

Ramsay Traffic Committee

Taras Semeniuk, Chair

Bus Route Change: Calgary Transit is conducting a review of bus routes serving communities close to downtown. Routes with low ridership and those that duplicate service are part of the study. Of these, the existing Route 403/433 through Ramsay will be eliminated and replaced with a new '9b' service. The new Route 9b will travel on Spiller Road and 8th Street rather than diverting onto 23rd Avenue and Scotsman's Hill, i.e. 23rd Avenue, Burns Avenue, Ramsay Street and Bellevue Avenue will lose bus service. The new route will not go downtown; rather, it will connect Cliff Bungalow/Mission, Erlton, Ramsay and Inglewood via 25th Avenue, Spiller Road and 9th Avenue. Downtown access for Ramsay residents will be Route 9b to the Erlton LRT Station or with the existing Route 24 Ogden. Note that the existing Route 24 Ogden is not part of the study and will not be changed at this time. Lastly, the new Route 9b has nothing to do with the existing Route 9 that runs between Bridgeland and Brentwood (that route is also part of Calgary Transit's review). The following link provides more information as well as maps of the proposed and existing bus routes: http://www.calgarytransit.com/html/inner_city.html.

By the time you read this, Calgary Transit will have held three Open Houses on 17, 18 and 23 February at, respectively, Cliff Bungalow Mission CA, West Hillhurst Ca and VRRRI Rec Centre. If you were unable to attend the Open Houses but would like to comment on the proposed bus route change, please do so by Friday, 05 March 2010 by following the links on Calgary Transit's website or phoning Calgary Transit's call centre at (403) 262-1000. Please copy traffic@ramsaycommunity.ab.ca on your email to Calgary Transit as the Ramsay Traffic Committee will be issuing letter and is looking for your comments.

To date, comments from Ramsay residents include:

- 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.

The Traffic Committee will be issuing a letter to Calgary Transit.

Please contact the Traffic Committee at traffic@ramsaycommunity.ab.ca if you have any traffic-related comments, concerns or would like to become involved in the committee.