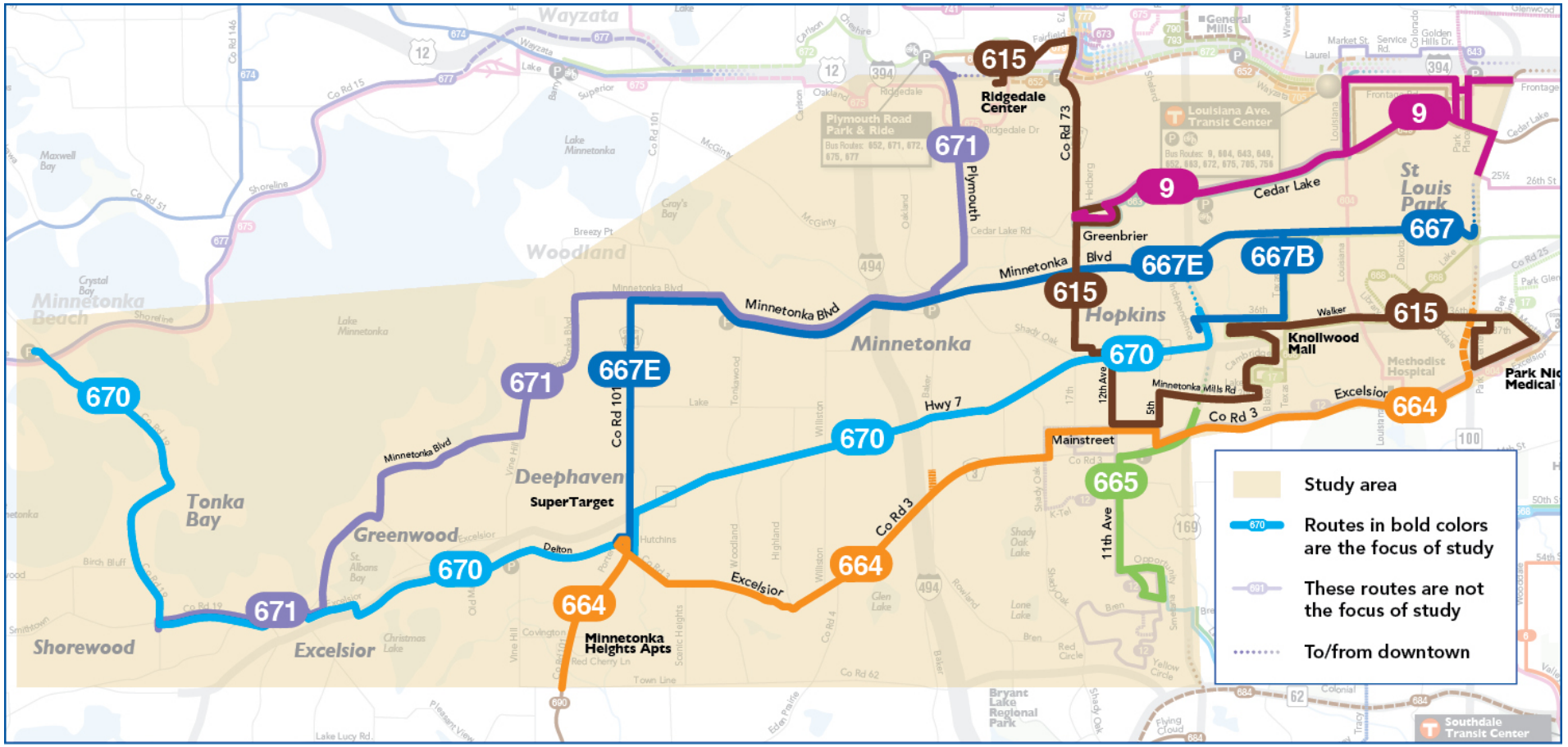
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- Study area includes the area west of Highway 100 in the communities of St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Deephaven, Greenwood, Excelsior, Shorewood and Tonka Bay
- Implement recommendations from the Minnetonka Transit Study to improve local service access and connectivity
- Changes to express routes to improve productivity

