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Coming up at 5:30 pm, it's this month's Transit Advisory Committee meeting. This is what's on that agenda:



MEETING PREVIEW: Transit Advisory Committee Meeting for April 18,...

Time to catch the bus, or rather the committee that advises about the buses. The April agenda for the Transit Advisory Committee looks suspiciously like the March agenda, but with one additional it...

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Chair Carey has called the meeting to order.

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Minutes from last month approved.

First item: Update: Preset Audio Message Chime Introduction, Laura Catalano-Bragues, Supervisor, Scheduling and Service Planning, reports that she presented the chimes on Tuesday at the AAC.

From the AAC meeting, the chimes:

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Catalano-Bragues recalls that there weren't much thoughts about the second tone, but there were elements about one and three that were liked. She says that there will be consultations with the City's accessibility advisor about finding the right tone.

That new option will come back to TAC in June, with the final chime decisions coming in Sept (due to the fact that TAC doesn't meet in July and Aug). The new chime and the pre-set messages could then be rolled out in the later part of 2024.

Catalano-Bragues says there will be a tough balance to strike and she wants to make sure that it works for as many people as they can. (This was in response to a question from Vice-Chair Holden.)

Motion to receive the report approved.

Next, Summary of the April 2, 2024 Meeting with the Transit Action Alliance of Guelph (TAAG). GM Gerus reports that some of the management team and they talked about the ongoing budget issues.

Gerus says it was a favourable meeting, and they left the meeting wanting to continue the dialogue. They're planning on meeting sometime towards the end of the summer and continue those "good conversations"

Carey says she thought TAAG was going to right up some notes and send them out to their people. Prigione says that she believes there was a question in regards to stats from Kids Ride Free. Regional transit was also discussed.

Gerus adds that there will be a lot more discussion before announcing any movement on regional, there are also budget concerns in regards to that specifically. Catalano-Bragues adds that they also talked about the Wyndham EA, and promoted good comms between the two groups.

Catalano-Bragues says she went through what was planned for implementation this fall, which was route #5 changes and Sunday on demand. Those are paused due to Mayor's directive on budget. Also, they discuss #98 Speedvale implement, which was supposed to start in fall '25.

Carey says that this is a relationship that will do them all go, and she has a feeling from the clerks that they want advisory committee to be louder when it comes to "small L" lobbying. It's a good alliance.

Motion to receive the summery report approved.

No TAC Members' Feedback. So we move on to general updates. Michael Van Kooy says that the new EV buses are being put on the road almost as quick as they're being received. Testing is ongoing, Gerus calls it a long term process to make sure they're getting performance.

Delivery of the whole second order should take place by the end of the next month, which means that there will be 11 on the road by the end of summer. More EV buses will come in starting in Q1 in 2025 (four more on order).

Holden asks about EV mobility buses. Gerus says that's the plan, they're looking at options to see what's available, and they're aware about the bouncing and other issues. Options limited, but they're doing due diligence.

Holden asks if he can tag along. Gerus says when they've landed on an option, he has no problem inviting people along to check out the possible new vehicles. Van Kooy adds new tech comes with new features to help comfort for ppl with mobility devices.

On operations, Gerus says they're training new operators now to get the workforce numbers up. It's been a struggle since COVID for all transit services, and people are more choosy. They've also had some unexpected retirements this year, and a couple of operators have passed away.

On 170 Watson renos, the new control centre is done, and front offices getting work along with a face left for the operators room. He says he would love to have TAC come down and check out the renos when they're complete.

Abby Spielmacher says that the renos will be done in the next month. Also, the new building at Central Station is near 30% complete, it will have solar panels on the roof. Construction maybe delayed by design continues. Pre-lim design underway on new hub at Watson/Stone too.

I assume she means the new operations campus at the corner just off the GID lands.

There will be some small tweaks at GCS this summer, more benches outside the shelters for additional seating. Software updates coming that will give customers trip planning and other options.

Catalano-Bragues says again they're pausing the planned enhancements for September. Her staff is looking at processes and how they can improve their root review system. Audit of route #11 complete and there will be an adjustment starting in May, first of changes to that route.

Review of routes #3 and #20, Catalano-Bragues says that doing two at the same time is meant to look at how routes are working in tandem in the same area. They've looked further at #13, and are trying to even out the schedule b/c its running early at some points and late at others

University routes are pausing for the summer starting in May, #99 goes to 10 minutes in summer too. Engagement is coming in May for mobility services, it will look at all aspects of the service including booking and service levels, and usability.

There will be an update on all that in the next couple of months, either June or September. On demand community bus and stat holiday will reviewed in a different process, and feedback there will be open to the whole community. Especially want feedback from doubters.

Catalano-Bragues says it took her 15 minutes to fill out eligibility forms for mobility and thinks that there will be some improvements there as it seems overly onerous.

Catalano-Bragues says that she's looking at ways to make things more efficient using the same budget. Holden was talking about times that he's on the mobility bus alone and if there's way to get more people taking the mobility at the same time.

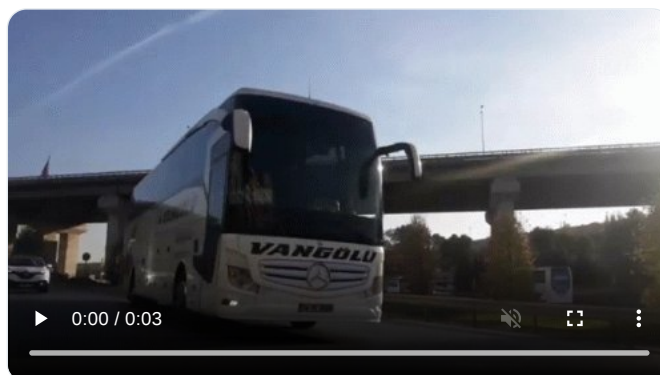
Apparently, mobility service sits at 2.3 people per vehicle on average. Obviously they want to get that up, and that may mean looking at changing the size of the zones. Catalano-Bragues notes that there's room for growth b/c they're able to tweak day-to-day as needed.

Gerus says they're doing great work at Transit, everyone's working hard and he hopes to use some down time in the summer once the university is out.

Motion to receive the report approved.

Carey asks if there will be time at the May or June meeting to talk about the impact of budget changes. Gerus says if there's something that they can share, they will, but he doesn't want to give any false impressions.

That's a wrap for this meeting!



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