

# **Better Bus Project Implementation**

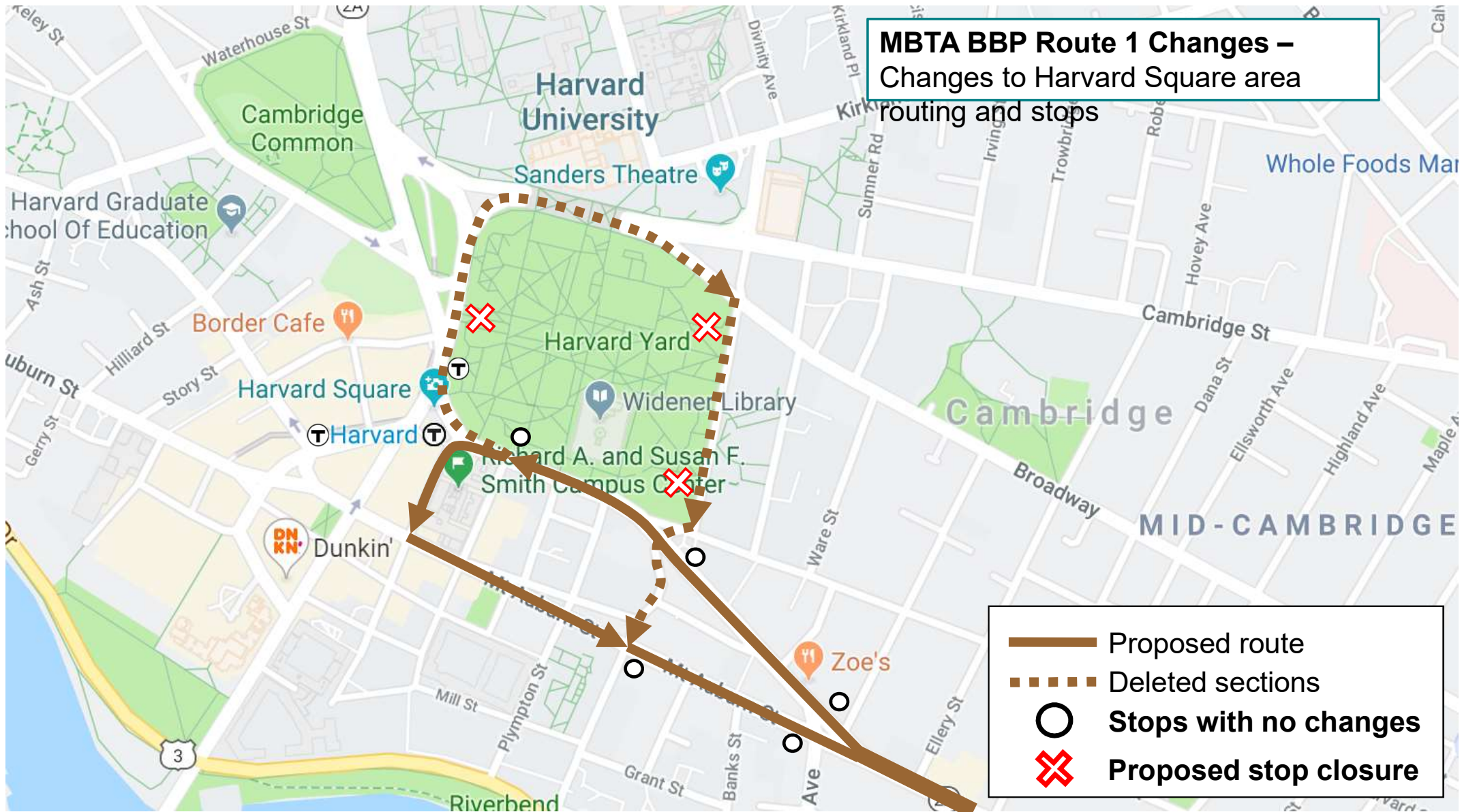
# Better Bus Project Cambridge Proposals

In May 2019, MBTA FMCB approved 36 service changes, the following in Cambridge (with expected implementation date):

1. Routes 1/CT1:
  - Combining Route 1/CT1 (September 1)
  - **Rerouting Route 1 on Dunster Street (December 22)**
2. Route 64 (December 22)
3. Routes 70/70A (December 22)
4. **Routes 72, 74, 75 (a.k.a West Cambridge proposal) (December 22)**
5. Route 350 (December 22)

**In bold:** the City Manager letter from Cambridge indicated concern over and asked for further assessment and collaboration

**MBTA BBP Route 1 Changes –  
Changes to Harvard Square area  
routing and stops**



- Proposed route
- - - Deleted sections
- Stops with no changes
- ✗ Proposed stop closure

