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City of Winnipeg seeks public input for two transit projects

Winnipeg, MB – The City of Winnipeg is kicking off two major transit projects today and inviting Winnipeggers to share their input over the next month.

Winnipeg Transit Master Plan

The City wants to hear from Winnipeggers about the future of our transit system to help shape the Winnipeg Transit Master Plan. The Winnipeg Transit Master Plan is a 25-year plan that will cover all aspects of the transit system – Transit, Rapid Transit, and Transit Plus (formerly Handi-Transit) service and infrastructure.

“We expect Winnipeg to be home to nearly one million people within the next 25 years and our transit system needs to grow along with the city,” said Kevin Sturgeon, Senior Transit Planner. “This project will give us an opportunity to talk to Winnipeggers about what’s important to them in a transit system for the future.”

In the first phase of public engagement, the project team will talk to Winnipeggers about how they currently use transit services, what is important to them, and what they would like to see in the future. The information gathered will be presented in a report that identifies key areas of study for the Transit Master Plan project.

From March 15 to April 20, Winnipeggers are invited to provide input online, by email at: transitmasterplan@winnipeg.ca, or in person at one of five open houses, or at one of six pop-up events throughout the city.

Open house details:

Date	Time	Location
April 9, 2019	3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	South Winnipeg Community Centre – Waverley Site 1885 Chancellor Dr.
April 10, 2019	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Transcona East End Community Centre, 517 Pandora Ave E.

April 11, 2019	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Seven Oaks Arena, 745 Kingsbury Ave.
April 16, 2019	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Sturgeon Heights Community Centre, 210 Rita St.
April 17, 2019	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain, 340 Provencher Blvd.

Pop-up details:

Date	Time	Location
April 4, 2019	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Charleswood Library, 4910 Roblin Blvd.
April 5, 2019	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Windsor Park Library, 1195 Archibald St.
April 6, 2019	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	St. Norbert Farmers Market, 3514 Pembina Hwy.
April 8, 2019	4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Elmwood Kildonans Pool, 909 Concordia Ave.
April 12, 2019	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Merchants Corner, 541 Selkirk Ave.
April 13, 2019	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Linden Woods Community Centre, 414 Lindenwood Dr. W.

Work on the Transit Master Plan will continue throughout the year, with an anticipated completion date in 2020.

For more information on the Winnipeg Transit Master Plan, please visit: winnipeg.ca/transitmasterplan

Southwest Rapid Transitway Route Planning

Winnipeg Transit is proposing improvements to bus routes in southwest Winnipeg to coincide with the opening of the Southwest Transitway (Stage 2) in spring 2020, including a new spine and feeder network, subject to Council approval.

The implementation of the proposed new routes using a spine and feeder network will ensure optimal use of Winnipeg Transit's resources so that it can improve the delivery of efficient, fast, and reliable transit service for residents in the southwest of the City.

The proposed network changes include a central spine, with feeder routes. The proposed BLUE Line is the backbone of the Southwest Transitway, providing frequent high-speed service between Downtown, the University of Manitoba and St. Norbert. Short routes will connect neighborhoods in southwest Winnipeg to the transitway but will not operate on the transitway.

A mobile Ideas in Motion bus will be popping up in communities throughout southwest Winnipeg in early April where residents will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposed system and route changes, and share their input with the project team in person. An [online survey](#) is also available on the project website until April 15, 2019.

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	University of Manitoba Station Dafoe Rd. @ Gillson St.
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Osborne Junction Bus Loop Pembina Hwy. @ Osborne St.
Thursday, April 4, 2019	2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	University of Manitoba Station Dafoe Rd. @ Gillson St.
Saturday, April 6, 2019	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	St. Norbert Farmers' Market Eagles Club, 3459 Pembina Hwy.
Monday, April 8, 2019	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.	South Pointe School 615 Kirkbridge Dr.
Monday, April 8, 2019	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Kenaston Common 1665 Kenaston Blvd. (Walmart parking lot)



Input gathered throughout the public engagement process will help further refine the proposed route improvements before recommending changes to Council for its approval in advance of the opening of the second stage of the Southwest Transitway.

For more information on the Southwest Rapid Transitway (Stage 2) project, please visit winnipeg.ca/southwestrapidtransitway.

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