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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, March 03, 2025

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Sherry

Last Name: Tarasoff

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Peterson Cres

Ward: Ward 4

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - March 5, 2025

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.2.4 Preliminary Year-End Results – December 31, 2024

Comments:

Please find my comments attached. Thank you.

Attachments:

- [2025 03 05 SPC-Finance re Preliminary Year-End Results \(Transit\).pdf](#) 171.83 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE - March 5, 2025

6.2.4 Preliminary Year-End Results – December 31, 2024

Hello SPC-Finance members,

For the third year in a row¹, Transit operations has had higher revenues than budgeted due to increased ridership. In 2024, revenues were \$2.10 million favourable due to increased ridership and higher than expected UPass revenue. Fare revenue has increased despite regular service alerts and reduced frequency, riders not paying fare, overcrowded buses stranding riders and safety concerns for drivers and riders.

I propose that this surplus should stay within Transit to improve operations and promote ridership. Some options that may be considered:

1. Bring the frequency of all routes up to the minimum standards as required by the Saskatoon Transit Service Standards.²
2. Implement express routes to allow direct service between major terminals, similar to the Jingle Bell Express that only runs on weekends in December.³
3. Expand hours or frequency on the weekends to mirror weekday operations on routes that show high usage.

Transit operations has had higher revenues than budgeted for the last three years (totalling almost \$7.5 million). Is the budgeted revenue for 2025 still accurate?

Thank you,
Sherry Tarasoff

¹ Detailed Overview of Preliminary Year-End Financial Results for 2022 (<https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=182311#page=8>) indicated that “Revenues were \$2.09 million favourable due to increased ridership.”

Civic Operating and Property Tax Supported Preliminary Year-End Financial Results for 2023 (<https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=206681#page=7>) indicated that “Revenues were \$3.3 million favourable due to increased ridership.”

² Frequency changes took place on [June 27, 2021](#) and included some changes to daytime frequency from 30- to 40-minute service on routes [26](#), [27](#), [30](#), [35](#), [43](#), [44](#), [45](#), [46](#), [50](#) and [55](#). Saskatoon Transit’s [Service Standards](#) for residential frequency during the weekday requires a minimum of 30 minutes.

³ During the weekday now, a bus trip from Confederation Mall Terminal to Centre Mall Terminal takes [40 minutes](#), as it must travel through downtown. The same trip on the Jingle Bell Express along Circle Drive took [25 minutes](#), including a stop at Market Mall.

During the weekday now, a bus trip from Lawson Mall Terminal to Market Mall Terminal takes [48 minutes](#), as it must travel through downtown. The same trip on the Jingle Bell Express along Circle Drive took [28 minutes](#), including a stop at Centre Mall.