# West Suburban Study Area and Focus Routes

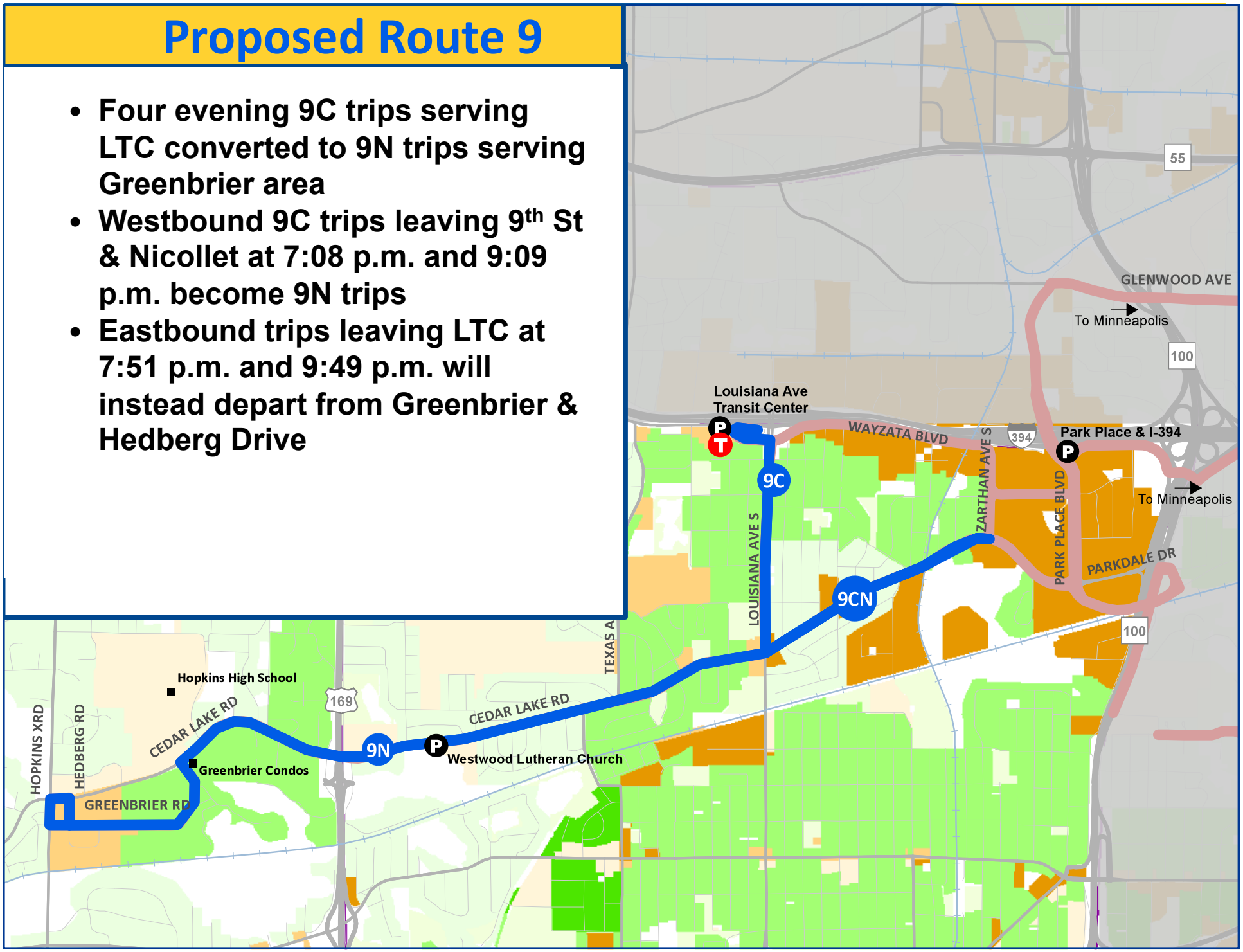





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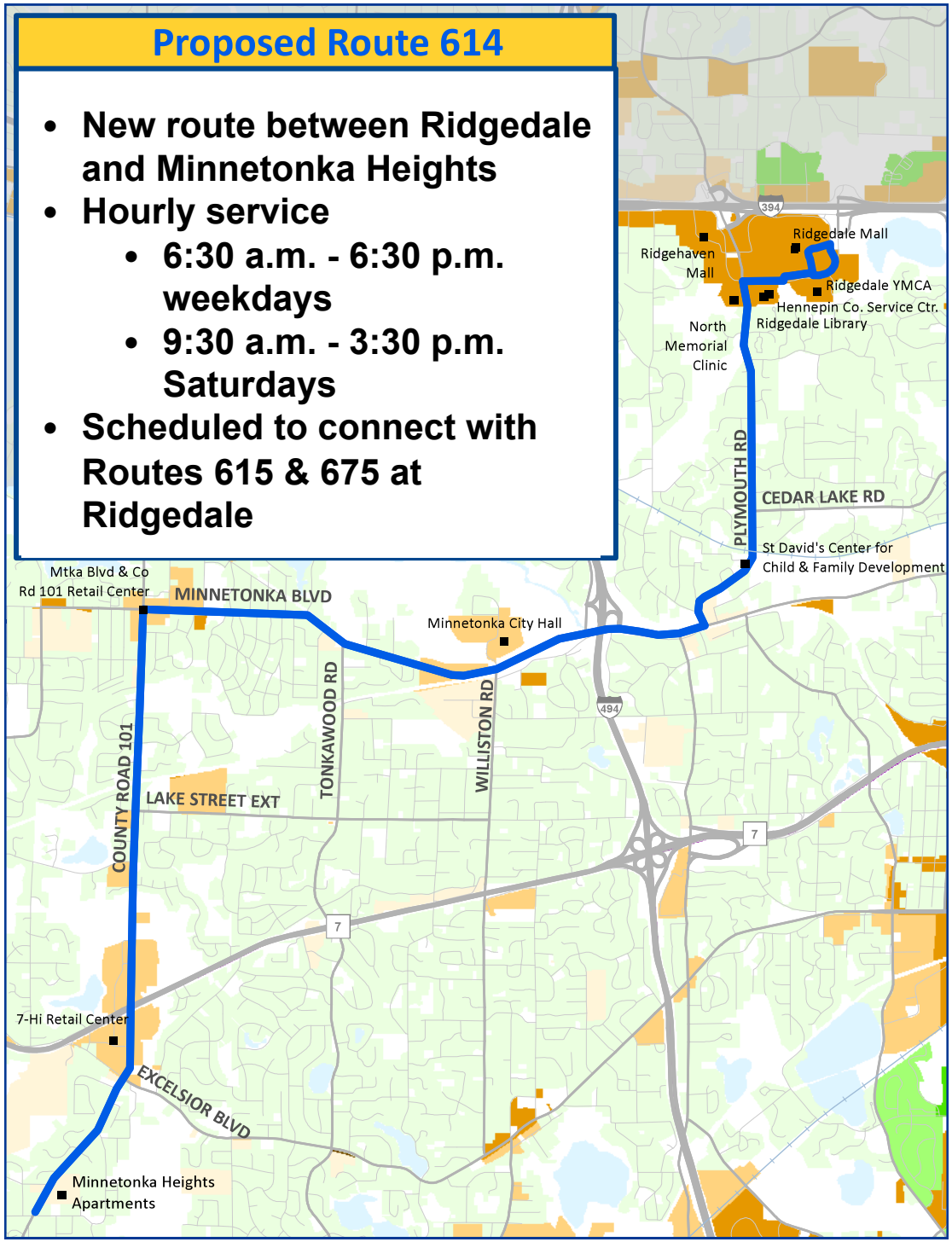
# Proposed Route 9

