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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 4/21/2022
Common Council Item Number: ID#22-3968	Date: 5/3/2022
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Finance Department Review: Denise Vandebush-Kohlman, Interim Finance Director DVK	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney
Subject: Review and act on Proposed Service Changes Effective Fall 2022	

Details:
 This item is to review and act on a number of proposed changes effective Fall 2022 including:

1. Re-routing of Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 3/15, 5/6 & 7/8 near the Transit Center to create more efficient and safer routing of buses once the North Street two-way conversion is completed in Fall 2022. One of the major benefits of the North Street two-way project is that it will allow for safer and more efficient bus movements in and around the Transit Center. The Transit Center was designed with the intention that both St. Paul Ave and North St. would be two-way streets. When the North Street conversion is complete, the plan is to change the bus bay assignments at the Transit Center for a number of routes and make minor routing changes near the Transit Center to eliminate as many left turns as possible. No bus stops aside from the changes to bus bay assignments at the Transit Center on Routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 15, 3/15 & 5/6 will be affected by this proposed change.
2. Operate Route 6 on North St. in both directions to better serve passengers living on North St. Currently Route 6 operates in the outbound direction (away from the Transit Center) on North St. due to it being one way. This change would eliminate service on St. Paul Ave. north of Wisconsin Ave. in the inbound direction. This change would also facilitate a very convenient and safe right hand turn into the Transit Center from North St. It would also eliminate bus stops at St. Paul Ave at Wisconsin Ave. (in the pedestrian island) and at Fuller St. A bus stop is proposed to be added on the south side of North St. just southwest of Emily St. In addition, the bus stop at North St. at St. Paul Ave. is proposed to be eliminated due to safety and traffic flow concerns.
3. Route 7 & 7/8 operate in both directions on the new ProHealth private drive between Lawndale Ave. and Madison St. This change is needed due to the planned vacation of Fairview Ave which the Route 7 & 7/8 currently operate. ProHealth is allowing Metro to use the new private drive that is expected to be complete Fall 2022. The change will also require the elimination of the bus stops on Fairview at Lawndale and Madison and relocating those stops to Madison at Fairmont (south side of street) and on the ProHealth Drive near Lawndale (northwest corner). It is proposed to eliminate the bus stops at

Lawndale at Madison (north side of Street) and Madison at 4th St (south side) due to the close proximity of the new bus stops.

4. Route 8 and 7/8 operate on Grandview Blvd. north of Easy St. to Sunkist Ave. and then west on Sunkist Ave. Currently Route 8 and 7/8 operate from Grandview Blvd., west on Easy St, north on Pleasant View Ave. and then west of Sunkist Ave. The current routing involves a lot of tight turns on residential streets that are difficult to make in a 35 foot bus. This change will be recommended by SEWRPC in the City's Transit Development Plan (TDP) for 2023-2027 and also is recommended by the Waukesha Metro Operations staff and Safety Committee. This change would involve eliminating bus stops at Easy St. west of Grandview Blvd., Easy St. at Pleasant View Ave., Pleasant View Ave. at Mapleton Ct and Pleasant View Ave. at Sunkist Ave. and include adding a bus stop at 1800 Sunkist Ave. west of Grandview Blvd. Three of the four stops that are proposed for elimination are not ADA accessible and the plan would be to include an ADA accessible bus pad at the proposed new stop on Sunkist Ave.

All of these proposed changes would take effect in Fall 2022 when the conversion of North St. to two way is complete and ProHealth has finished their new drive to Waukesha Memorial Hospital. This item includes approving a resolution that formally recognizes the changes to the routing of all the routes affected.

Options & Alternatives:

The only alternative would be to keep the current routing but it would leave less safe and less efficient movements of the buses in place.

Financial Remarks:

The total cost of this changes is estimated at \$2,500 with the majority of costs being covered by CMAQ Marketing funds and the balance from the Transit Operating Budget.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.