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City of Waukesha Cover Sheet

Committee: Transit Commission Meeting	Transit Commission Meeting Date: 5/21/26
ID Number: #26-03639	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): 2026-12
Department Submitting: Public Works - Transit	Submission Date: 6/2/26
Agenda Item Title: Review and Act on Proposed Service Changes Effective August 24, 2026	

Issue Before the Council:

This item requests review and action on proposed minor service changes to Routes 5, 9, and 15, effective Monday, August 24, 2026. The changes are intended to improve operations and reduce costs. Total city revenue service hours would decrease by 16.5 hours/week, or 2.5%, resulting in approximately \$59,000 in reduced costs. Details and the reasons for the changes are provided below. Approval would also include a resolution modifying Routes 5 and 15. Minor weekday schedule adjustments to Route 3 to accommodate the new STEM Academy schedule would coincide with these proposed changes.

Route 5 Changes

A minor downtown routing change to operate Route 5 inbound north of St. Paul Ave on Madison St. to North St. and North St. into the Transit Center which will be more efficient. In addition, Route 5 5:50 pm trip on Saturdays is proposed for elimination due to low ridership.

Route 9 Changes

Route 9 weekday 7:05 am and 8:15 am trips are proposed for elimination to create greater operational efficiency and reduce costs. This would reduce Route 9 service from every 30 minutes to every hour in the morning rush hour.

Route 15 Changes

Per the request of staff at South High, it is proposed to operate Route 15 around South High (East Ave., Roberta Ave and Tenny Ave) every trip on weekdays instead of the current two trips a day as there is plenty of time to accommodate this request. It is also proposed to eliminate the 6:15 pm weekday trip on Route 15 due to lower ridership.

Options & Alternatives:

One option is to reject all of the proposed changes and leave service the same which would be beneficial to the passengers negatively impacted by the proposed reductions in service, however, none of the benefits to passengers, efficiencies, or cost reductions would be realized. Another option would be to approve some of the changes and reject others. Proposed changes could be rejected or approved independently.

Additional Details:**What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:**

People Centered Development & Financial Sustainability

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

People Centered Development- The weekday routing change to Route 15 would better serve South High and was requested by staff.

Financial Sustainability-The net changes would result in an annual reduction of costs of \$59,000.

Financial Remarks:

As stated in the details, the proposed changes would result in approximately \$59,000 in reduced costs on an annual basis.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.

Reviewed By:

City Attorney Brian Running	Date Reviewed
Finance Director Joseph P. Ciarro	Date Reviewed
City Administrator Anthony W. Brown <i>Anthony Brown</i>	Date Reviewed 05/18/2026

**Common Council
of the
City of Waukesha, Wisconsin**

Resolution No. 2026-12

Resolution Modifying Routes 5 & 15

WHEREAS Chapter 31.03 of the Municipal Code of the City of Waukesha authorizes the Common Council of the City of Waukesha, by resolution, to delineate the routes of mass transit systems within and outside the city; and

WHEREAS the City desires to modify routes to be operated by Waukesha METRO Transit.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Waukesha that:

That Routes 5 & 15 be modified to operate as described in the attached route descriptions effective August 24, 2026.

That a copy of the route description remains on file with the City Clerk.

This Resolution was passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Waukesha the _____ day of June, 2026.

Alicia Halvensleben, Mayor

Katie Panella, City Clerk

WAUKESHA METRO TRANSIT

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

ROUTE: 5 PRAIRIE

EFFECTIVE: August 24, 2026

JURISDICTION: City of Waukesha, Village of Waukesha

From Downtown to Shoppes at Fox River: From the Downtown Transit Center exit on to North St, north to Barstow St, south on N. W. Barstow St. to Wisconsin Avenue, west on Wisconsin Ave. to N. West Ave., south on N. West Ave. to W. College Ave., west on W. College Ave. to S. Prairie Ave., south on S. Prairie Ave. to W. Sunset Dr., west on Sunset Dr. to the eastern entrance of the Shoppes at Fox River and loop on private roadways within the Shoppes at Fox River to bus stop.

From Shoppes at Fox River to Downtown: From the bus stop at the Shoppes at Fox River east on W. Sunset Dr. to Sentry Dr., north on Sentry Dr. to Progress Ave, east on Progress Ave. to S. Prairie Ave., north on S. Prairie Ave. to W. College Ave., east on W. College Ave. to N. West Ave., north on N. West Ave. to Wisconsin Ave., east on Wisconsin Ave. to Clinton St., north on Clinton St. to Madison St., northwest on Madison St. to North St, northeast on North St. to the entrance to the Downtown Transit Center.

WAUKESHA METRO TRANSIT

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

ROUTE: 15 RACINE AVENUE

EFFECTIVE: August 24, 2026

JURISDICTION: City of Waukesha, Village of Waukesha

From Downtown to Meijer: From the Downtown Transit Center exit on to North St, north to Barstow St, south on N.W. Barstow St. to Wisconsin Ave., east on Wisconsin Ave which transitions to Broadway, Broadway to Oakland Ave, south on Oakland Ave. to Racine Ave, southeast on Racine to Fleetfoot Dr., south and east on Fleetfoot Dr. to Navajo Tr., south on Navajo Tr. to E. Sunset Dr., west on E. Sunset Dr. to the private roadways of Meijer.

Weekdays

From Meijer to Downtown: From the private roadways of Meijer to Tenny Ave., north on Tenny Ave. to Sunset Dr, west on Sunset Dr. to Big Bend Rd, south on Big Bend Rd. to Garfield Ave, west on Garfield Ave. to S. East Ave, north on S. East Ave. to Roberta Ave, east on Roberta Ave. to Tenny Ave, south on Tenny Ave to E. Sunset Dr. east on E. Sunset Drive to Navajo Tr, north on Navajo Tr. to Fleetfoot Dr, west and north on Fleetfoot Dr. to Racine Ave., northwest on Racine Ave. to Oakland Ave., north on Oakland Ave. to Broadway, west on Broadway to East Ave., north on East Ave. to Main St., west on Main St. to N.W. Barstow St., north on N. W. Barstow St. to E. St. Paul Ave., southwest on E. St. Paul Ave to Brook St. , north on Brook St. to the entrance to the Downtown Transit Center.

Saturdays

From Meijer to Downtown: From the private roadways of Meijer to Tenny Ave., north on Tenny Ave. to Sunset Dr, west on Sunset Dr. to Big Bend Rd, south on Big Bend Rd. to Garfield Ave, west on Garfield Ave. to S. East Ave, north on S. East Ave. to Sunset Dr. east on Sunset Drive to Navajo Tr, north on Navajo Tr. to Fleetfoot Dr, west and north on Fleetfoot Dr. to Racine Ave., northwest on Racine Ave. to Oakland Ave., north on Oakland Ave. to Broadway, west on Broadway to East Ave., north on East Ave. to Main St., west on Main St. to N.W. Barstow St., north on N. W. Barstow St. to E. St. Paul Ave., southwest on E. St. Paul Ave to Brook St. , north on Brook St. to the entrance to the Downtown Transit Center.