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Subject Sudden Relocation of the Place Riel Transit Terminal to College Drive

Meeting (if known) Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

Comments

Greetings to Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation:

As you are aware, with the sudden closure of the University Campus to bus traffic and the forced relocation of the Place Riel Terminal to College Drive, there has been considerable negative impact on bus riders.

In order to give SPCOT a feel for what the adverse results of the closure are for riders, Bus Riders of Saskatoon, I would like to draw the Committee's attention to the following comments by one of our members who is currently forced to catch transit on College Drive: "As far as the differences go between catching transit at Place Riel and now on College Drive:

- 1) There's no seating, except for one or two spots inbound near the hospital. Place Riel had concrete ledge-seating near the doors, and ledges across on the south side.
- 2) College is wide open to the elements (except again the inbound points near the hospital). Very brutal lately.
- 3) College is lined with trees, so you can't see when your bus is coming.
- 4) Because all of the arrival times/spots have changed/moved, the app is useless, and you have to watch (e.g. my 40 was only listed at 47min or 56min, but arrived in about 12min)
- 5) Transfers require crossing College Drive. Some on the north side, some on the south, some around the corner on north-south side streets. It's absolute chaos. The only solution I found to ensure

a reliable arrival time at work was to beg my boss for a change to my placements which used different bus routes. Many essential service workers aren't so lucky.”

We realize that Saskatoon Transit did not initiate this arrangement but we feel our elected representative should be aware of the negative impact this forced relocation has had on many Transit users.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Robert Clipperton, Steering Committee
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