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**Delegation information**

**Committee you want to address**
Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

**Agenda item you want to address (number and title)**
Item No. 2 - Proposed Transit Changes for June 2026 Implementation

**Support or oppose recommendations**
I support the recommendations

**Submit comments in writing checkbox**
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**Comments**
I support the planned changes to transit route D16, and the creation of the route D18. However, I believe the inbound terminal for route D18 should be adjusted from City Hall to near Portage & Main Junction.
This would ensure the connection between Red River College Polytechnic and Portage & Main is kept, as the D16 is the only route that connects the two locations directly. The planned routing of the D18 severs the connection with any routes south of City Hall. Passengers wishing to transfer to a BLUE or any other route that passes through the corridor would have to transfer to an FX2 or FX3 to connect with a BLUE or other route, or walk from City Hall. Many passengers, regardless of possible mobility issues, would not want to walk more than 500m for a bus connection, nor transfer from one bus to another for a short ride. While the idea of transferring from a spine route to a feeder route works, transferring from spine to spine to spine should be minimal.
My suggested routing for the inbound D18 would be via William, left on King St, right on James Ave, right on Main St, right on Graham Ave, right on Fort St to a stop between Graham and Fort for the layover. Currently, short-turn FX4 buses use this spot as their layover before they enter service to return to Polo Park. This is an ideal layover spot as it does not interfere with the D12 and D13 stop located nearside Portage Avenue, and it uses a location that is already used by transit buses. Outbound D18 buses would operate via Fort St, Notre Dame Ave, right on King St, left on William Ave to the proposed D18 routing.
This routing would significantly benefit riders travelling between Red River College Polytechnic and Downtown.

**Public engagement (optional)**

**I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.**
No

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