

#56 – MILWAUKEE – Bus Route History

- Su 10-28-1951 Began #56-MILWAUKEE bus service, replacing #56-MILWAUKEE streetcars Sat-Sun only, from Imlay terminal via Milwaukee to Desplaines-Washington-Dearborn-Madison-Clinton-Milwaukee loop, using buses from North Park garage with drivers from Armitage carhouse
- Sa 11-10-1951 Rerouted buses via Milwaukee-Clinton to Washington-LaSalle-Madison-Clinton loop
- Th 11-22-1951 Rerouted buses via Milwaukee-Clinton to Monroe-Dearborn-Adams-Clinton loop
- Su 05-11-1952 Replaced streetcars with motor buses daily, rerouted buses via Milwaukee to Desplaines-Washington-State-Madison-Canal-Milwaukee loop, some Mon-Fri rush buses via Milwaukee-Clinton to Clinton-Harrison-Canal-Van Buren loop (North Park garage)
- Mo 01-26-1953 Rerouted Clinton/Harrison buses via Milwaukee to Clinton-Harrison-Canal-Milwaukee loop
- Su 12-04-1955 Transferred work from North Park garage to Forest Glen garage
- Su 06-17-1956 Extended buses via Washington-Michigan-Madison
- Su 02-01-1970 Cut back buses via Milwaukee to Jefferson Park station terminal
- Su 07-01-1973 Rerouted southbound buses via Milwaukee-Clinton-Washington
- Mo 09-10-1973 Rerouted AM rush buses from Clinton/Harrison northbound via Canal-Lake-Wacker-Orleans-Chicago-Milwaukee via route #128
- Th 12-04-1980 Rerouted buses southbound via Milwaukee-Desplaines-Washington, northbound via Milwaukee-Fulton-Desplaines-Milwaukee, also rerouted Clinton/Harrison buses southbound via Milwaukee-Desplaines-Washington-Clinton
- Su 03-29-1981 Rerouted buses northbound via Madison-Jefferson-Fulton, also PM rush buses from Clinton/Harrison via Canal-Madison-Jefferson-Fulton
- Su 09-13-1981 Rerouted buses via Milwaukee-Desplaines to Desplaines-Madison-Michigan-Washington-Jefferson-Fulton loop, also rerouted Clinton/Harrison buses southbound via Desplaines-Madison-Clinton, northbound in PM rush via Canal-Randolph-Jefferson
- Su 01-03-1982 Extended buses via Madison-Michigan to Randolph-Columbus-South Water-Michigan loop, returning via Michigan-Washington
- Fr 07-02-1982 Discontinued service to Clinton/Harrison
- Su 09-08-1985 Rerouted buses via Desplaines-Washington-Michigan to Michigan-Wacker-Columbus-South Water-Michigan loop, returning via Michigan-Madison-Jefferson
- Tu 12-27-1988 Extended day & evening buses via Michigan-South Water-Columbus to Illinois-Lake Shore terminal-Grand-Columbus loop
- Su 03-28-1993 Extended day & evening buses via Columbus to Illinois-Navy Pier terminal-Grand-Columbus loop
- Su 09-11-1994 Cut back owl buses via Washington-Michigan-Madison
- Sa 04-25-1998 Discontinued owl service
- Su 06-22-2003 Cut back buses via Washington-Michigan-Madison
- Tu 05-22-2007 Rerouted buses EB via Washington-Wacker-Monroe-Michigan-Madison
- Tu 05-27-2008 Rerouted buses EB via Washington-Michigan-Madison
- Su 02-07-2010 Discontinued late evening service

Mo 12-17-2012 Began PM school trippers from North Park garage

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