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Hello,

My name is Douglas Wetmore, writing on behalf of the group It's More Than Buses, looking to deliver a 10 minute presentation to the Transportation Standing Committee February 27, 2025.

Halifax Transit finished the final phases of the Moving Forward Together Plan in November, 2024 and will be bringing forward its 2025-2026 Budget and Service Plan in the coming weeks. We would like to deliver a presentation on what we believe the committee should direct Halifax Transit to aim to achieve in the upcoming fiscal year. Specifically, we will be requesting the following service adjustments:

- Increase service on Corridor Route 3 to 15 minute frequency 7 days a week.
- Increase service on Corridor Route 4 to 15 minute frequency on weekends.
- Increase service on Corridor Route 5 to 15 minute frequency on weekends.
- Increase service on Corridor Route 7 to 15 minute frequency on weekends.
- Increase service on Corridor Route 8 to 15 minute frequency 7 days a week.
- Increase service on Corridor Routes 9+ to 15 minute frequency on weekends.

Additionally, we'd like the committee to request Halifax Transit put forward what resources would be required to achieve the following:

- Increase service on Route 21 to 30 minute frequency 7 days a week.
- Increase service on Route 28 to 30 minute frequency on Sundays.
- Increase service on Route 30+ to 30 minute frequency on Sundays.
- Increase service on Route 90 to 30 minute frequency on Sundays.
- Increase service on the Alderney Ferry to 15 minute service on weekends during the Summer season.

Finally, we'd like to ask the committee to direct Halifax Transit to explore options to increase capacity of Articulated Buses in the short term to both address overcrowding, and ease strain on the current limited capacity of Articulated Buses.

We intend to connect with Halifax Transit leadership as well as the ATU Local 508 should they be available to discuss these topics, and may make slight adjustments to the specifics of this request based on information received.

Should you have any questions/require more information on this presentation, please let us know and we would be glad to follow-up.

Sincerely,
Douglas Wetmore

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It's More Than Buses

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territory of the Mi'kmaq people.