Appendix F - Transit Service Levels

Any changes to routes or schedules are timed to occur when operators choose their new work for the next four months. This happens three times a year, typically in January, May and September. The four programs listed below were set to start April 27, 2020 to coincide with the bus operator sign-up period. Due to current concerns of COVID-19, the Transit Department recommends the following for each project:

| PROJECT | CURRENT CHALLENGES | RECOMMENDATION | COST SAVING |
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| New Airport Service | There is uncertainty of full operator complement in order to fulfill this service at the end of April. | Delay this service until the end of August 2020. The Regina Airport Authority has agreed to the recommended delay timeframe. | Delaying to August is a cost saving of \$82,000. |
| New Westerra Service | In order to perform this service, additional operators are required at peak times. Currently there is uncertainty of full operator complement in order to fulfill this service. | Delay this service until the end of August 2020 when operator availability is more certain. | Delaying to August is a cost saving of \$70,000. |
| On-Demand Transit Pilot (Note 1) | There is uncertainty of full operator complement in order to fulfill this service at the end of April. | Delay this service until the end of August 2020. Pantonium, the service provider of this pilot, has agreed to the delay timeframe. | This delay will not have any cost savings as there is a signed contract for the cost of the program used in the pilot. |
| Spring and Summer U- Pass Program | Online courses will be offered to U of R students with no courses onsite. As a result, the Spring/Summer U-Pass Program will not be utilized. | Delay this service until May 2021. The University of Regina Student Union (URSU) has agreed to this one-year delay. This delay will not have an impact on transit operations. | This delay will not impact budget. Post-secondary passes will continue to be available for students to purchase during the spring and summer months. |

Note 1: The On-Demand Transit Pilot is a 4-month pilot that moves from a regular transit schedule to one where the customer has the ability to schedule a bus pick-up at the time they need it within existing routes. The pilot was to take place from April to August within the Route 10 service, after 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. There will be no financial impact to delaying the pilot.