- Four evening 9C trips serving LTC converted to 9N trips serving Greenbrier area
- Westbound 9C trips leaving 9th St & Nicollet at 7:08 p.m. and 9:09 p.m. become 9N trips
- Eastbound trips leaving LTC at 7:51 p.m. and 9:49 p.m. will instead depart from Greenbrier & Hedberg Drive



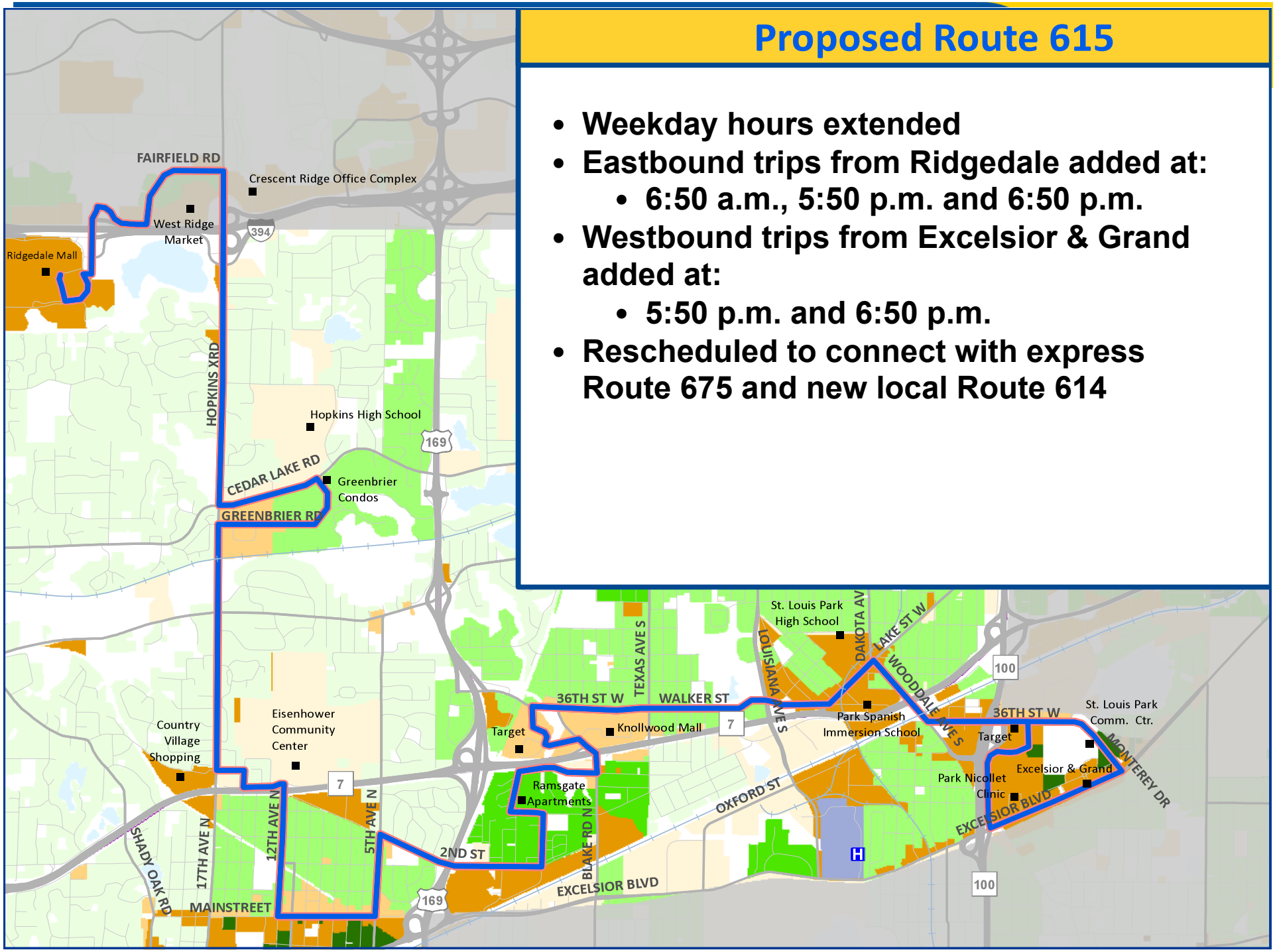
# Proposed Route 614

- New route between Ridgedale and Minnetonka Heights
- Hourly service
  - 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. weekdays
  - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Saturdays
- Scheduled to connect with Routes 615 & 675 at Ridgedale



