

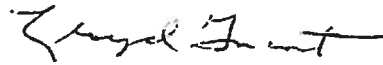
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: July 26, 2012
TO: Frank Busalacchi, Director, Department of Transportation
FROM: Lloyd Grant, Jr., MCTS Managing Director
SUBJECT: Narrative on Route 51 (Oklahoma Avenue) Routing Change

Narrative

This report is to inform the Committee of a slight routing modification for the east end turnaround of Route 51 (Oklahoma Avenue) buses which addresses concerns of noise by some area residents while enhancing service for customers who typically walk long distances to access bus service.

This routing change will have no fiscal impact.



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BACKGROUND

Service at the east end of Route 51 (Oklahoma Avenue) turns around via Illinois Avenue and Superior Street to layover prior to returning westbound on Oklahoma Avenue. In November 2011, residents along Superior and Illinois requested that MCTS change the turnaround route due to bus noise and vibration to their homes. However, residents south of Oklahoma who depend on transit service expressed concern about the potential loss of service and the difficulty associated with walking long distances if bus service were turned around west of Illinois Avenue.

MCTS consulted with County Board Supervisors Patricia Jursik, representing District 8, and Jason Haas, representing District 14, the Marian Center for Non-Profits, Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Canticle Court and Juniper Court in an effort to devise a solution. A favorable outcome was reached. MCTS will temporarily discontinue using Illinois Avenue and Superior Street as a turnaround and instead extend service south on Lake Drive and turn around via the south parking lot of the Marian Center for Non-Profits. A map showing the current and new routing is attached. The routing change is scheduled to go in effect on August 26, 2012.

MCTS is extremely grateful to the Marian Center for Non-Profits for modifications being made to their parking lot that will accommodate the turnaround of transit buses. The bus stop at the Marian Center on Lake Drive will be ADA compliant and will serve 48 apartments at Canticle Court, 52 low-income retirement apartments at Juniper Court and non-profit tenants on the Marian Center grounds including People First Wisconsin, Down Syndrome Association of WI, Community Projects for Seniors, Center for Deaf-Blind Persons, Inc. and VAS Wisconsin.

RECOMMENDATION


On the basis of the analysis presented above, it is recommended that Route 51 be restructured to extend service south on Lake Drive and turn around via the south parking lot of the Marian Center for Non-Profits effective August 26, 2012.

FISCAL NOTE

This service change will not result in an increase in transit operating costs.

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Approved by:


Frank Busalacchi
Director, Department of Transportation

Attachment (1)

cc: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive
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