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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 12/7/2023
Common Council Item Number: ID#23-8213	Date: 12/19/2023
Submitted By: Alex Damien, Director of Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Anthony Brown, City Administrator AB
Finance Department Review: Joseph Ciurro, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Review and act on Proposed Elimination of Operating Route 2/3 on Sundays Effective January 15, 2024	

Details:
 This item is to review and act on proposed elimination of operating Route 2/3 on Sundays effective January 15, 2024. The Route 2/3 is the combined Route 2 and 3 that operates on weekends and was first implemented June 4, 2023 with the System Re-design. This elimination is proposed as ridership on Sunday on Route 2/3 is relatively low averaging 46 trips, 4.7 passenger/revenue hour. More importantly, Route 1 can serve 36 of the trips, 78%, directly or within 1/4 -1/3 mile including service to Woodman's which is by far the top trip generator on Sundays for Route 2/3. In addition, Waukesha Metro provides Sunday service to other retail store locations in the Waukesha area for Target, Kohl's, Aldi's that are on the Route 2/3. Although most passengers would continue to be served by Route 1 a public hearing is still required and will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 5:30 pm at the Transit Commission meeting to consider comments from the public about the proposed elimination.

It should be noted that SEWRPC did not recommend operating Route 2/3 on Sundays in the System Re-design of the Transit Development Plan as SEWRPC recommended establishing bus stops on Route 1 by Woodman's and Goodwill at Nike Dr. The bus stop locations on Main St. near these locations had not been established in time for the June Re-design launch so Route 2/3 Sunday service was included in the June 4th service changes to ensure service was provided to Woodman's and Goodwill and to gauge the level of ridership at the other locations along the route.

This proposed change would reduce Sunday revenue service hours by 9.73 and total driver hours by 10.03. The Route 2/3 on Saturday would be unaffected by this change.

Options & Alternatives:
 The only alternative would be to continue to operate Route 2/3 on Sundays however the efficiencies and cost savings would not be realized.

Financial Remarks:

This proposed change would save at least \$500 per Sunday and an annualized savings of at least \$26,000.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.