

## Transit Highlights in 2016

In July of 2016, Saskatoon Transit began to implement the Growth Plan's long-term Transit Plan in the short term using current resource levels. These changes included:

- 1. Changes to eastside & westside routes** - a total of 27 routes were affected. Of these, 5 routes were discontinued, 7 routes were new and/or replaced old routes, and 14 routes were changed.
- 2. Increased Frequency on 8th Street** - frequency is now under 10 minutes on 8th Street
- 3. Increased Frequency on 22nd Street**— Saskatoon Transit is excited to soon bring new high frequency transit service to 22nd Street as well, this July 2017.
- 4. Increased frequency & service hours extended to various communities** - these include Rosewood, Evergreen, Stonebridge, and others.
- 5. Real time Transit tracking made available to Transit customers** - these tools provide walking directions to the nearest stop and allow you to select a departure or arrival destination based on nearest intersection rather than address.
- 6. Numerous eastside routes are now interlined** - providing a quick transfer at Centre Mall terminal. Some of these routes do not require a transfer.
- 7. In addition to Route 8, there are 4 East/West routes** - these are routes 4, 6, 40, and 45, departing Place Riel at :15 minute intervals.

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## Rosewood Transit Meeting



Wednesday, June 7  
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# Transit Questions & Responses

## Increased Frequency on 8th St.

Saskatoon Transit was excited to bring new high frequency transit service to 8th Street in July 2016. For this to happen, other regularly scheduled routes were altered. Frequency on 8th Street is now between 8–10 minutes. This past year, our Customer Service has received positive feedback on the increased frequency changes to 8th Street.

## Service Hours extended

Prior to July 2016, Route 29 only offered peak hour service M/F 7-9 & 3-6. Route 86 now offers :30 minute service M/F and 1 hour service after 7 pm and on weekends.

## Service to downtown—Route 8

Routes 81, 82, 83, 84 & 86 are now interlined with the Route 8 8th Street. Routes 83 & 86 continue to interline with the downtown through the day, therefore, these routes do not require a transfer.

## Route 86 Rosewood

Route 86 is a new route, with similar routing to the previous 29 Rosewood. Because Route 86 continues to interline with other routes at the Centre Mall terminal, this route does not require a transfer in the event that your destination is to the downtown. There was some initial concerns with service to Pawlychenko Lane. Transit addressed these concerns with some revisions to Route 86 and by adding another stop at Slimmons Road and Taylor Street.

## Additional Bus Stops

Prior to January 2016, there were 5 bus stops along Rosewood Boulevard/Rosewood Gate. With the 2016 revisions, 2 additional bus stops have been added—#3086 & #4489. An additional stop was added in July at Taylor and Simmons Road.

## Extending Routes

Route 86 was created in order that service may be extended into Rosewood and down Rosewood Boulevard West & Rosewood Gate North. With this extended route, frequency is now 30 minutes daytime/ 60 minutes evenings/weekends.

## Transferring from the Route 86 to Routes 50/55 U of S/Place Riel

If your destination is to the U of S/ Place Riel, you do not need to transfer at the Centre Mall terminal. Your best option is to transfer at McKercher & Taylor at stop #3817. At this transfer point, there is available higher frequency with 10–15 minute service to the university. Several routes are available to Place Riel including routes, 50, 55 and numerous University directs, beginning at 5:45 am–9:44 am (peak hours)

## Using Place Riel as a transfer point to the Downtown Terminal

Out of habit, riders have been accustomed to using Place Riel as a transfer point to their destination downtown. Initial concern was having to wait up to 30 minutes for the next bus. Since July 2016, Transit has looked at these time points and has worked at keeping Routes 4,6, 40 & 45 on regular 15 minute intervals.

In many cases, the best transfer point is at JYSK/Indigo or at Clarence and 8th Street, onto Route 8 8th Street,

depending upon your starting point. Because of the higher frequency on 8th Street, you will be downtown much quicker, while avoiding having to pass through Place Riel. This transfer point is recommended for those using routes 50/55 with a downtown destination.

## Transferring on 8th Street (JYSK/Indigo) from/to Route 50/55

With the changes in July, riders quickly identified JYSK/Indigo as a key transfer point off of and onto Routes 50/55. For those riders inbound to the downtown, transfers are more favourable with frequency increasing to under 10 minute service. On the outbound transfers are less optimal. Transit operations is aware that these stops are crucial time points that operators must adhere to, in order that transfers may be optimized. Operators are doing their best to maintain these time points.

## Schedule Adherence & Transit App

With new transfer points and interlined routes, schedule adherence is becoming more critical and valued by the rider. Since July of 2016, Saskatoon Transit has launched real time transit tracking through the third party developers, the Transit App and Google Transit. Real time tracking allows you to see the location of your bus in real time and see how many minutes until the next bus arrives, which will reduce wait times at bus stops. Through customized route maps using Google Transit, the customer can create several trip plan options. Utilizing these tools, he/she will find that in many cases, the trip is not necessarily longer, even with a possible transfer.