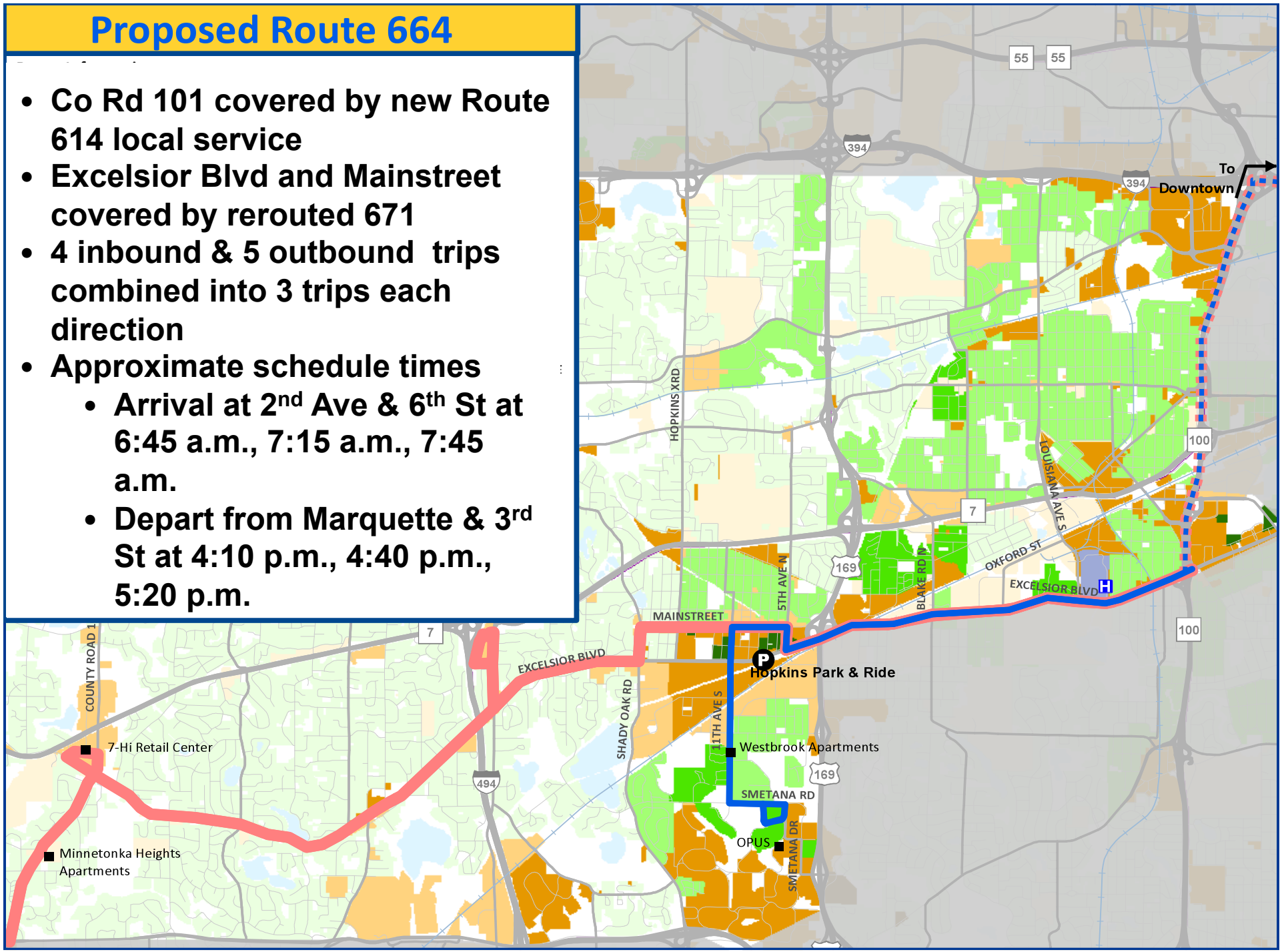
# Proposed Route 615

- Weekday hours extended
- Eastbound trips from Ridgedale added at:
  - 6:50 a.m., 5:50 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.
- Westbound trips from Excelsior & Grand added at:
  - 5:50 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.
- Rescheduled to connect with express Route 675 and new local Route 614



# Proposed Route 664

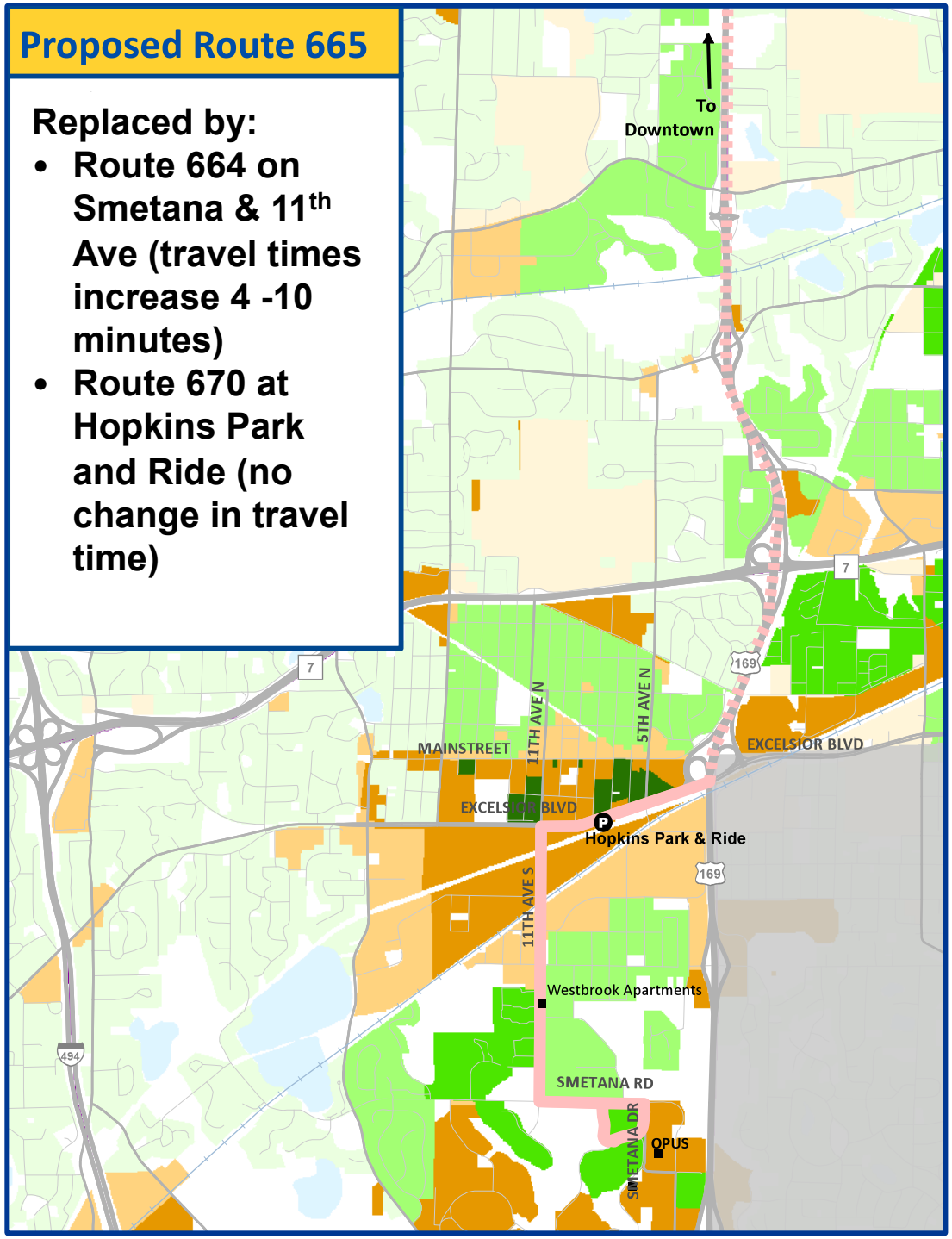
- Co Rd 101 covered by new Route 614 local service
- Excelsior Blvd and Mainstreet covered by rerouted 671
- 4 inbound & 5 outbound trips combined into 3 trips each direction
- Approximate schedule times
  - Arrival at 2nd Ave & 6th St at 6:45 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 7:45 a.m.
  - Depart from Marquette & 3rd St at 4:10 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 5:20 p.m.



## Proposed Route 665

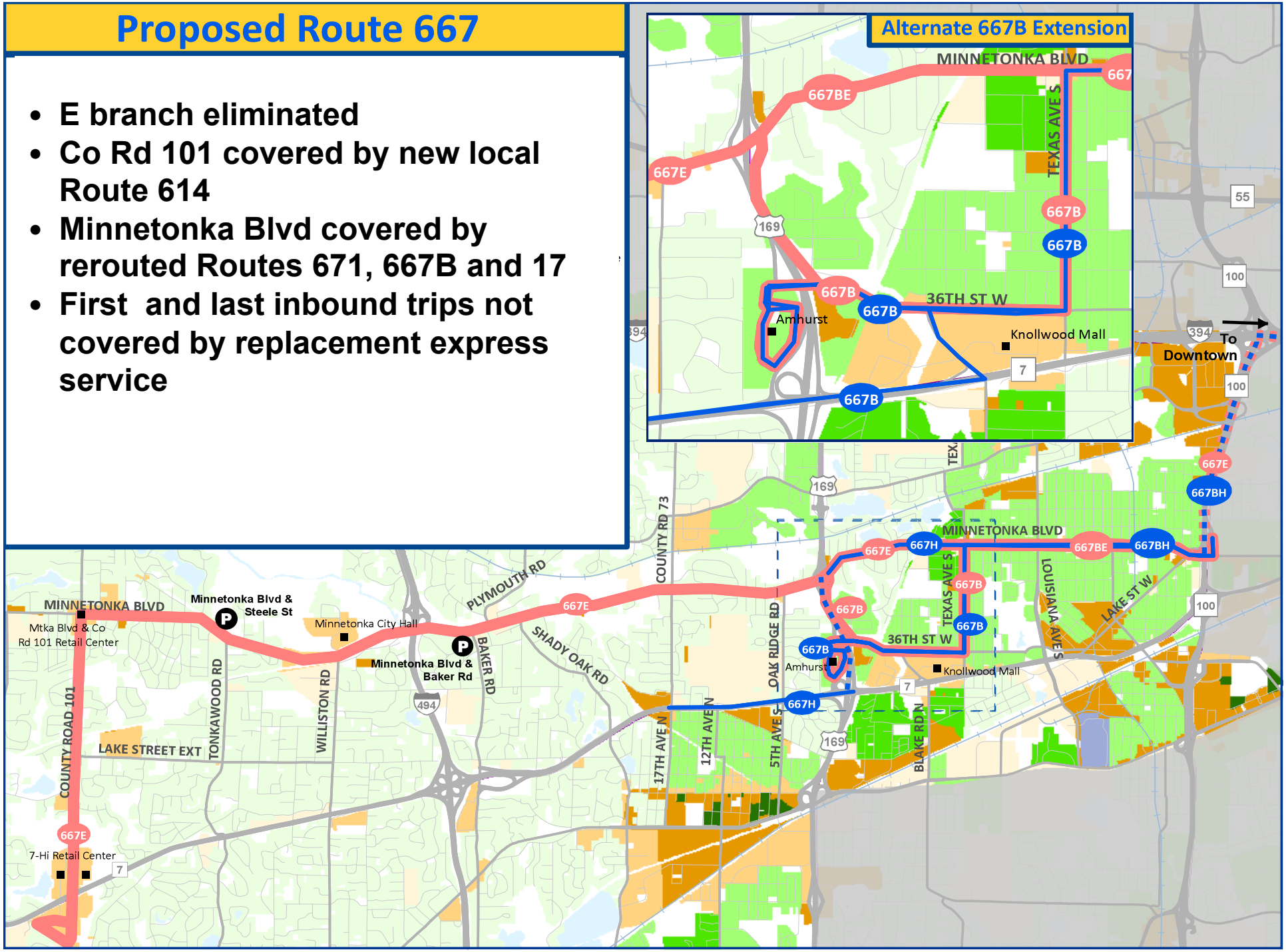
**Replaced by:**

- **Route 664 on Smetana & 11th Ave (travel times increase 4 -10 minutes)**
- **Route 670 at Hopkins Park and Ride (no change in travel time)**



