

Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – June 10, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 5 Transit Route FX2 Changes

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works referred the following to the 2027 Budget Process:

1. A feasibility study and public consultation on extending the FX2 route southward along Aldgate, effective no later than the fall schedule.
2. That the extension shall maintain the current or improved frequency (e.g., every 10–15 minutes during peak periods, 20–30 minutes off-peak) to match the FX2’s existing service standards.
3. A plan, timeline, and cost estimate for the extension to Aldgate, including potential ridership projections.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS the Primary Transit Network (PTN) replaced previous local routes with a focus on higher-frequency corridors;

AND WHEREAS prior to the PTN transition, residents of River Park South, including the area as far south as Aldgate, regularly used the equivalent of the FX2 service;

AND WHEREAS since the switch to the PTN, the FX2's southern terminus no longer adequately serves the River Park South community, leaving a significant gap in coverage;

AND WHEREAS transit officials have reported a marked decline in ridership including River Park South residents, who have largely stopped using the service due to reduced geographic reach;

AND WHEREAS residents have expressed clear demand for reliable, frequent transit access to employment centres, schools, and amenities north of the neighborhood;

AND WHEREAS extending the FX2 as far south as Aldgate would restore direct, one-seat transit service to a densely populated area, while the existing high-frequency design of the FX2 would support increased overall ridership;

AND WHEREAS Development along the west side of St. Mary's Road between Britannica and Warde has increased density, while council approved low parking ratios on the basis of St. Mary's being a transit corridor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works refer the following to the 2027 Budget Process:

1. A feasibility study and public consultation on extending the FX2 route southward along Aldgate, effective no later than the fall schedule.
2. That the extension shall maintain the current or improved frequency (e.g., every 10–15 minutes during peak periods, 20–30 minutes off-peak) to match the FX2's existing service standards.
3. A plan, timeline, and cost estimate for the extension to Aldgate, including potential ridership projections.

Carried

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

The following persons submitted communications:

- Dallas Wood in support of the matter
- Anie Thomas in support of the matter

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 5, 2026, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works laid over consideration of the following motion to its meeting on June 10, 2026:

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AND WHEREAS Development along the west side of St. Mary's Road between Britannica and Warde has increased density, while council approved low parking ratios on the basis of St. Mary's being a transit corridor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg Transit officials direct transit planners to conduct a feasibility study and public consultation on extending the FX2 route southward along Aldgate, effective no later than the fall schedule.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the extension shall maintain the current or improved frequency (e.g., every 10–15 minutes during peak periods, 20–30 minutes off-peak) to match the FX2's existing service standards.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that transit officials report back to the SPC Public Works within 90 days with a plan, timeline, and cost estimate for the extension to Aldgate, including potential ridership projections.