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Moving Forward Together Plan
Service Changes – District 6

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Route 53 Highfield

The new Route 53 Highfield is a local route which provides local service from Highfield Terminal to Alderney Gate, 7 days a week.

It will no longer travel along Victoria Rd or continue to Halifax during peak hours, but will go to Alderney Gate for a new connection to Halifax.

Rationale

- In order to provide two-way service along the entire route and provide a connection to Alderney Ferry Terminal, service has been removed from Victoria Road.

Benefit to Residents

- Providing two-way service simplifies the network, which is a principle of the Moving Forward Together Plan.
- The new Route 53 Highfield will provide a new connection between Highfield and Alderney Gate.

Response to Residents

- Passengers can transfer at Highfield Terminal to the Route 87, which travels along Victoria Road to Bridge Terminal.
- To get to Halifax, passengers who took the former Route 53 Notting Park can transfer at the Bridge Terminal to a high-frequency corridor route such as the Route 1, Route 3, Route 5 or Route 10.
- To continue to Summer St., passengers can transfer at Scotia Square to Route 9 A/B. During morning peak hours, passengers may transfer to any of the following Express Routes at Scotia Square to continue to Summer St.: 182, 183, 185 or 186 or 127.
- Passengers can also remain on Route 1 from Bridge Terminal as it intersects with Spring Garden Road and Summer St.
- Another option for passengers to get to Summer St. is to transfer at Alderney Ferry Terminal and take the ferry to downtown, and walk approximately 500m to Scotia Square to the routes described above.

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Route 54 Montebello

The Route 54 Montebello will undergo minor routing adjustments. It will follow similar routing from Montebello to Alderney Gate (Dartmouth) as the former Route 54, but will continue on to provide a new connection to the Bridge Terminal, 7 days/week.

Rationale

- To provide additional service to the residents of Keystone Village / Montebello area, the route will travel Breeze Drive, Columbo Drive and Appian Way.
- The route will not be travelling along small portions of Breeze Drive and Appian Way.

Benefit to Residents

- Route 54 Montebello will introduce more reliable and consistent service with better and more frequent transfer options for connections to other routes.

Response to Residents

- With this new routing adjustment a greater number of residents in the Keystone Village / Montebello area will now be within 500m of a transit stop.
- The routing adjustment provides an opportunity for riders to continue to the Bridge Terminal for additional transfer options.



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Route 55 Port Wallace

The adjusted Route 55 Port Wallace will follow similar routing as former 55 Port Wallace between Craighburn Drive to Ochterloney Street (Dartmouth) but will be adjusted to service both the Alderney Gate and Bridge Terminal.

- Due to low ridership, Route 55 will no longer provide service along Waverley Road between Montague Road and the Portobello turning loop, near Highway 118.
- Route 55 Port Wallace will travel Waverley Road to Charles Keating Drive and along a portion of Craighburn Drive.

Rationale

- Discontinuing service along parts the route which had low ridership allows for resources to be reinvested in sections of the route which have high ridership. This is consistent with Principle 1 of *Moving Forward Together Plan* which is to “increase the proportion of resources allocated toward high ridership services”.

Benefit to Residents

- Route 55 Port Wallace will provide a new connection to the Alderney Gate Ferry Terminal and introduce more reliable and consistent service.

Potential Responses to Resident Concerns

- Service was discontinued along a portion of Waverley Rd due to low ridership. The resources were reallocated from this low ridership area to provide service to Alderney Ferry Terminal as well as Bridge Terminal.
- The Regional Plan identifies Port Wallace as a potential future growth area, therefore to support the existing Route 55 riders and maintain a service which will support future growth, Halifax Transit has altered the routing to bring transit service closest to the most potential riders. In addition, Waverley Road north of Charles Keating Drive is outside of the municipality’s Urban Transit Service Boundary (UTSB).
- When new service is introduced on residential streets, Halifax Transit works with HRM Traffic & Right of Way Services to ensure there are no safety concerns along the route or at new bus stops.
- In most cases, buses stopping at bus stops generally slow down traffic in neighbourhoods. Halifax Transit buses travel daily along many suburban streets throughout HRM. Operators undergo rigorous training and are accustomed to adhering to posted speed limits and driving safely on main roads, as well as in suburban neighbourhoods where there may be a higher number of pedestrians.

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