
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

TO Commissioners

FROM Gary Webster

MEETING DATE: September 20, 2006

SUBJECT Staff Response to Commission Inquiry – 33 FOREST HILL Revised Routing

At its meeting on July 19, 2006, the Commission considered a staff memorandum entitled “Staff Response to Commission Inquiry – 33 Forest Hill Routing Change”. The Commission directed that “staff commence a six month trial of the proposed routing change for the 33 FOREST HILL service as detailed in Exhibit 1 of the staff memorandum.”

The routing change approved by the Commission was a clockwise on-street looping via north on Spadina Road, west on Eglinton Avenue, north on Bathurst Street, east on Shallmar Boulevard, south on Mayfair Avenue, east on Eglinton Avenue, and south on Spadina Road.

Subsequent to the July 19, 2006 Commission meeting, staff reviewed and tested the approved routing through a formal operational assessment. The routing is not operationally feasible because there are four traffic humps located on Mayfair Avenue and Shallmar Boulevard. The Commission’s policy is that regular TTC bus services will not travel over vertical traffic calming devices such as speed humps, in order to provide a safe ride for passengers and to minimize damage to buses. In addition to the speed humps, there are also operational difficulties with the turns on the Shallmar looping.

Staff have investigated alternative routings, and have found one that is operationally feasible. Buses would travel north on Spadina Road, east on Eglinton Avenue, west on Chaplin Crescent, west on Roselawn Avenue, south on Bathurst Street, east on Eglinton Avenue, and south on Spadina Road (see exhibit, attached). This routing is longer than the Shallmar routing and would require that the 33 FOREST HILL route be operated every 30 minutes at all times, instead of every 25 minutes, as was assumed for the Shallmar routing. This revised routing has been discussed with Councillor Mihevc who is in agreement with it.

This routing change will begin operation on Monday, October 16, 2006, for a trial period. Staff will report back later to the Commission with the results of the routing change.

Interim Chief General Manager

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Attachments: Exhibit – 33 Forest Hill Revised Routing