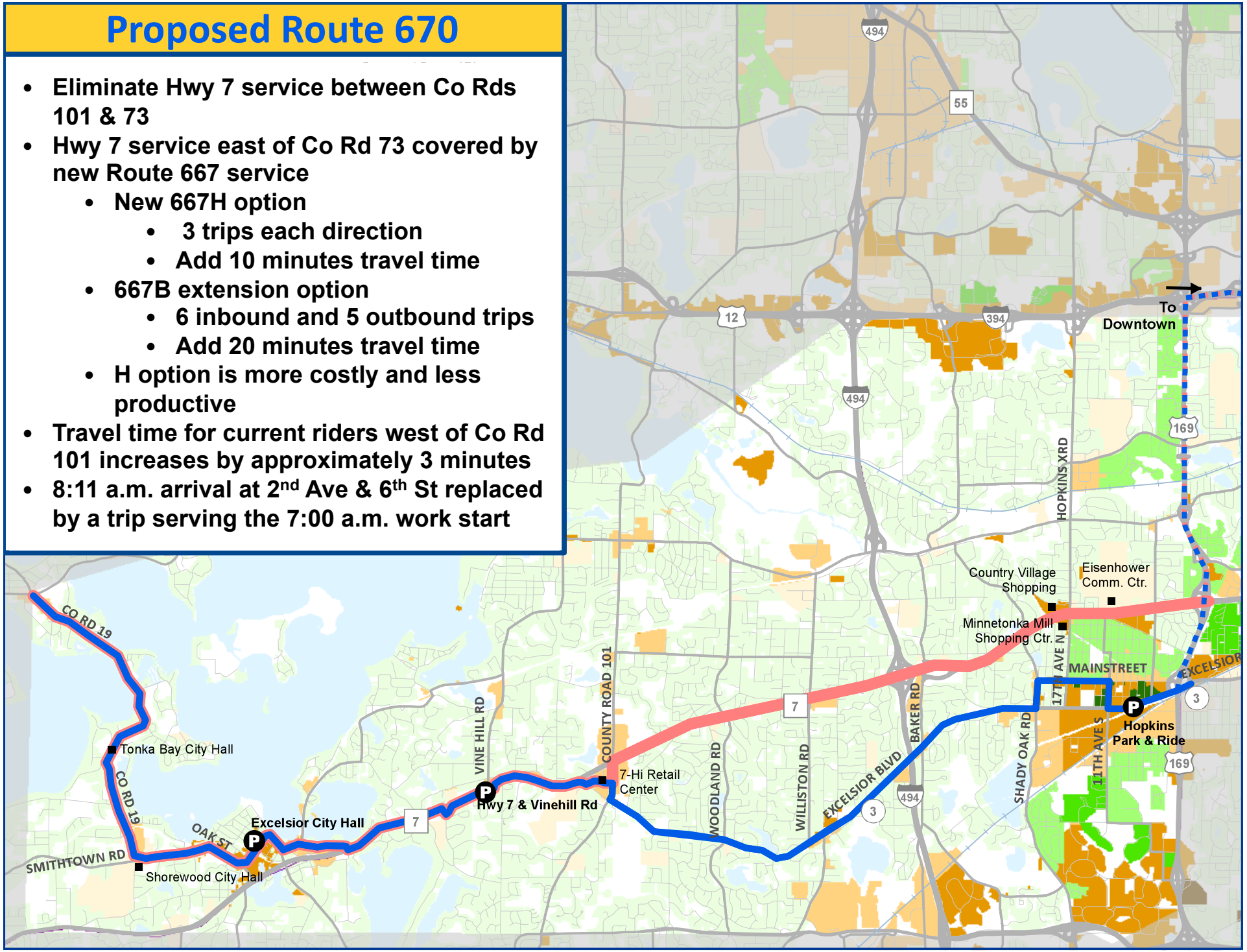
# Proposed Route 667

- E branch eliminated
- Co Rd 101 covered by new local Route 614
- Minnetonka Blvd covered by rerouted Routes 671, 667B and 17
- First and last inbound trips not covered by replacement express service



