

Bus Route Change

(02 March 2010 General Meeting)

Existing 403 / 433

Calgary Transit reviewing bus routes serving communities close to downtown. Routes with low ridership and those that duplicate service are part of the study.

Proposed 9b

Ramsay feedback:

- ✓ • the proposed new route has redundancy with Route 24 Ogden at the expense of servicing Scotsman's Hill. On this basis, consideration should be given to routing the new Route 9b along Burns Avenue, Ramsay Street, Bellevue Avenue and MacDonald Avenue, and then continue with the proposed route.
- ✓ • has Calgary Transit considered the effect of train delays on 8th Street between MacDonald and 9th Avenues on the level of service? [Neither the existing Route 403/433 nor Route 24 cross the tracks at this location, only the proposed Route 9b].
- getting on the LRT at the Erlton Station during the AM peak is problematic due to the number of riders
- ✓ • need to remove redundant 'transfer point' bus stop on 21 Avenue (the first one east of Spiller Road)
- relocate current bus stop in front of the Ramsay School to a new location further south, i.e. just north of Constance Avenue
- ✓ • loss of 403/433 bus service will not allow Ramsay students to get to/from Western and St. Mary's high schools in a reasonably efficient manner

Calgary Transit heard:

- Students travelling from Mission and Ramsay to the designated high schools (St. Mary's and Western).
- A lot of mid day ridership from the above areas to the 4 St Corridor.
- The connection to downtown.

Revised Route 9 (latest proposal – map hand out)

Calgary Transit says revised Route 9 will have 2-way service and have the same start and end times. The frequency will be higher than the current 403/433 frequency. The 21st Avenue 'transfer point' bus stop will be removed if the Routes 403 / 433 are cancelled.

Ramsay comments (to date):

1. Generally okay with Revised Route 9
2. Counterclockwise loop only at 8th Street, MacDonald Ave, Bellevue and Burns (best way considering icy slope and existing bus shelters)
3. Need to keep existing loop on 21st Avenue, 8th Street and 23rd Avenue
 - a) possibility of losing textured speed cushion calming element in front of Ramsay Elementary School *[this element was installed as part of the 2006-2007 traffic calming initiative only because the bus went around that block. Therefore, if the bus now travels over the element, the element may be removed].*
 - b) residents are familiar with that portion of loop