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Agenda item (number and title): Agenda item: Report of the Standing Policy Committee Meeting on Public Works dated June 11, 2024 - Primary Transit Network Service Implementation Plan

Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: N/A
Comments in writing: Please take a moment to review 11+ questions below, that remain unanswered regarding Transit plan to run #28 main line bus along a residential street and through a residential neighbourhood, rather than skirting it:

1. Transit and City council till now seem to view community concern & participation as a thorn in the side of this project, rather than something that can add value to a functional transit system. Do you believe that community consultation and/or collaboration is important to the success of city projects that impact residents? Do you believe that residents have a right to consolation and collaboration? Does this equate a slow-down to a plan, or is it possible that a plan remains on schedule and meets needs more expediently with more information from the beginning?
2. Transit did not conduct a meaningful impact study to the changes made in this area, and this had to be done privately by a group of resident volunteers. Do you agree that Transits study was inappropriate and lacking? Do you think the results of this community survey, which filled this gap, are interesting and should be impactful?
3. We all agree that efficiency and economy of a Transit system are important. However, should a busline routing override all other projects? Or are other considerations also important and to be taken into consideration? (For example safety of children, health and wellbeing of residents, quality of life for residents, community impact, etc) Is it possible that all priorities can co-exist and support each other?
4. What we are seeing again here is a core area being sacrificed for the demands of new developments. Is it reasonable that residents should be satisfied with having an inferior bus service, negative community impacts and having to put aside its needs and concerns because the city wants to use the same amount of buses to serve a larger area? Has the million dollar figure + 800k operating costs that was tossed out by Transit [to provide an additional smaller line to connect to a larger line

running down Sherbrook/Maryland service to a larger line] actually been examined? A small on demand connector bus could be hired privately at far below this cost.
5. As far as is understood, there has not been an engineering review of what impact ~150 large buses/ day would or could have on an historic residential street such as Arlington, as well as the impact to the structures and homes along it. Do you think it is reasonable to expect that this should be conducted? At who's expense?
6. Do you think it would be advisable and part of protocol that before Transit plans a route that involves ~150/day meters away from a daycare are well as an elementary school, that the principal might be informed and consulted with such a plan? What safety studies have been conducted regarding re-routing? [Other safety issues have also been noted.] If not, why not?
7. If this bus route plows ahead, against safety and other concerns put forth by residents, and there is an accident involving a pedestrian, cyclist, child, how will this executive committee be taking responsibility? What recourse will there be for action and justice should this plan have adverse effects in other ways?
8. Do you think changing a residential street into a major bus artery will have an effect on the community as well as the physical and mental well being of the residents? Has any psycho-social impact study been conducted?
9. The perception of any kind of fair and democratic process that should be upheld by City Hall, as well as the perception of it within this segment of Winnipeg been marred by this process. How will his experience impact future city projects in this neighbourhood?
10. Do you believe that different city departments should be in collaboration with major changes? Ie. Public works and Transit in this case? Why do you think this didn't happen?
11. Councillor Lukes said there would be a review after one year should this plan proceed. What measurements would be used to conduct a follow-up review? What baseline study is being done now or in the near future so that any review is meaningful? What results would indicate a positive or negative outcome or would signal a need for a route adjustment? Would there be a hold on infrastructure building until a review is complete?
12. Are you aware that the majority of members of the Old Grace cooperative, a project that was given the go-ahead by council some years ago, are against this project? Citing also concerns about safely accessing Handi Transit? Have these concerns been addressed and if not, why not?
13. Arlington Street is the main road for firetrucks and other emergency vehicles to enter the neighbourhood. Has it been looked at if a firetruck can pass an oncoming bus with vehicles parked along the side? What are the results of this investigation?

It would be hoped that these questions be looked at before proceeding.
Sincerely, very concerned Wolseley resident
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Public engagement preference: Yes