



Maintain Bus Route 55

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and/or

Investigate Alternatives



Moving Forward Transit Plan

- researched in 2013/2014 - developed a 5-year plan
- endorsed in 2014
- draft plan completed 1st quarter of 2015
- information is 8/9 years old
- subject to high level review every five years to remain current – 2021
- growth and future projected growth in community
- only 73% of 65% of people were aware and supported



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Action by Citizens

- 100-150 people surveyed - residents said "NO" to the bus change
- we had 3 different Councillors
- our district was rezoned
- COVID hit
- many residents expressed their concern to Transit and Councillors directly and in writing, multiple times
- approx. 50 community members met Councillors
- signed 2 petitions (197-maintain & 212-alternate route)
- a motion was tabled to address our concerns to extend the route to the ferry for an additional \$50,000 (didn't match concerns)
- a dozen community members spoke against the shortening of the route at budget meeting
- we lost by one vote that was changed at the last minute



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“The MFTP is based on a set of four principles aimed at making transit a better, more efficient and attractive service”

Councillor Deagle-Gammon



Increased Costs

- **“There are no anticipated savings.”** from shortening the route
Councillor Deagle-Gammon
- 3 new stops will cost (\$6,000-\$12,000)
- snow removal
- will require a turning lane/stop light in the future



New Route Doesn't Save Time

- 3.5 km difference in total both ways
- wait to cross at busy intersection
- bus is scheduled to wait for 2 minutes at retaining wall
- 3 additional stop signs, more driveways, more mailboxes, soccer field, playground
- windy residential road vs straight fast Waverly Road
- wait to turn out of subdivision

Transit's rationale for Route 55 Change is "to increase the proportion of resources allocated towards high ridership services."

Decreasing Ridership/Service

- doesn't increase ridership to Craighburn
- reduce service to Waverly
- could increase service to other areas
-see our suggestions





Decreased Safety

- Waverly Road Residents - no safe way to travel unless by vehicle
- Craighburn Road Residents - additional traffic hazard, school loading zone with no sidewalks
- bus users- history of accidents including a fatality
- no safety report - only new driver training
 - **"We have some concerns about how the residents may park there in the evening".**
 - **"We felt we should have a left turning lane where the painted island is turning..."**

"There are no plans for a left turning lane." Councillor Deagle-Gammon



Options

- Maintain current route
- Reduce the service rather than eliminate
- Turn around on Rocklin Drive
- Turn around on Montague, near Conrad's entrance
- Purchase land from Conrad's
-create a park and ride

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