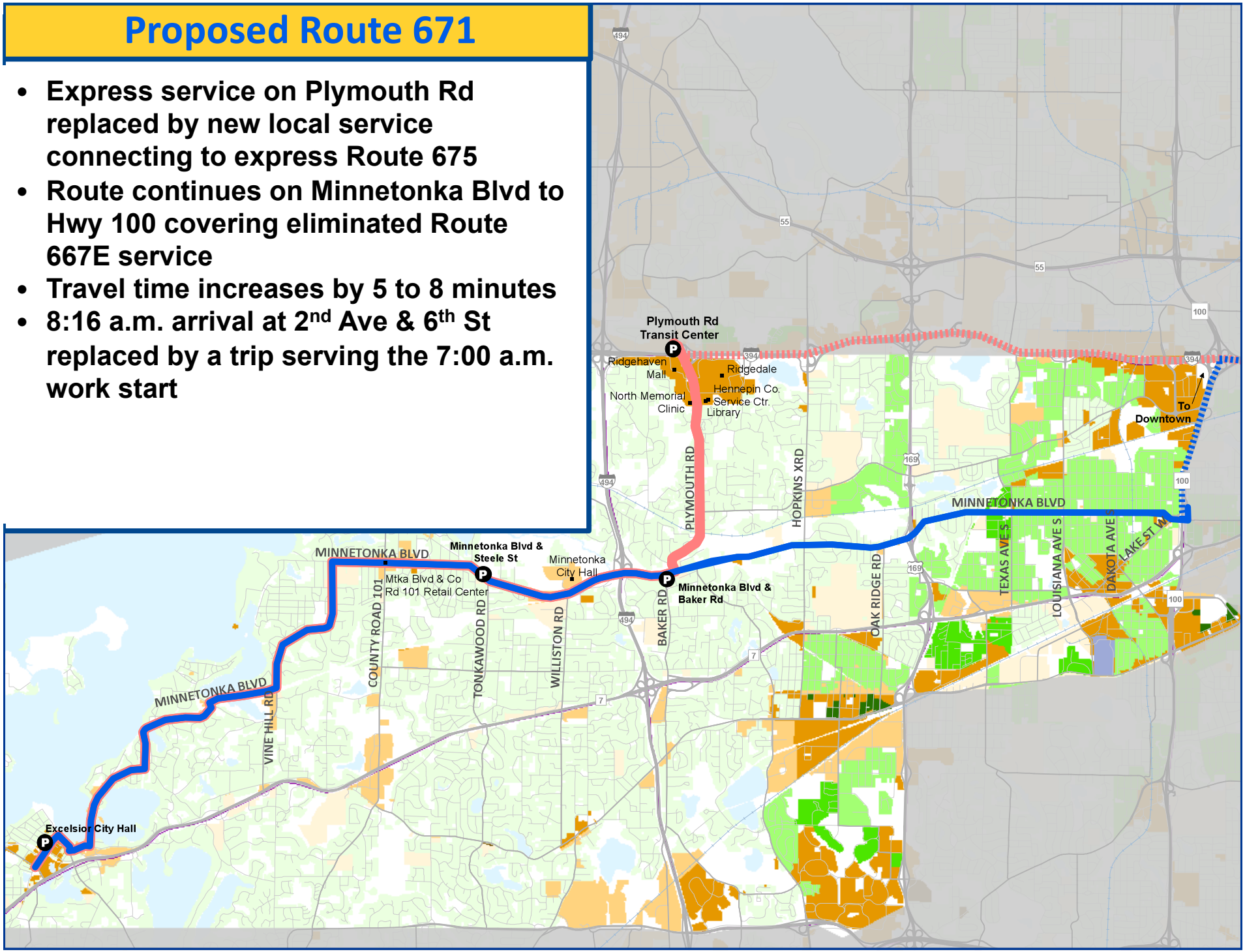
# Proposed Route 670

- Eliminate Hwy 7 service between Co Rds 101 & 73
- Hwy 7 service east of Co Rd 73 covered by new Route 667 service
  - New 667H option
    - 3 trips each direction
    - Add 10 minutes travel time
  - 667B extension option
    - 6 inbound and 5 outbound trips
    - Add 20 minutes travel time
  - H option is more costly and less productive
- Travel time for current riders west of Co Rd 101 increases by approximately 3 minutes
- 8:11 a.m. arrival at 2nd Ave & 6th St replaced by a trip serving the 7:00 a.m. work start

