



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Planning & Building Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Chad Jeffery, Manager Planning Services

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Report Number: PBS-2019-17

Subject: Tecumseh Transit System (TTS)
Proposed Route Modification Tecumseh Transit Service
OUR FILE: T03 TTS

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That the Tecumseh Transit System (TTS) route **be revised** through:

- i) the introduction of a bus stop at the Food Basics grocery store located within the commercial plaza currently under construction at the northwest corner of the Manning Road/Amy Croft intersection; and
- ii) the removal of the existing bus stop located at the Sobeys' grocery store located within the commercial plaza at the southeast corner of the Manning Road/Amy Croft intersection;

And that Administration **be authorized** to coordinate the above-noted changes to the TTS route with First Student Canada and the Owner of the commercial plaza located at the northwest corner of the Manning Road/Amy Croft intersection.

Background

Since its inception in December of 2009, the TTS has undergone numerous revisions in an attempt to optimize the route by making it more accessible and efficient. Some of these changes have been as a result of periodic reviews while other changes have come as a result of a specific service request or a change in land use along the route.

The current iteration of the TTS route was introduced in May of 2018 after an extensive public consultation process that resulted in route revisions, including removing some bus stop locations and adding others, in an attempt to enhance accessibility and to minimize delays in service. It appears that these changes have, to an extent, achieved these objectives and the new route seems to be operating relatively smoothly. In its current form, the TTS currently provides service to 43 bus stops throughout the Town, with one stop in the City of Windsor (Tecumseh Mall) and one stop in the Town of Lakeshore (Sobey's Plaza).

Due to a recent commercial development within the Town of Tecumseh, a minor revision to the current TTS route is deemed appropriate at this time. The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with the suggested modification to the TTS route.

Comments

Proposed Route Modification

In late 2018, construction began on a new commercial plaza on a 2.0 hectare (5.0 acre) property located at the northwest corner of the Manning Road/Amy Croft Drive intersection (1675 Manning Road) (see Attachment 1). The primary tenant of this development is a Food Basics grocery store. Construction of the grocery store is nearing completion, with its opening scheduled for late June 2019.

In light of the upcoming opening, Town Administration, in consultation with First Student Canada, have reviewed the existing route/scheduling and believe that the addition of a new bus stop at this location is merited. It appears that this position is supported by the ridership, many of whom have been requesting this stop in anticipation of the grocery store opening. Providing for a stop at the Food Basics grocery store would also provide better transit access to the East Pointe Trail Plaza to the south. Given the scale of commercial development now being realized in this vicinity on the Town of Tecumseh side of Manning Road, it is reasonable that an improved transit service be provided to these lands.

After reviewing the travel time of the TTS bus in the context of the current route, and taking into account the objective of maintaining a one-hour headway, it is anticipated that the existing bus stop at the Sobey's Plaza in the Town of Lakeshore would need to be removed in order to avoid transit delays (see Attachment 1). Currently, the TTS experiences frequent delays at the Manning Road/Amy Croft intersection in order to access the Sobey's Plaza, and then again, when attempting to depart the Sobey's Plaza.

It should be noted that implementing a bus stop at the Food Basics grocery store will still result in a bus stop being within 400 metres of the Sobey's Plaza. This distance is often considered a reasonable walking distance and has been used to establish the existing TTS "service area". In addition, there are sidewalks connecting the two locations and the intersection of Manning Road/Amy Croft Drive is signalized and accommodates pedestrian movements.

Installation of Bus Stop at Food Basics

Town Administration has been in contact with the Owner/developer of the Food Basics commercial development and has received support for the proposed bus stop. Final location of the bus stop sign will be coordinated with the Owner once construction has been completed. It is anticipated that the proposed route modification will come into effect in July of 2019.

Public Notification of Bus Route Change

In order to inform the public and TTS ridership of the proposed change, signage will be placed on the bus advising of the route change and notice will be given on the Town's webpage and through social media. In addition, signage will be placed at the existing Sobeys Plaza bus stop.

Administration has also been in contact with Town of Lakeshore Administration advising them of the proposed route modification.

Summary

In summary, it is the opinion of Town Administration that the introduction of a bus stop at the Food Basics grocery store located within the commercial plaza currently under construction at the northwest corner of the Manning Road/Amy Croft intersection is warranted. In addition, in order to facilitate this addition while maintaining a one-hour headway and to avoid the recurring traffic delays noted above, it is recommended that the existing bus stop located at the Sobeys grocery store located within the commercial plaza in the Town of Lakeshore at the southeast corner of the Manning Road/Amy Croft intersection be removed.

Consultations

Planning & Building Services
First Student Canada

Financial Implications

None

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2017-18 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that the Town of Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of the Town of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Communications

Not applicable

Website

Social Media

News Release

Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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Attachment Number	Attachment Name
1	Proposed TTS Route Modification Map

