

Councillor Inquiry:

Late Night Transit Service (B. Henderson/D. Iveson)

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As the City of Edmonton continues to grow, the need for public transit service in the late night hours also increases. This type of service benefits shift workers, the hospitality industry and others who need a reliable alternative to the automobile in order to go to work and get home safely. While it might not be practical or affordable to operate a full transit service 24 hours each day, there may be an opportunity for a basic service along major transit routes. Thus, I am requesting the Administration provide the following information:

1. What major bus routes would be recommended for late night transit service in order to meet the needs of citizens travelling to and from major City locations such as hospitals, hotels, hospitality sites, etc.?
2. Could buses operate along the current LRT route after the cessation of the regular LRT service at night, including using the LRT Stations as bus terminals and transfer points?
3. What would be a practical frequency of service for a basic late night transit service by buses along the major bus routes and the current LRT route?
4. What would be the cost of this service based on operations for 24 hours each day?
5. What other support or changes would be needed in order to implement the basic late night transit services?

Report scheduled to return to November 15 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee