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Agenda item (number and title): Executive Policy Committee Report of the Standing Policy Committee Meeting on Public Works dated June 11, 2024 - Item 4. Primary Transit Network Service Implementation Plan

Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: N/A
Comments in writing: I hope to persuade you to send Transit's master plan back to the drawing board due to insufficient community consultation in the Wolseley neighbourhood.

The proposed changes (that will see the No. 28 bus introduced, using Arlington and Wolseley as its main route through the neighbourhood) are too drastic to be implemented with the very small amount of community dialogue that has taken place to date.
QUESTION: Why must the plan be pushed through when the citizens of the very neighbourhood the changes are supposed to serve are unclear about their benefits to us?
REQUEST: Please ask Transit to meet with us. We are organized and willing.

Transit's master plan for Wolseley is at odds with the City's Public Works Department's plans to make Wolseley Avenue a new greenway with speed bars, a 30-kilometre an hour speed limit (already in place) and other traffic calming measures.
QUESTION: How is Public Works' greenway plan compatible with Transit's plan to introduce the No. 28 bus that will use the same Wolseley Avenue as its east/west route?
REQUEST: Please ask Transit to meet with us. Now is the time for consultation and amendments to the plan. Let us not wait for a child or a cyclist to be injured or killed to rethink it.
NOTE: I drove past Mulvey School on Friday, June 14 at about 3:40pm. The congestion around the school was remarkable - adults stopped momentarily for kids to get into the car; school buses pulled up for kids to board; my own car, pedestrians, and cyclists of all ages added to the traffic. As I drove through, I wondered how this daily occurrence (early mornings, at lunch, and after school) can possibly be reconciled with Transit's plan for the No. 28 bus.

Change is necessary to keep up with the evolving needs of citizens, but major change introduced without proper community consultation is not only difficult but unnecessary. What is the point of meeting a deadline if the plan being implemented is neither understood nor wanted by the citizens it is designed to serve? How is this possibly "service" by our elected representatives or the City's employees?

Please show the leadership an executive policy committee must show at times when competing interests are at play. Please table Transit's master plan until further consultations have taken place.

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Public engagement preference: Yes