



*BlueXpress Press is the newsletter of the BlueXpress Transit Line,  
Your commuter connection from Scott County to Downtown Minneapolis.*

## We're Growing!

BlueXpress is almost 2 years old! Since we began operating in July, 2007, our rider numbers have continued to increase. Many of you have probably noticed the crowds on some of the runs. But there is good news – we have at least one new bus on the way!

In June, BlueXpress will take possession of a new coach bus. This bus will allow us to expand our service and offer an additional run in the morning and the evening. We are now evaluating our schedule to determine the best times for these additional runs. We hope to have the bus ready for service by the end of the summer.

Speaking of new buses and routes, there is more good news! Earlier this year, BlueXpress secured a Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant. We will receive \$436,000 to create the BlueXpress Reverse Commute project, which will provide a transportation alternative to workers in the central cities to available jobs in suburban Shakopee and Prior Lake. The project involves the purchase of a coach bus and the operation of at least three additional reverse routes to and from downtown Minneapolis. We expect to implement this project in late 2009.

## Construction Zone

The MARQ2 downtown construction project has often made the commute difficult, both for riders and drivers! We thank you for your patience. There is light at the end of the tunnel. The chart below shows the project is proceeding on schedule and will be completed by December, 2009.

	Estimated Completion Date – 2009					
	June	July	August	September	October	November
Watermain / Utilities		★ July 15				
Street Paving			★ August 15			
Electrical				★ September 15		
Sidewalk / Streetscape					★ October 15	
Streetscape Planting						★ November 15

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## Take the New Rider Survey

We need your input! BlueXpress is looking for feedback on our current service, and for ideas on new and expanded service. Help us by participating in the 2009 Rider Survey, available on-line. Look for the survey link at [www.blueexpressbus.com](http://www.blueexpressbus.com). The survey will be available from Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.



If you don't have internet access or prefer to use pen and paper, please contact [info@blueexpressbus.com](mailto:info@blueexpressbus.com), and we will provide you with a hard copy of the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to help us serve you better.

## Courtesy Reminders

The BlueXpress wants to make the ride as pleasant and safe as possible for all our riders. We ask your cooperation in following these simple rules of etiquette:

- Please be sure you are only using one seat. Place items overhead, under your seat or on your lap so everyone can find a seat.
- Cell Phones: Set your phones to ring as quietly as possible, or even better, set them to vibration mode; limit the length of your phone conversation to just a couple of minutes; keep your voice, and your laughter, as low as possible; be aware you are sharing space with others.
- Be at the stop on time. When the driver has closed the door, the bus is ready to leave.
- If you are being dropped off by someone, they cannot block the bus so you can hop on. It's a dangerous maneuver that puts the bus driver and the passengers in jeopardy.

Thank you for helping us make the commute a pleasant experience for all of our riders.

## Holiday Service

**There will be no BlueXpress bus service on Friday, July 3, 2009, in observance of Independence Day.**

