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Item No. 11.6.1

Request for Council's Consideration

X Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one week prior to the meeting)	☐ Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one day prior to the meeting)	☐ Request from the Floor

Date of Council Meeting: May 18, 2021

Subject: Explore possible land purchase for route 55 turnaround.

Motion for Council to Consider:

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report regarding options and financial implications of a potential purchase of land to enable a bus turnaround at or near the new termination of route 55 in order to enable the return of the inbound leg of route 55 to the Waverley Road.

Reason:

The primary reason routing the new route 55 down Craigburn is that there is currently no safe place for a bus to turn around on the Waverley Road.

Historically the entire subdivision has been adequately served by bus stops on the Waverley Road, as none of the houses between Waverley and Lake Charles are more than 500 feet from a bus stop. Additionally, removing the bus stop located in from of 739 Waverley Road disadvantages those that live on the east side of Waverley Road, specifically the Lynwood/Wilcot area.

The MFTP changes to route 55 are to shorten the route due to low ridership thereby increasing the route times and allowing for extension to the Ferry Terminal. A turning loop on Waverley Road would give more time for the route as needed to fulfill its goal for time/duration of trips and could create a safe spot for the bus to stop off road out of traffic if required to when at the time point.

That would give staff direction to talk to Conrods and any other nearby land owner in that area of Waverley Road about a possible purchase.

Outcome Sought: An alternate turning loop for Transit Bus 55 along the Waverley Road.

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