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RESOLUTION R-37-13

APPROVING 2013 TRANSIT SERVICE MODIFICATIONS

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WHEREAS, Resolution R-26-13 calls for the implementation of transit service modifications in August 2013 with the goal of achieving a \$4,000 savings in the 2013 budget; and

WHEREAS, Metro Transit staff prepared several service modifications that will affect service in Fitchburg, some with the goal of addressing budget constraints for Fitchburg and others with the goal of addressing problems on current routes; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held by the Madison Transit and Parking Commission on Wednesday, April 10 and the Fitchburg Transportation and Transit Commission on Thursday, April 11 to discuss the proposed modifications and allow for public input and comments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2013 modifications that affect service in Fitchburg, which were presented at the Public Hearings, include the following:

- 1. Route 16 – Minor schedule adjustments with trips shifted by a half hour on weeknight and weekends to better coordinate schedule with other routes at the South Transfer Point
- 2. Route 18 – Removal of service on ~~Red Arrow Trail and Creseent Road in Belmar and the removal of service on~~ the Beltline Frontage Road and the Greenway/Coho loop until 7 pm on weekdays and adjusting the 4 PM to 6 PM trips to operate every 40 minutes between the West Transfer Point and the South Transfer Point (as opposed to 30 minutes), resulting in one less trip (4 total) in each direction during that time (~\$6,100 savings in 2013)
- 3. Route 40 – Splitting the route during mid-day hours to alternate service between the Hatchery Hill loop and a Greenway/Coho Street/Stewart St. loop (~\$2,500 savings in 2013)
- 4. Route 44 – Eliminating the 5:56 am trip from Nobel and Fish Hatchery Road to the South Transfer Point (~\$1,050 savings in 2013)
- 5. Route 47 – Eliminating the 5:51 a.m. trip (~\$900 savings in 2013), and

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WHEREAS, following the Public Hearing, no changes were recommended to the proposed service modifications, resulting in the above list serving as the final recommended service modifications for 2013, and

WHEREAS, the final recommended service modifications will fulfill the 2013 budget reduction as approved through Resolution R-26-13.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Fitchburg Common Council that it approves the 2013 transit service modifications for Routes 16, 18, 40, 44, and 47 in the City of Fitchburg, ~~as recommended by Metro Transit~~, and authorizes implementation of these modifications in August 2013.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2013.

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City of Fitchburg

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Sponsored by: Mayor

Drafted by: Public Works

TITLE: Approving 2013 Transit Service Modifications

Background: Following Resolution R-26-13, Fitchburg staff has worked closely with Metro Transit staff to identify route modifications that would address the budget constraints for 2013. It should be noted that the budget shortfall can be fulfilled with only the Route 40, 44, and 47 changes. The Route 18 modifications will result in a savings to Fitchburg, but were not recommended by the City of Fitchburg to resolve the budget issues. Rather, Metro Transit has proposed the Route 18 modifications to address their chronic scheduling issues that are problematic on this route, which ripple through the entire system.

Staff is concerned with the removal of Route 18 service from Belmar, but recognizes the need to eliminate this loop from the service area for Route 18. The savings that are generated by the Route 18 modifications will create some flexibility as we consider route modifications to the Jamestown neighborhood which will be necessary in 2014. It should be noted that Middleton has agreed to delay their changes to the summer of 2014 to allow more time to evaluate service solutions for the Route 52 service in Jamestown. So at this point in time, there are no proposed changes to the Jamestown service for 2013.

Order	Referred To	Staff Contact	Place on Agenda For	Action Taken On Referral
1	Transportation and Transit Commission	Bizjak	May 9, 2013	Amended
2	Finance	Roach	May 14, 2013	
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Amendments: TTC amended the resolution to maintain Route 18 service on the Crescent/Red Arrow loop in response to feedback and concerns that have been received for this service proposal. The supplemental information provides a description for why Metro Transit is proposing this change along with a Proposal B, which maintains service on Crescent/Red Arrow Trail but modifies the 4 PM to 6 PM service to a 40-minute trip (as opposed to a 30-minute trip) which reduces the overall number of trips during that time by one. The Public Comments that have been received by Metro is also included; all of the starred items are specific to service changes that impact Fitchburg.