

CAPITAL CITY STATION BUS DEPOT AND BC TRANSIT DOWNTOWN TERMINAL PILOT PROJECTS –UPDATE

Committee of the Whole – June 14, 2018



Purpose

- to update Council on the performance of Capital City Station in the 700 block Douglas Street, and at BC Transit's turnaround/layover in the 600 block Government Street.



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Issues and Analysis

Capital City Station:

- Aesthetic impacts from a high volume of buses
- Increased noise and emissions/vehicle idling
- Pedestrian safety/congestion on crosswalk, along the sidewalk and within the station
- Traffic safety and efficiency impacts



Staff's assessment of mobility performance and safety suggests Capital City Station is operating safely and efficiently in its current configuration



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Issues and Analysis

BC Transit Turnaround/Layover (Government/Superior):

- Traffic safety/efficiency



Staff's assessment of mobility performance and safety suggests the turnaround/layover space on the east side of Government Street is operating safely and efficiently in its current configuration



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Options

Capital City Station:

1. Conclude the 18-month trial, maintain the current configuration of Capital City Station for the next four years beyond the current term ending September 30, 2018, and continue to monitor and assess performance, as appropriate. **(Recommended)**
2. Extend the 18-month trial at the Crystal Garden site to July 1, 2019, and continue to monitor. **(Not recommended)**
3. Extend the 18-month trial at the Crystal Garden site to July 1, 2019, and direct Wilson's to seek an alternative site for Capital City Station. **(Not recommended)**



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BC Transit Turnaround/Layover (Government / Superior):

1. Maintain the current BC Transit turnaround/layover configuration at Government/Superior, and continue to monitor and assess performance, as appropriate. **(Recommended)**
2. Maintain the current BC Transit turnaround/layover configuration, monitor and assess the current operations, and gather stakeholder feedback. **(Not Recommended)**
3. Eliminate the current turnaround/layover space to street parking, and direct BC Transit to use other existing local/downtown bus zones as turnaround/layover space. **(Not Recommended)**



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Recommendations

That Council:

1. Conclude the 18-month trial, maintain the current configuration of Capital City Station for the next four years beyond the current term ending September 30, 2018, and continue to monitor and assess performance, as appropriate.
2. Maintain the current BC Transit turnaround/layover configuration at Government/Superior, and continue to monitor and assess performance, as appropriate.



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