

Transportation, Traffic Safety & Transit Sub-Committee Report

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Consultations on Active Transportation Priorities

- City seeking input on priorities, which could include rehabilitating existing **sidewalks, multi-use pathways and cycling infrastructure**, and/or building new infrastructure.
- Plus, City wants to better understand:
 - Missing pedestrian and cycling links;
 - Major barriers to Active Transportation such as water bodies or highway crossings; and
 - Neighbourhood shortcuts (e.g. our Via Rail “cow tunnels”).
- Some existing Riverside Park issues include:
 - General lack of existing sidewalks;
 - Poor to absent integrated City planning, especially for connectivity linking major transportation projects in progress or planned.
- Submit your input to Councillor Brockington and/or transportation@riversidepark.ca by May 25 latest.

Transit Service Cuts and Evaluation Criteria (City Staff Report 12 April)

Some issues and other considerations:

- No recommendations for further service cuts at this time;
- Major variables are **funding** and **ridership**;
- At 46% of total Operating Budget, **bus operations are the most feasible area for further reductions**, if/when necessary;
- Other significant “known unknowns” include:
 - Future employment trends;
 - Style and place of work and education (e.g. at home, distance learning, compressed work week);
 - Provision of and access to services etc. (e.g. home delivery, curbside pick-ups);
 - Growth of active transportation;
 - Use of personal transportation (e.g. driving/car pooling vs. transit).
- Need for good data, metrics, and public consultations.

Transit Service Cuts and Evaluation Criteria (cont.)

Criteria for service cuts, if required:

1. Retain a “good and useful” City-wide transit service
2. Select cuts that provide greatest savings and affect fewest customers:
 - First, reduce frequencies where ridership is low;
 - Last, remove service that would result in people no longer being able to travel.
3. Avoid cuts that would have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations.
4. Apply an equity and inclusion lens:
 - Document impacts on identified groups;
 - Rank lower potential service cuts that could affect these people.
5. Ensure consultation and an ability for customers to comment to decision-makers
6. Ensure Commission and Council endorsement

Transit Service Cuts and Evaluation Criteria (cont.)

Service Priorities:

1. Retain transit mobility to/from all parts of the urban area, as funding allows;
2. O-Train and Transitway to continue as the spine of the network;
3. Retain daytime service at least every 5 minutes on O-Train Line 1;
4. Retain daytime service at least every 15 minutes on Rapid and Frequent bus routes;
5. Retain service at least every 30 minutes on most remaining Local and Connection routes.

QUESTIONS?

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