

Meeting of October 16, 2017

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

ORDER #74-17/18 - Amending the *Traffic Schedule* regarding bus stops on Highland Avenue. Passage requires majority vote.

Position:

On December 4, 2017, the South Portland Bus Service will implement a schedule change on its bus route schedule. This change consists of the following:

Routes 21, 24A and 24B

- Provide three additional stops in the morning and three in the afternoon to the new Municipal Services Facility (MSF)
- 24B will run all-day from Evans Street to the new MSF

The Bus Services stops on Highland Ave. – Inbound will occur at the intersections of Highland and Crestview Dr., Winterberry St., and Whispering Pines Dr. For the Highland Ave. – Outbound service, stops will be implemented across from Whispering Pines Dr., Alfred St., and Facility Rd.

In summary, every bus leaving the MSF in the morning will serve the three inbound stops identified in the packet (last page) on their way to their normal route. Similarly, each bus returning to the MSF in the afternoon or evening will serve the three outbound stops from their normal route back to the MSF. In addition, all 24B route buses will extend their route from Evans Street to and from the MSF serving the above-cited new stops along Highland Avenue. In order to establish these bus stops, the Traffic Schedule relating to Bus Stops and Taxi Stands needs to be amended.

Bus Service Director Arthur Handman will be at Monday's meeting to answer any questions.

Requested Action:

Council passage of ORDER #74-17/18.



City Manager



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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

46 O'Neil Street

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MEMO TO: City Council

FROM: Art Handman, Director
Transportation Department

DATE: October 12, 2017

SUBJECT: New Bus Stops and Service on Highland Avenue

As you are aware, the South Portland Bus Service will be moving to and operating out of the new Municipal Service Facility on Highland Avenue by the end of November 2017. All of our bus runs will be leaving the Facility for their normal routes each morning and early afternoon and returning to the Facility in the late afternoon or evening. Currently, there is no bus service west of Evans Street. Since all the buses will be traveling along Highland Avenue west of Evans at least twice a day, it makes sense to identify new bus stops and introduce bus service along that segment of Highland Avenue.

Accordingly, Bus Service staff has identified three inbound stops (toward Mill Creek from the Facility) and three outbound stops. They are: Inbound – Crestview, Winterberry, and Whispering Pines; Outbound – Across from Whispering Pines, Alfred Street, and Facility Road. All morning and early afternoon buses on route to their former route's first stop will serve the inbound stops. All late afternoon and evening buses will serve the outbound stops on their way back to the Facility. In addition, all Route 24B bus trips will serve both inbound and outbound stops as a part of an expanded M-F schedule for that service. Detailed bus schedules are currently being prepared.

Anticipated effective date for the above service changes is December 4, 2017.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that City Council of the City of South Portland will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday, October 16, 2017 at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 25 Cottage Road, South Portland, Maine, to hear public comments on the proposed *New Bus Routing and Bus Stops related to the move to the new Municipal Services Building on Highland Avenue with an effective date of December 4, 2017* on behalf of the South Portland Bus Service proposed under the Provisions of the U. S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration Circular 5010.1E. A copy of the proposed changes may be found on the City's web site (www.southportland.org) and on the Bus Service link from that web site. A hard copy of the proposed changes may be read at the office of the Bus Service at 46 O'Neil Street, South Portland, Maine between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Other arrangements for viewing the document including providing a copy of it in a form readable by vision impaired residents may be made by calling Art Handman, SPBS Director, at (207) 767-5556.

All persons from South Portland will be heard with regard to any provision of the proposed changes which they would like the City to accept, modify, or reject.

Dated: October 10, 2017

By: ARTHUR L. HANDMAN
Transportation Department Director



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ORDER #74-17/18**

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ORDERED, that the *Traffic Schedule* be and hereby is amended as follows effective December 4, 2017:

Bus Stops and Taxi Stands

Highland Avenue	Crestview Drive Intersection	21, 24A, 24B	I
Highland Avenue	Winterberry Street Intersection	21, 24A, 24B	I
Highland Avenue	Whispering Pines Drive	21, 24A, 24B	I
Highland Avenue	Across from Whispering Pines	21, 24A, 24B	O
Highland Avenue	Alfred Street	21, 24A, 24B	O
Highland Avenue	Entrance to New Maintenance Facility	21, 24A, 24B	O

Fiscal Note: Less than \$1,000

Date: October 16, 2017