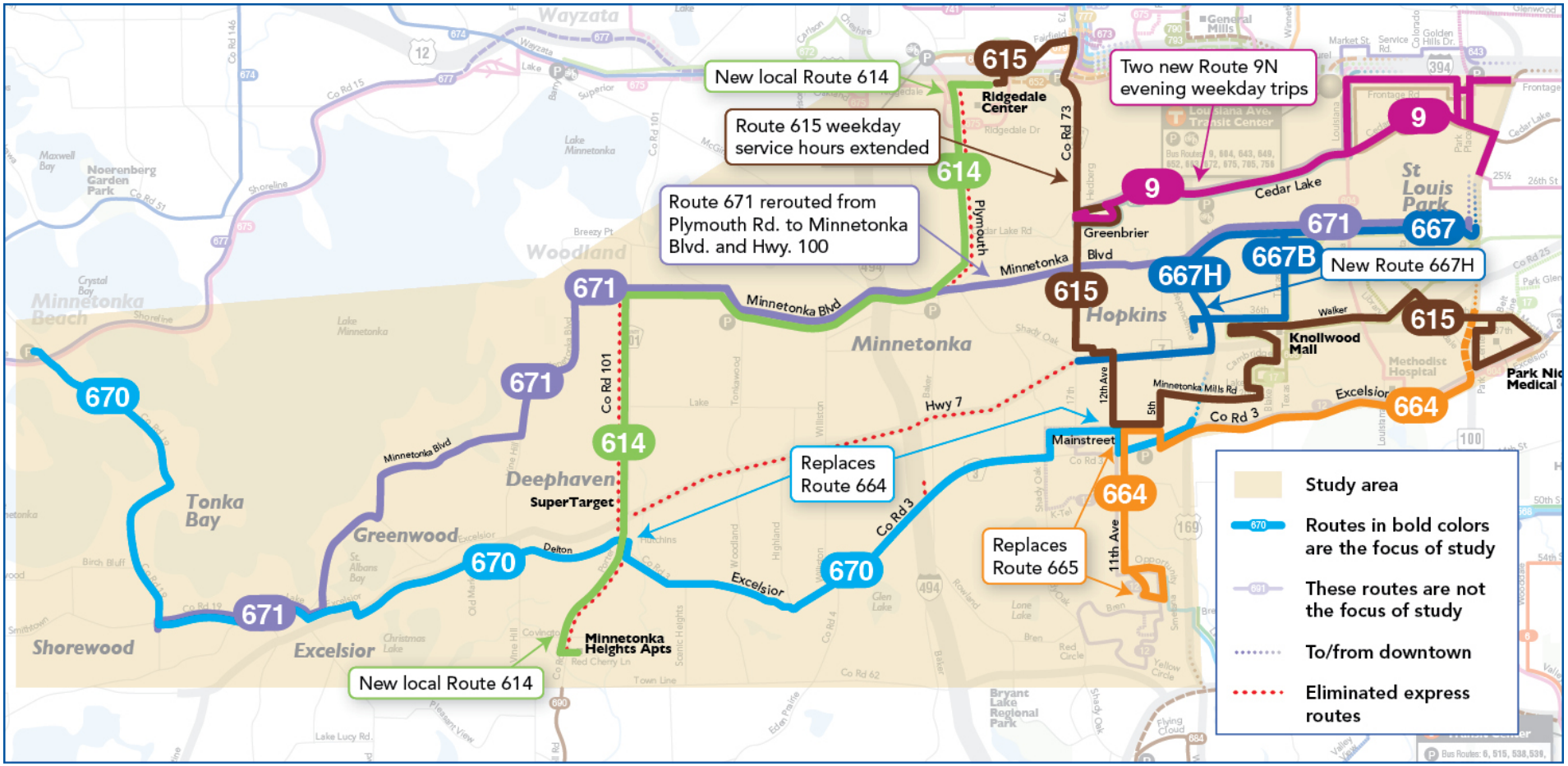


# Proposed Route 671

- **Express service on Plymouth Rd replaced by new local service connecting to express Route 675**
- **Route continues on Minnetonka Blvd to Hwy 100 covering eliminated Route 667E service**
- **Travel time increases by 5 to 8 minutes**
- **8:16 a.m. arrival at 2nd Ave & 6th St replaced by a trip serving the 7:00 a.m. work start**



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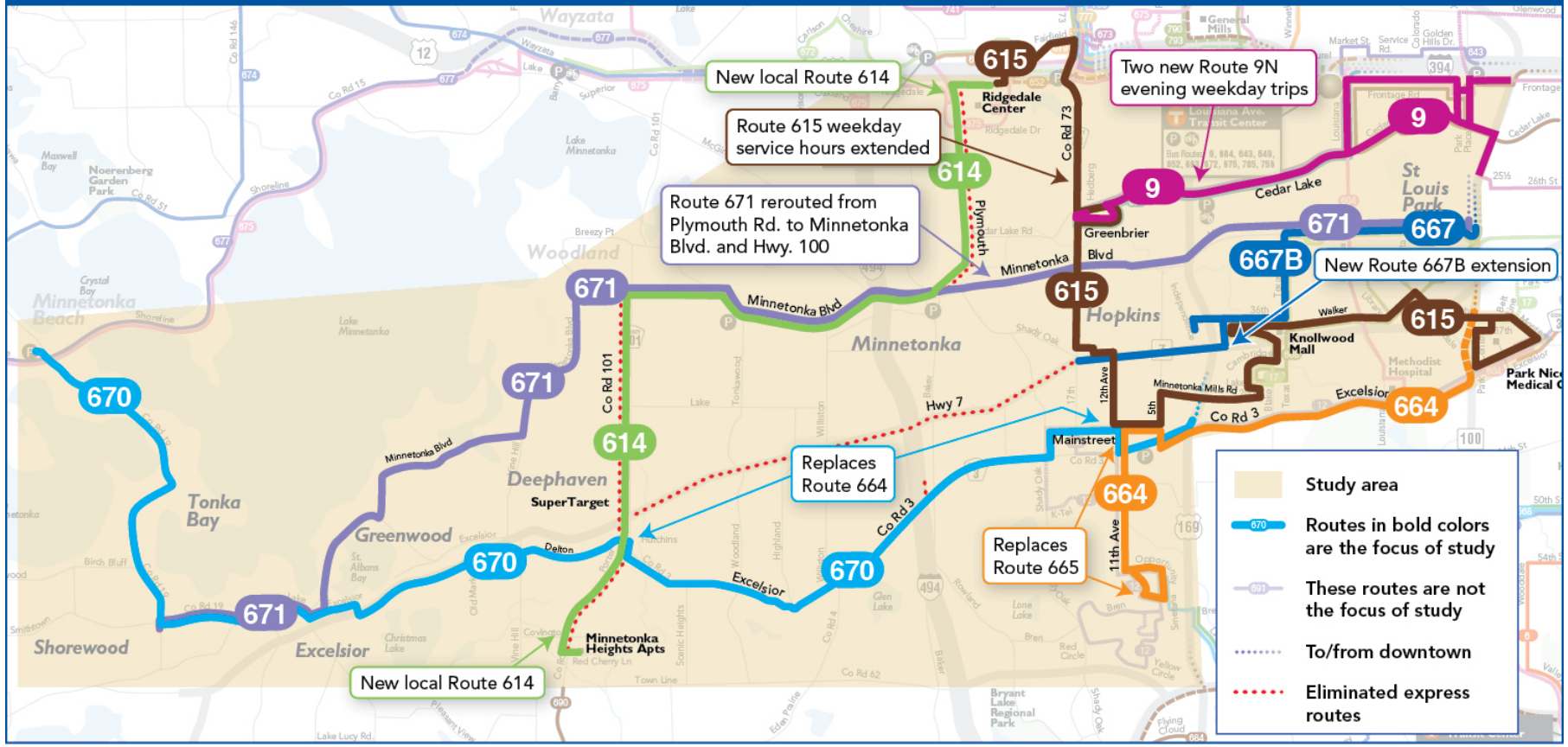





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## Figure 2. West Suburban Proposed Service Changes






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# West Suburban Service Changes Concept Plan

- Local route improvements
  - New weekday evening trips on Route 9N to Greenbrier
  - Extending weekday evening hours on Route 615
  - New Route 614 operating hourly weekdays and Saturdays
  - Improves local circulation and access for transit-reliant residents and employees
- Express service consolidation
  - Five routes blended into four routes
  - Currently average 25 passengers per trip
  - Areas of overlap reduced, segments of low ridership eliminated
  - Fringe of rush hour trips with low ridership eliminated
  - Increased travel time for some riders

# Next Steps
# West Suburban Service Changes

- April 14 — Public comment period closes
- Apr 14-24 — Review and revisions to plan
- May 8 — Metropolitan Council adopts recommended plan
- Aug 24 — Implementation of route changes