

Halifax Regional Council
May 21, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Brian R. Taylor, Director of Transit Services

DATE: May 10, 2002

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC TRANSIT STUDY

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the March 19, 2002 Committee of the Whole Council meeting, IBI Consultants presented their preliminary findings of the Strategic Transit Study. The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress of the Transit Study since that presentation.

BACKGROUND

In the 2000/01 Business Plan, Transit Services identified the need to complete a transit study that would recommend a multi-year plan to address the aging transit infrastructure, develop service standards and propose the level of service required to meet these standards. As a result of an RFP process the IBI Consulting Group were selected to do the study and began their work in the latter part of 2001. This study identifies future investments required to support the core transit service. Addressing these issues in the short term would put Transit Services in a position to respond effectively to Regional Planning recommendations concerning public transportation, including the possibility of Commuter Rail or expanded Ferry destinations.

DISCUSSION

Since their presentation of the Draft Study Report to Council, the IBI Consulting Group held a Public Open House in the Trophy Room of Halifax City Hall on Thursday April 11, 2002. Approximately twenty-five people attended the presentation and provided feed back to the Consultant on their findings.

Staff have added the IBI's report summary to the HRM Transit web site and are forwarding any comments to the Consultant's for their consideration when preparing the final report. In addition staff have presented the Consultant's draft findings to the Chamber of Commerce Road Sub-Committee for their information.

IBI Consultants will consider all feed back received over the next few weeks and finalize their report by early June. Staff will then forward the report to Council asking that it be referred to Program & Service Committee of Council to review its recommendations and how they could be implemented.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ALTERNATIVES


N/A

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

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