



**MPO Staff Report**  
**Technical Advisory Committee: March 13, 2019**  
**MPO Executive Board: March 20, 2019**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Information on CAT Bus Route and Schedule Changes.**

Matter of Information on CAT Bus Route and Schedule Changes.

**Background:**

In July of 2018 CAT implemented an overhaul of all bus routes in the Grand Forks/ East Grand Forks Metro Area. They did an extensive public participation process and received great input. Through out the time between implementation and December 2018 riders have given feedback on how the new routes were working for them. Input from the drivers was gathered along with other data to compile a report on how the routes were working. The report was released at the end of January 2019.

In the report staff recommended changes that the proposed changes are implementing. The proposed changes will:

- Increase frequency of Route 3 to 30-minutes;
- Improve on time performance for Routes 7 and 10;
- Provide direct service between Downtown, Walmart (South), Target, Choice Health & Fitness, and more;
- Improve service between UND campus and south end destinations;
- Reduce average speeds to complete routes.

A review of the proposed changes in relation to the performance measures established in the Transit Development Plan (TDP) was done. The proposed changes only effect the on-time performance measure. The changes in the routes implemented in July 2018 continued an on-time performance issue that was occurring before the new routes were implemented only with a different route. By looking at the average speed of a route and ensuring that it is between 12 and 14 miles per hour will ensure that the route has enough time to be at each stop on-time.

The cost of the changes is considered null. The table shows the cost of bus service currently and with the proposed changes implemented.

|                  | Current     | Proposed    |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grand Forks      | \$2,091,161 | \$2,109,943 |
| East Grand Forks | \$551,982   | \$533,200   |
| Total            | \$2,643,143 | \$2,643,143 |

Public Open Houses will be held to allow for people to ask direct questions about the changes and give feedback. Feedback/Comments can be dropped off at the Metro Transit Center or sent to the MPO by March 29<sup>th</sup>. Open house information:

1. March 19<sup>th</sup> at Grand Forks City Council Chambers from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM
2. March 21<sup>st</sup> at East Grand Forks City Hall Training Room from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The timeline for the implementation is:

- Information made available to the public: March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Public Open Houses: March 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
- Comment period ends: March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Bring to the Committee of the Whole: April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Bring to City Council: April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Implementation: June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Findings and Analysis:**

- Information.

**Support Materials:**

- The report on the route changes can be found at: <http://www.rideCAT.org>
- Individual routes