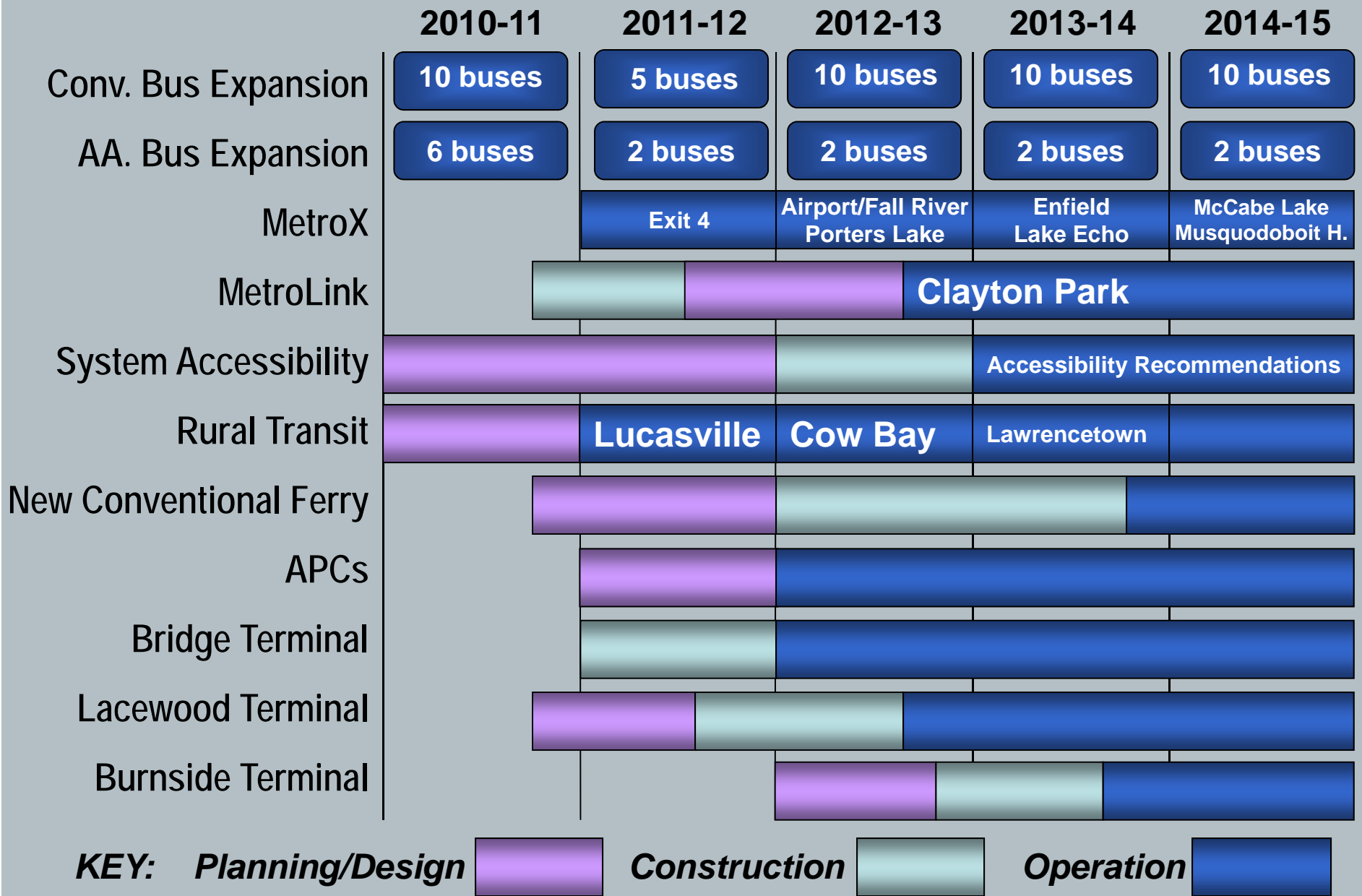


Metro Transit Update
Five-Year Approach
Access-a-Bus and Ferry Strategic Plans

Committee of the Whole
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Five-Year Approach



Access-a-Bus and Ferry Strategic Plans

- Closing the gap on networks plans
- Strategic Plans for the full scope of transit
- Plans form a joint operational strategy



Access-a-Bus Plan Impacts

- Six expansion buses in 2010-11
- Two expansion buses per year in 2011-12 through 2014-15
- Increase in annual service hours from 51,000 to 82,000
- Increase can be accommodated using less resources than previously budgeted
- Resources freed up for other projects

Ferry Plan Impacts

- Design/Construction of fourth conventional ferry in plan and underway
- Possible fifth spare ferry – falls outside five-year approach
- Terminal refurbishment – potentially in plan
- Other recommended improvements outside five-year plan

Staff Recommendation – Strategic Ferry Operations Plan

- It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve in principle the Metro Transit Strategic Ferry Operations Plan and direct staff to use the plan on a go-forward basis as guidance in the planning and operation of the existing Harbour Ferry system.

Staff Recommendation – Access-a-Bus Strategic Plan

- It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve in principle the Access-a-Bus Strategic Plan and direct staff to use the plan on a go-forward basis as guidance in the planning and operation of the Access-a-Bus system.