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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 10/22/2015
Common Council Item Number: 15-3600	Date: 11/3/2015
Submitted By: Fred Abadi- Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval of Service Changes to Routes 9 and 16 Effective November 30th	

Details:
 This item is to change the Routes 9 and 16 to better serve the Easter Seals facility on Airport Rd. effective November 30th. The changes would be to eliminate the Route 16 3:45 pm trip leaving the Transit Center to Easter Seals and replace it with service from the Route 9 trip leaving the Transit Center at 2:25 pm. Easter Seals had approached Transit this summer to see if an adjustment to the Route 16 to an earlier time was feasible because their program times had changed and now was ending at 2:30 pm. The current Route 16 pm trip does not arrive to Easter Seals until 3:54 pm. Adjusting the existing Route 16 to the 2:30 pm time was not an option as that bus is used for school route service at that time. Transit would have to have another bus go out in the afternoon which would increase costs of having an additional driver and bus. Easter Seals staff and Transit staff then went through a number of scenarios and the best options for all would be to have the Route 9 2:25 pm trip operate to Easter Seals on the outbound trip. The bus would arrive at Easter Seals at 2:35 pm which would much better accommodate Easter Seals. With this change, there would be no need for the later Route 16 time so that could be deleted as ridership data has shown that the Route 16 is only being used by people in the Easter Seals program. This change in time may help ridership as the timing of the pick up would greatly improve.

Options & Alternatives:
 The option presented is the most feasible. There is the option of having an additional bus out, however, Transit would incur the additional costs of paying the driver and the costs of operating the bus. Leaving the service as is would not serve Easter Seals well and would likely lead to a decline in ridership.

Financial Remarks:
 The costs of implementing these changes is minimal as there are other minor adjustments being made to the service at the same time.



Executive Recommendation:
Recommend approval.