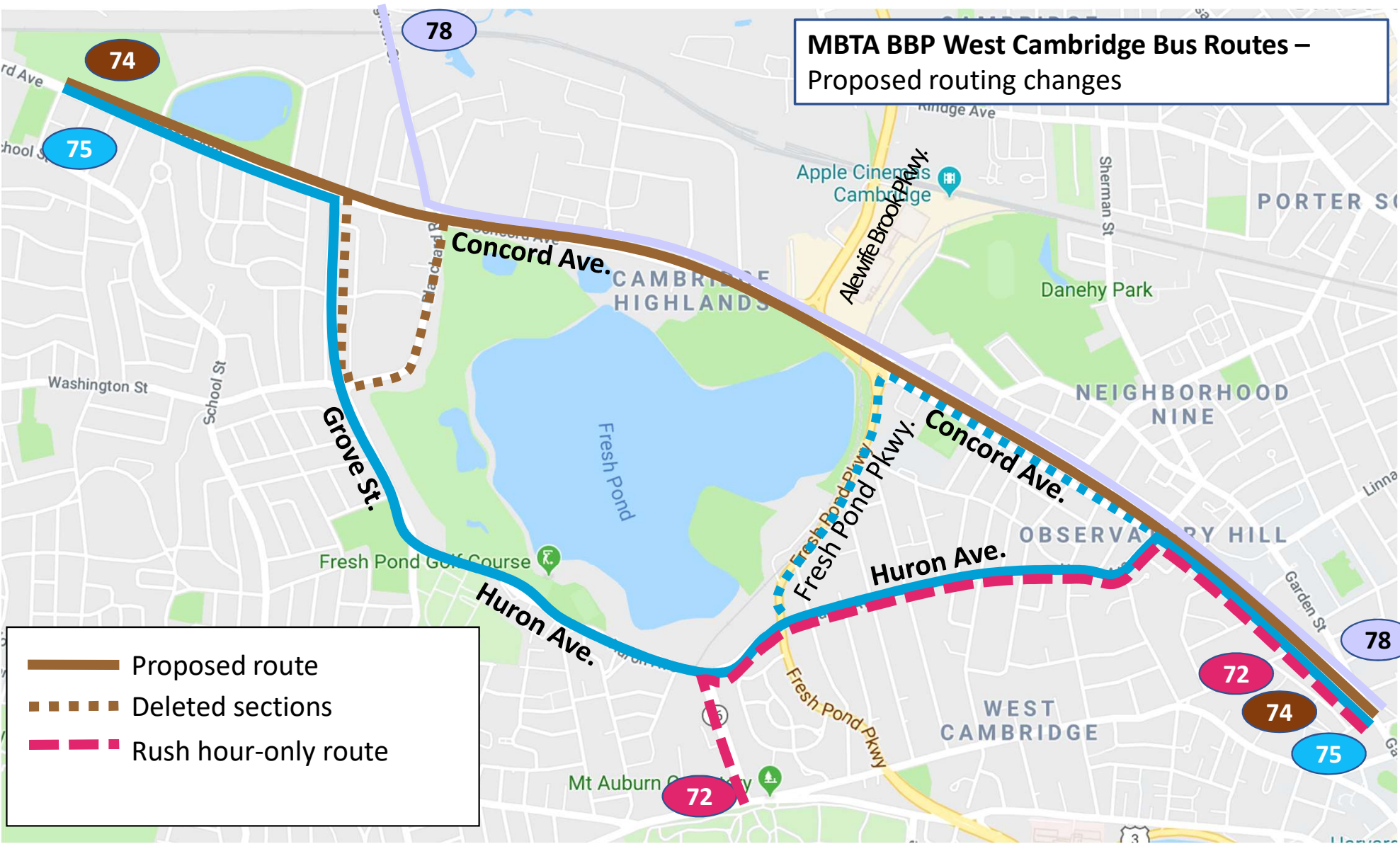
# Better Bus Project Cambridge Proposals – Route 1

1. In July to August, City staff conducted an online survey of bus riders at eight Harvard Square-area bus stops. We asked about riders':
  - Trip origin and destination
  - Opinion on MBTA's proposal to use Dunster St.
  - Demographics
2. Received 327 responses from people who live, work, play, study or commute through Cambridge:
  - Most common destination was Back Bay (106), Central Square (58), and MIT are (47)
  - Most people do not believe the proposal will save time or work for their own trips

