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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 12/6/2018
Common Council Item Number: 18-1768	Date: 12/20/2018
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Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval of Proposed Service Adjustments Effective Monday, January 7th, 2019	

Details:

This item is to seek the approval of the following service adjustments effective Monday, January 7th, 2019. The elimination of the Route 16 requires a public hearing which is being held at the Transit Commission meeting on December 6, 2018. The approval also includes approval of resolutions modifying Route 1 and eliminating Route 16.

Route 16

Eliminate Route 16. This is a single trip that operates from the Transit Center to the Easter Seals facility on Airport Rd. at 7:40 am on weekdays. Easter Seals is ending its onsite program at the end of the year that the Route 16 was designed to serve. Ridership on Route 16 has already decreased to less than half it was last year and has been steadily declining the past few years due to reduced numbers of people in the Easter Seals program in Waukesha. This elimination would also eliminate the bus stops on Pewaukee Rd. at the Airport Business Park, Pilot Court and Gascoigne Drive which are all rarely used.

Route 1

Eliminate Route 1 service to the Brookfield Highlands Apartments in the Town of Brookfield. The Brookfield Highlands is no longer wishing to pay for the service which includes 3 weekday trips to their apartment complex. Ridership through November 26th is only at 22 rides for the year and is less than half the ridership from 2017 and substantially less than other previous years. This elimination would also eliminate the bus stops on George Hunt Circle within the grounds of the Brookfield Highlands Apartments. The Brookfield Highlands Apartments would still be served by Metrolift as it is within the federally mandated paratransit service area of ¾ mile radius of the Route 1 bus stop on Swenson Drive.

Route 2

Eliminate the Saturday night trip at 8:18 pm from Target to the Transit Center. This trip has averaged 0-1 passengers.



Route 3

Add a 7:40 am trip on weekdays (in place of the Route 16) which is being proposed to better serve South High students as the Route 3 would arrive by South about 15 minutes prior to the first period.

Route 5/6

Eliminate the Saturday night trip at 8:24 pm from Shoppes at Fox River to the Transit Center & the 8:50 pm trip from the Transit Center to the Shoppes at Fox River. The 8:24 pm trip has averaged 0-1 passengers and the 8:50 pm trip 0-3 passengers. Combined the last hour of service on Saturday night, the Route 5/6 has averaged 0-3 passengers.

Route 6

Eliminate the 5:45 pm weekday trip from the Transit Center to Badger Drive. This trip has averaged 0-2 passengers.

Options & Alternatives:

The only viable alternative to the proposed would be to leave the service as is, however, these proposed changes are designed to make the service more efficient and also decrease the transit operating costs to meet the 2019 budget.

Financial Remarks:

These service adjustments are estimated to save roughly \$4,000 in gross expenses and \$1,200 in City Share and were included in the 2019 budget. The loss of the partnership with the Brookfield Highlands reduces revenue by an estimated \$7,500 and was not included in the 2019 budget and may require additional adjustments in 2019.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.