



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Improvements to Overnight Service (“Blue Night”) Network: Follow-Up Report

<b>Date:</b>	July 29, 2015
<b>To:</b>	TTC Board
<b>From:</b>	Chief Executive Officer

#### Summary

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This report responds to the TTC Board’s request from its May 27, 2015 meeting for TTC staff to study the feasibility of including either the 45 KIPLING or 46 MARTIN GROVE in the new overnight network that will begin operating in the Fall, 2015.

Overnight service on either the 45 KIPLING or the 46 MARTIN GROVE would have a negligible effect on increasing the number of residents within a 15-minute walk of overnight service. This is because 98% of the population who would be within a 15-minute walk of these new overnight routes are already being served by other existing and/or enhanced overnight routes on Finch Avenue West, Islington Avenue, Lawrence Avenue West, Eglinton Avenue West, and Bloor Street. There are very few people who would benefit from improved walk access to overnight service on the 45 KIPLING or the 46 MARTIN GROVE routes.

For this reason, TTC staff do not recommend adding overnight service on either the 45 KIPLING or 46 MARTIN GROVE routes.

#### Recommendations

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It is recommended that the Board:

1. confirm its previous approval of the expanded all-night network, as described in the staff report presented at the May 27, 2015 meeting;
2. note that overnight service should not be added on either the 45 KIPLING or the 46 MARTIN GROVE routes because neither would achieve significant user benefits in terms of bringing more people within a 15-minute walk of overnight service; and
3. forward this report to Councillors Crisanti, Ford, Holyday, Campbell, and Di Ciano.

## Financial Impact

This report has no effect on the TTC's operating or capital budgets.

## Decision History

At its August 19, 2014 meeting, the TTC Board adopted the report, *Opportunities to Improve Transit Service in Toronto*. Among the recommendations was the expansion of the overnight bus and streetcar network.

[http://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Commission\\_reports\\_and\\_information/Commission\\_meetings/2014/August\\_19/Supplementary\\_Reports/Opportunities\\_to\\_Improve\\_Transit\\_Service\\_in\\_Toronto.pdf](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Commission_reports_and_information/Commission_meetings/2014/August_19/Supplementary_Reports/Opportunities_to_Improve_Transit_Service_in_Toronto.pdf)

On March 11, 2015, Toronto City Council passed the 2015 City Budget, which confirmed funding for this initiative, among others.

[https://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Commission\\_reports\\_and\\_information/Commission\\_meetings/2015/February\\_2/Reports/2015\\_TTC\\_AND\\_WHEEL\\_TRANS\\_OPERATING\\_BUDGETS.pdf](https://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Commission_reports_and_information/Commission_meetings/2015/February_2/Reports/2015_TTC_AND_WHEEL_TRANS_OPERATING_BUDGETS.pdf)

At its May 27, 2015 meeting, the TTC Board approved the trial operation of an expanded overnight network (Blue Night Network), as described in the *Improvements to Overnight Service ("Blue Night") Network* report. The TTC Board also requested staff to report back on the feasibility of including new overnight service on the 46 MARTIN GROVE and 45 KIPLING routes.

[http://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Commission\\_reports\\_and\\_information/Commission\\_meetings/2015/May\\_27/Reports/Improvements\\_to\\_Overnight\\_Blue\\_Night\\_Service\\_Network\\_BR%201729.pdf](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Commission_reports_and_information/Commission_meetings/2015/May_27/Reports/Improvements_to_Overnight_Blue_Night_Service_Network_BR%201729.pdf)

This report responds to that request.

## Accessibility/Equity Matters

There are no accessibility or equity implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

## Comments

The Blue Night Network is the TTC's overnight bus and streetcar service that operates between 2:00 and 5:00 a.m., after the regular daytime and evening services have ended. This service is an important part of the TTC's commitment to maximizing the mobility of people in the City of Toronto and meeting all of their diverse travel needs.

In the *Improvements to Overnight Service ("Blue Night") Network* report from the May 27, 2015 TTC Board meeting, the TTC Board approved new and enhanced routes that will expand the coverage of the overnight network so that 99% of Toronto residents are within a 15-minute walk of overnight service.

The Board requested TTC staff to study further expanding the overnight network to include overnight service on either the 45 KIPLING or 46 MARTIN GROVE routes.

Potential overnight routes are considered if the service would operate in a corridor with sufficiently high population – a minimum of 2,100 persons per route-kilometre within a 15-minute walk. A potential overnight service on either the 45 KIPLING or the 46 MARTIN GROVE would meet this threshold:

- 45 KIPLING overnight route: approximately 2,200 persons per route-kilometre
- 46 MARTIN GROVE overnight route: approximately 2,510 persons per route-kilometre

However, when these potential overnight routes are considered within the context of the new overnight network, there are very few new people that would benefit – in terms of gaining 15-minute walk access to overnight service -- from overnight service on the 45 KIPLING or the 46 MARTIN GROVE. This is illustrated in the attached map.

Approximately 98% of people who would be within a 15-minute walk of overnight service on either the 45 KIPLING or the 46 MARTIN GROVE are already within a 15-minute walk of other overnight routes on Finch Avenue West, Islington Avenue, Lawrence Avenue West, Eglinton Avenue West, and Bloor Street. The relatively-few additional residents who would benefit from such 15-minute walk access do not justify the additional annual operating cost of adding either of these routes to the overnight network, which would be approximately \$334,000.

For this reason, staff do not recommend adding overnight services on either the 45 KIPLING or the 46 MARTIN GROVE routes.

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Attachment: Map



# Proposed Overnight Network with 15-minute walk coverage

