Southwest Transitway – Project Overview

- Stage 2 of the Southwest Transitway is 7.6 km long and will link Stage 1 (which runs from Downtown to the Pembina Underpass) with the University of Manitoba and the surrounding suburban neighbourhoods.

Why Rapid Transit?

- Development of a rapid transit system is a key component of the City’s Transportation Master Plan, providing citizens with a viable alternative to the automobile, reducing road congestion and greenhouse gas emissions while building a transportation system that will serve future generations.
- The population in southwest Winnipeg is projected to grow by 40% by 2031, with limited opportunities to expand roadways.
- Transit ridership has been growing faster than the rate of population growth for several years.
- Traffic congestion on major streets is affecting Winnipeg Transit’s ability to maintain fast, frequent, on-time service.

What are the benefits of Rapid Transit?

- Improved service between downtown and all of southwest Winnipeg, including the University of Manitoba.
- High schedule reliability, high frequency service, no traffic delays.
- Modern, accessible, heated stations with real-time passenger information.
- Enhanced service for Investors Group Field events thanks to a new event-day station.
- Buses can operate at up to 80 km/h.
- Two large Park & Ride lots for daily commuters and for events at Investors Group Field.
- Separated bicycle/pedestrian pathways alongside the entire Transitway.
- Encourages high-density development on adjacent lands.

Key Dates

- Council approval of project: June 2014
- RFQ released: September 2014
- RFQ shortlist released: March 2015
- Preferred Proponent selection: Spring 2016
- RFP released: July 2015
- Construction: July 2016
- Testing & Commissioning: December 2019
- In Service: Spring 2020