

TRANSIT AND PARKING COMMISSION COVER SHEET

AGENDA ITEM Transit - Related Items/Exec. Sec. Report	MEETING DATE February 14, 2006
ITEM TRANSIT TOPICS: Status Report: West/South-side Route Restructure plans	
ID Number E.1	Council report back due date: NA
OTHER REFERRALS AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE: NA	
<p>STAFF DISCUSSION OF ITEM: Dear TPC members: For this item on the Agenda, Sharon Persich (Planning and Scheduling Mgr.) and Colin Conn (Scheduler) will be making a half-hour presentation of the currently planned route changes for implementation in the Fall of 2006. The purpose of route restructure is to reduce duplication, find efficiencies, and maximize ridership potential in our route services. These changes will produce important operational savings – useful to the 2007 budget process. <u>The following are some improvements we have identified to date in the proposed route changes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Significant improvement in service design for Middleton – with intro of NWTP; (b) Significant improvement in service to Hilldale re-development with re-routing of Route 2; (c) New connecting service between STP and ETP; (d) Simplification of Route identification and patterns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route 6 – by ending it at WTP, and designating a new Route 67 for connection between WTP and West Towne Mall, we obtain a significant reduction in “vias” and use Route numbering instead. • Route 5 – by splitting two “vias” into two routes with separate ID #s. • Routes 40 and 47: by consolidating service on Grandview rather than splitting it between Grandview and Todd Drive for greater consistency of service in the Arbor Hills area. • Routes 8 and 15 – by discontinuing Route 8 on the far west side and expanding Route 15 to operate all day (rather than commuter hours only), there will be greater consistency of service in that service area. • Routes 21 and 27 – simplification and greater consistency of service on the northside with re-introduction of Route 21 all day-long and discontinuation of Route 27 north of the north transfer point. • Routes 41,42,43 – will be discontinued and replaced by Route 16 on the southside and augmented by Routes 11/12, providing simpler, more consistent pattern of service on the southside. (e) Introduction of direct connection from WTP to west campus, using Route 11. (f) Introduction of direct connection from STP to campus, using Route 49 (replacing segments of current Route 27); (g) ETP Park & Ride lot; (h) New South Campus Loop connecting new dorms and offices to other campus areas; (i) Increased frequency off-peak on University Avenue at Capital Avenue and beyond; (j) A higher level of service at Sheboygan Avenue – where overloads tend to occur; (k) Added service on Fish Hatchery; (l) <u>Potentially</u> – greater similarity between weekday and weekend service. <p>Further service extensions might be made depending on results of four surveys being conducted in the following areas currently unserved: Blackhawk, High Point – Raymond, Cross Country, and Marsh Rd/Siggelkow. During the month of March, Metro has scheduled many listening sessions in the areas where service changes are to be made in order to be able to “tweek” the proposals before they go to TPC public hearing in a May/June timeframe. The info will be widely disseminated on-board buses and available on our website to solicit additional feedback.</p>	
FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Service changes are within budget for 2006 and will produce savings in 2007.	
MATERIALS PRESENTED WITH ITEM: NA	
STAFF RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE: As indicated above.	
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