

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** May 30, 2012

**SUBJECT:** 352 LAWRENCE WEST OVERNIGHT BUS ROUTE:  
EXTENSION TO ROYAL YORK ROAD

## **ACTION ITEM**

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve the trial extension of the 352 LAWRENCE WEST overnight bus route from Weston Road to Royal York Road, as described in this report, effective July 29, 2012; and
2. Forward this report to Councillors Ford, Lindsay Luby, and Nunziata, Member of Parliament Ted Opitz, Member of Provincial Parliament Donna Cansfield, the Village of Humber Heights Retirement Community, and the Toronto Police Service.

### **FUNDING**

This route extension will have no effect on the TTC's Operating Budget.

### **BACKGROUND**

The offices of Councillor Doug Ford and Member of Parliament Ted Opitz forwarded a request to extend the 352 LAWRENCE WEST overnight bus route farther west, from its current terminus at Weston Road, to better serve residents and workers at the Village of Humber Heights Retirement Community complex, which is located at 2245 Lawrence Avenue West, between Scarlett Road and Royal York Road.

### **DISCUSSION**

The 52 LAWRENCE WEST bus route operates between Lawrence Station at Yonge Street and Martin Grove Road, between approximately 5:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m., every day. Overnight, after 1:30 a.m., the 352 LAWRENCE WEST bus route operates between Lawrence Station at Yonge Street and Weston Road, until the regular 52 LAWRENCE WEST services resumes at around 5:30 a.m. At the western end of the 352 LAWRENCE WEST overnight route, buses turn around via west on Lawrence Avenue, north on Weston Road, northeast on John Street, south on South Station Street, and east on Lawrence Avenue. Therefore, there is no overnight service on Lawrence Avenue, west of Weston Road, when the

52 LAWRENCE WEST service is not operating.

Requests have been received to provide service on Lawrence Avenue, west of Scarlett Road, during these overnight hours, in order to improve access for workers and residents of the Village of Humber Heights Retirement Community complex. TTC staff evaluated several different options to extend the route. An extended routing can be provided using existing resources, by operating west on Lawrence Avenue, north on Royal York Road, east on Dixon Road, south on Scarlett Road, and east on Lawrence Avenue (see attached map). Service would continue to be provided every 30 minutes on the route, and no buses would have to be added to the route. There would be no increase in operating costs.

This route extension would reduce the distance that customers need to walk from their nearest overnight bus stop if they are destined to or from stops west of Weston Road. The new route segment is projected to be used for approximately 30 new customer-trips each night. Approximately 20 of these trips are projected to be made by customers travelling to and from the Village of Humber Heights Retirement Community.

The route extension would result in new bus operations, between approximately 1:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., on residential streets. Service would operate every 30 minutes, in one direction only, for most of the extended routing, and there would be approximately six bus-trips each night (approximately ten trips on Sunday mornings).

Service would be removed from the existing on-street loop via Weston Road, John Street, and South Station Street. Two stops on South Station Street, at John Street and at Lawrence Avenue, would no longer be served. On the two most-recent ridership counts, less than five customers used these stops. These customers would have to walk the short distance to or from the stop at Lawrence Avenue and Weston Road.

The change in weighted travel time shows that the benefits to customers of a shorter walk west of Weston Road is greater than the inconvenience of a longer walk for customers on the existing on-street loop. The change would make service more convenient, overall, for customers. Therefore, it is recommended that the extension of the 352 LAWRENCE WEST route to Royal York Road, seven days a week, be implemented for a trial period, starting July 29, 2012.

### **SUMMARY**

Since the 352 LAWRENCE WEST night bus route extension to Royal York Road will result in better service overall for customers, with no increase in operating costs, it should be implemented for a trial period, starting July 29, 2012.

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Attachment: Map: 352 LAWRENCE WEST Overnight Route Extension

# 352 Lawrence West Overnight Route Extension

