

Trans-Action Items



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Universal Accessibility Plan



IBI Group consultants were awarded an RFP to complete a Universal Accessibility Study of Metro Transit's fixed-route bus and ferry services in late 2010. The study reviewed a number of accessibility-related issues, including:

- ▶ existing infrastructure (vehicles, terminals, bus stops, shelters);
- ▶ on-board wheelchair and scooter restraints;
- ▶ customer communication and information; and
- ▶ accessibility guidelines and policies.

Two rounds of public consultations were held in March & May 2011, which, along with other research and best practices, combined to inform short and long-term recommendations to increase the overall accessibility of HRM's fixed-route transit system.

IBI recently finalized the Plan, which Metro Transit staff will bring forward to the Transportation Standing Committee on January 9, 2012.

Ferry Services Hires New Security Manager

Andriy Kovtun was recently hired as the new Supervisor, Marine Safety, Security and Training with Ferry Services. Andriy is located at the Halifax Ferry Terminal, 2nd floor, along with other ferry services management staff.



February Service & Schedule Adjustments

As part of the ongoing implementation of the 2011/12 Annual Service Plan, the following service and schedule adjustments will be implemented on February 27, 2012:

#8 Waterfront: Weekday schedule adjustments to improve connections with other local routes.

#87 Downsview: Minor two-way routing adjustment between the Bridge Terminal and Highfield Terminal to improve schedule adherence and customer connections with other routes at both terminals.

MetroX Airport Service Update

Metro Transit continues with preparations on the new MetroX Airport service, anticipated to launch on May 21 in conjunction with other regular transit service and schedule adjustments.

Site preparation is ongoing at the new Fall River Park & Ride, with paving scheduled to begin this spring. Adaptation of the MetroX branding as shown below has also been completed by Nova Bus, the successful vendor that will supply the new buses required to implement this service.

Communications planning is underway to identify marketing and communications activities that will be undertaken over the next few months to promote the service in advance of the official launch.



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