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Green Line's B branch to begin providing three-car service

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

The Green Line's B branch will start providing three-car train service Monday morning, said the MBTA's General Manager Richard Davey in an e-mail.

Like the new service [launched on the D branch](#) less than a week ago, the three-car trains will make two roundtrips during the morning and late afternoon commuting periods.

The service was discontinued five years ago on the B branch, which runs above ground from Boston College to Blandford Street. Its recent comeback on two Green Line branches was sparked by residents who asked the T to consider adding more cars during peak hours.

"The performance of the three-car trains will be closely monitored as we consider the possibility of increasing capacity on other trains," Davey said Friday.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo [told Boston.com](#) last week that a successful venture on the D branch might prompt the return of three-car trains to the B branch as well. Though the B branch, with 28,000 commuters daily from above-ground stations, is even busier than the D's 25,000, its interaction with cars along Commonwealth Avenue had been a traffic concern.

"Congestion will be a factor in our decision," Pesaturo said previously.

Pesaturo said last week that similar service can not be initiated on the C or E branches because some platforms on those branches are not long enough to accommodate three cars.

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