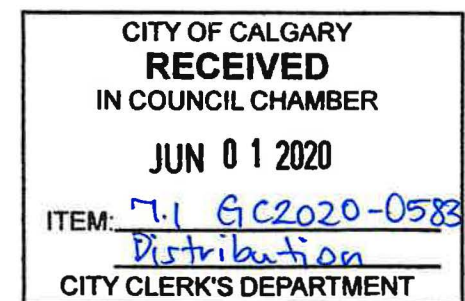


Green Line Plan Comments

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A Risky LRT Plan



Done properly, LRT can provide:

- Increased capacity to handle high demand and attract new users
- Lower operating cost – large capacity vehicles, one operator
- Increased reliability – eliminate delays of buses operating in mixed traffic
- Decreased travel time – more direct, higher speeds, fewer stops, bypass delays.
- Does this plan deliver these benefits? – **NO**

No Reason to Connect North & SE LRT Lines

- Very low demand for travel between North & SE Calgary
- Little travel time savings for the few trips it will serve:
 - Current bus service - Shepard area to 16 Av N (42 min) vs projected Green Line (37 min) = **5 minute savings**
- Cost of this connection = **at least \$1.3 billion**
- This is an irresponsible aspect of the plan.

Other North Line Concerns

- LRT operating at-grade in mixed traffic will not provide benefits vs current bus service:
 - no separate right of way + traffic & pedestrian conflicts = slower operating speed, less reliable than current buses
 - significant traffic, pedestrian and business disruptions
 - convenience of current bus service particularly on 4 St NW, Edmonton Tr. & in downtown will be lost
- A short at-grade LRT line to 16 Av locks the City into a future extension of this concept to 144 Av N or a **White Elephant**.

Build 2 Short Lines? X

North

- Little service benefit from \$1.3 billion spent constructing a short North line.
- A short North line with parallel bus service will not attract new transit users.

Southeast

- A short line to Shepard Station will not provide travel time savings or added convenience
 - Most current SE bus riders will need to make at least one new transfer.
- A short SE LRT will not attract new transit users



Build One Complete Line?

North

- Retaining current bus services with BRT improvements provides a more attractive, effective service, & more responsible use of funds.
- Take time to evaluate the right long term solution for North Calgary.

Southeast

- Build the complete SE line to Seton terminal +8 kms
- Provide attractive service to the majority of SE population & employment located south of Shepard Station
- Serve the South Health Campus – a major destination.
- Less cost vs building the unnecessary North connection

Please Consider

- Delete the connection between North & SE LRT
 - Use the \$1.3 billion savings to construct SE LRT to Seton + incremental North BRT improvements
 - Conduct a study to determine the best future transit service model for North Calgary
 - BRT?
 - LRT?
 - New emerging technology?
- Build a responsible plan you can be proud of. Not a risky \$4.9 billion White Elephant.

Thank you