# Better Bus Project Cambridge Proposals – Route 1

1. City staff are working with the MBTA to evaluate:
  - Potential travel time savings from buses using Dunster Street
  - Traffic operations at Mass Ave at Dunster and Dunster at Mount Auburn
  - Potential changes to Mount Auburn St. in the Inner Mount Auburn Corridor Safety Improvements project that would speed up buses

# MBTA BBP West Cambridge Bus Routes – Proposed routing changes



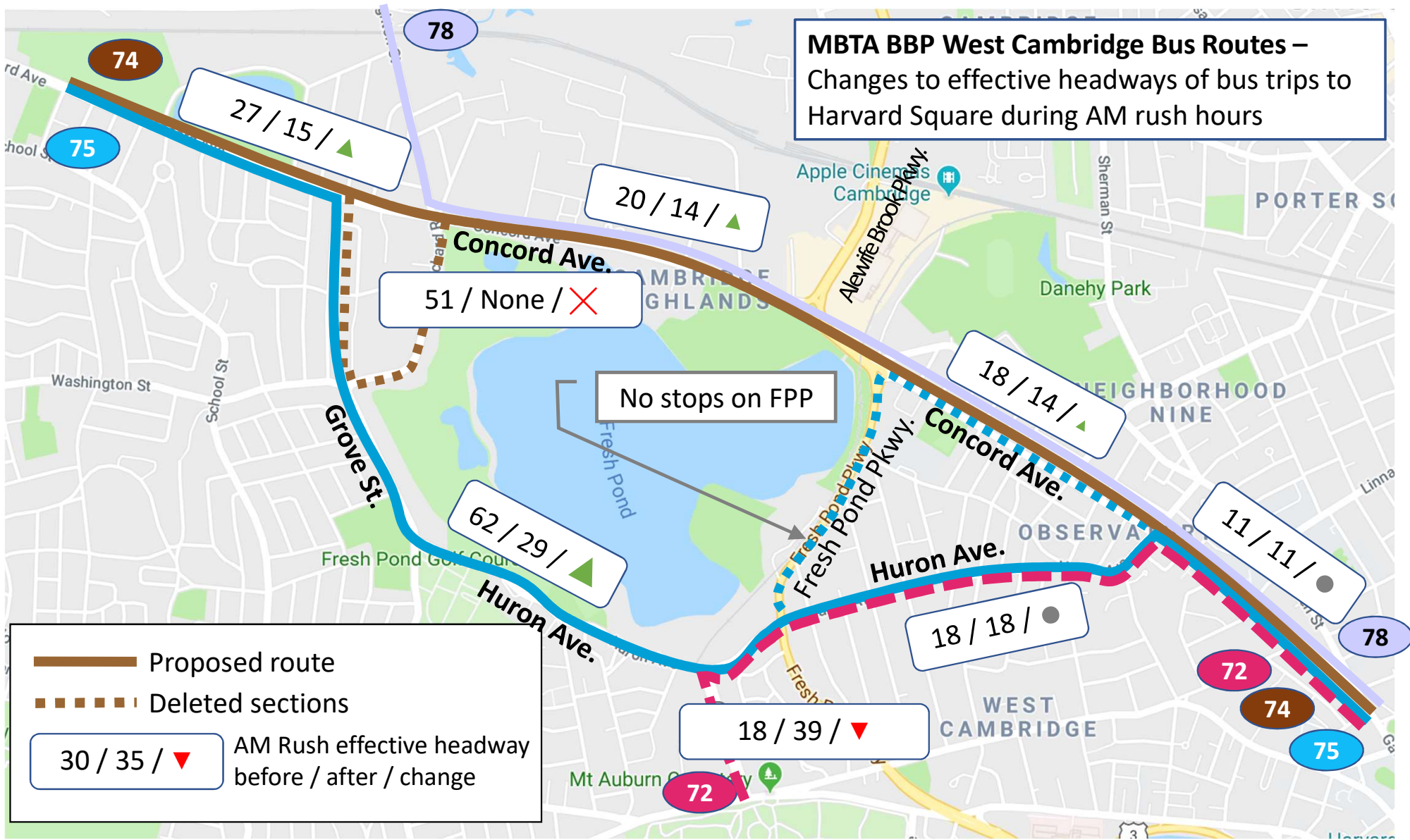
- Proposed route
- - Deleted sections
- - - Rush hour-only route



