

SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 1 – STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS - PRIMARY TRANSIT NETWORK
COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTIONAL PLAN

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Committee you want to address

Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

PW 1

Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments

PW 1. TRANSIT CHANGES On a positive note, this plan seems to have been laid out logically. It makes very large, radical changes. Odds are that paying customers may be scared away from using transit. In dissent, one must realize that Transit communications have been based on untrue claims for many years.

There is no indication that the authors have considered the downside for customers in having to wait for a second bus to complete their trip. Some folks will have longer commute times. In trying to emulate larger systems, Transit seems to be ignoring the fact that users of bigger systems have fewer alternatives than do many Winnipeggers. Mess with a NYC customer, and they still ride the next week. For many Winnipeg transit customers, if you mess with them. they carpool or drive the next week instead. BRT failed, because it takes longer off-peak, and failed to take passengers directly to their previous destinations, along Pembina and downtown. Expect more of your riders to vote with their feet in 2025.

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes