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Subject: RE: Phase II LRT and Bayswater Avenue

Cc: "Leiper, Jeff" <Jeff.Leiper@ottawa.ca>

Good morning _____,

Thank you for your email on the City's proposal to look at Bayswater Avenue as a temporary detour option for the replacement bus service during O-Train Trillium Line construction, starting in 2020, for approximately 16 months. Others, including Councillor Leiper, have also expressed concerns about this option.

As the report mentions, this is one of the detours staff planned to engage the community on as there are many factors that are at play. And we have been meeting with Councillor Leiper and the Chairs of both the Transportation Committee and the Transit Commission to look at the merits of the Sherwood/Bayswater route vs Preston Street with a view to reviewing the potential benefits for transit customers as well as looking at residential impacts.

Due to the level of interest and high community concern, staff devoted more time this week to take a closer look at the comparison of the Preston Street option with the Sherwood/Bayswater option.

The result of this additional work is that City staff are recommending that the replacement bus service operate on Preston Street, where transit service can most effectively be provided for current and future customers of the O-Train Trillium Line. Staff are not recommending to make any physical changes, nor to direct any regular bus operation, to Bayswater Avenue or Sherwood Drive.

There will still be a need for short-term detours, for instance when Preston Street is closed for festivals, construction, or emergencies. At those times, OC Transpo operational staff, along with City traffic staff, will select short-term detour routes that best accommodate the closure and best serve transit customers. Some of those short-term detours may, as they have in the past, include Bayswater and Sherwood, just as they may include other streets such as Booth and Rochester.

I appreciate your concerns, and they have been helpful to us in our considerations. And, thank you for your comments on Stage II of the LRT, this will be a huge benefit to all residents of our great City.

Regards,

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