# Better Bus Project Cambridge Proposals – West Cambridge

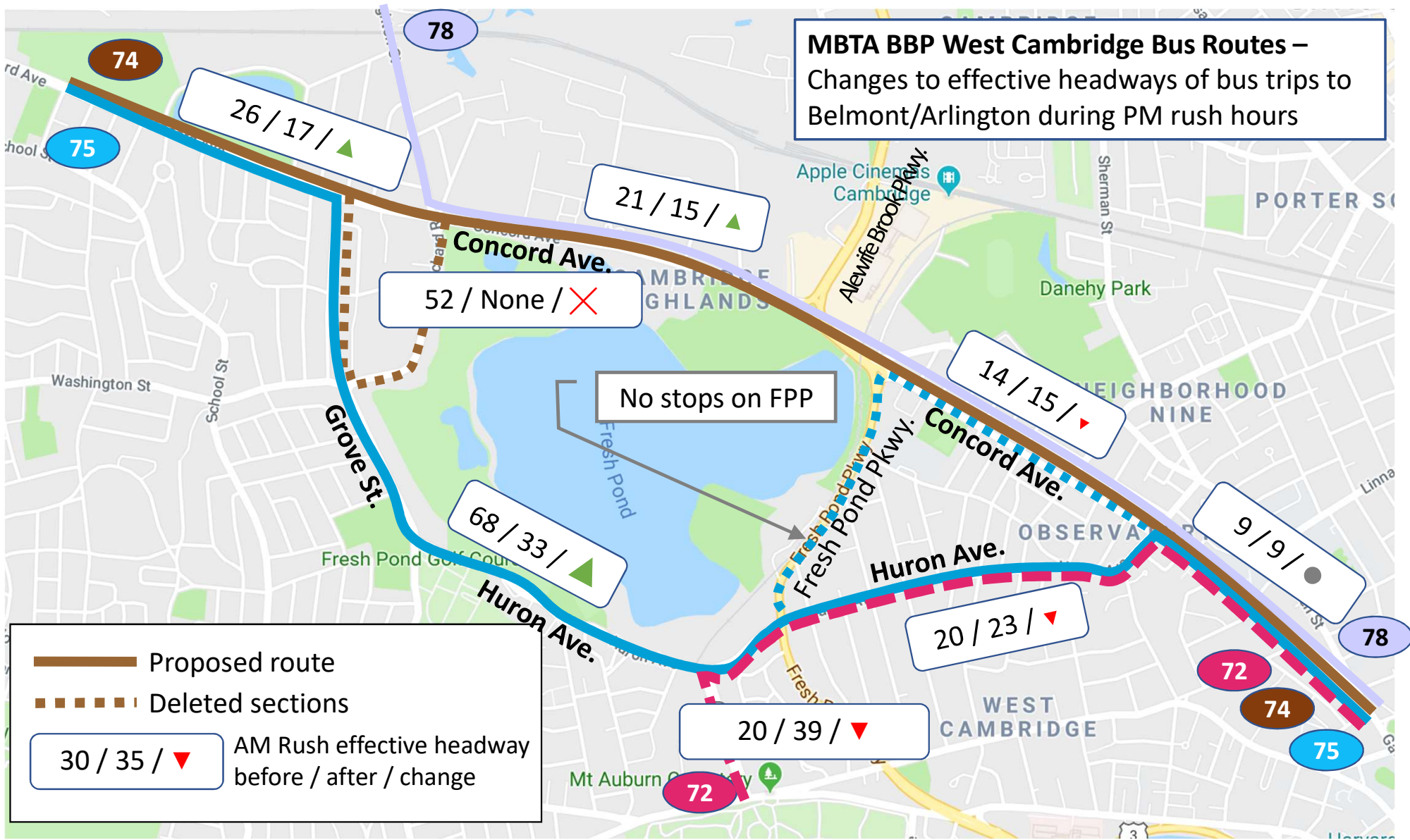
1. City staff have been working with the MBTA to refine the service changes
  - Change Route 72 from all-day to rush hours-only
  - Straighten routing for Route 74 and 75
  - Coordinate schedules for Routes 72, 74, 75, and 78
2. MBTA has altered their proposal for the West Cambridge routes to maximize the usefulness of the current West Cambridge by focusing on best coordination

**MBTA BBP West Cambridge Bus Routes –**  
 Changes to effective headways of bus trips to  
 Harvard Square during AM rush hours





**MBTA BBP West Cambridge Bus Routes –**  
 Changes to effective headways of bus trips to  
 Belmont/Arlington during PM rush hours



# Better Bus Project Cambridge Proposals – West Cambridge

1. The City will continue to work with the MBTA on the bus service proposals for West Cambridge
2. The City and MBTA are continuing to consider:
  - Peak direction-only for Route 72
  - Additional modifications to allow for coordinated schedules for buses
    1. Between Aberdeen and Concord on Huron Avenue – Routes 72/75
    2. Between Blanchard and Huron on Concord Avenue – Routes 74/78