

Re: Bus Route Review, 111 Changes

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Mr. Menard,

On behalf of the Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA), we are contacting you in regards to some concerns we have outlined as part of OC Transpo's "Bus Route Review," to be presented to the Transit Commission on Nov. 14.

Among the recommendations brought forth from transit services include a provision that would cut all Bus Route 111 service to Carleton University. This is deeply worrying for many students here at Carleton, who use the line regularly to get to and from campus.

We are further concerned that, as with recent announcements to delay the opening of the Trillium Line into at least April 2024, that bus service will be cut to Carleton without the relevant Trillium Line stop at Mooney's Bay to supplement the student ridership. Even with the proposed opening of Trillium Line, we worry a cut to 111 service may negatively impact student ridership.

We are respectfully requesting that our concerns, both with the opening of Trillium Line and the potential cut to Route 111 service, can be brought before the Transit Commission. We would like to make sure our position is made known to Renée Amilcar, General Manager, Transit Services Department, and Pat Scrimgeour, the Director of Transit Customer Systems and Planning.

Our position at CUSA has always been that transit should always be in the best interests of the commuter. A large number of the commuters in your Ward, and indeed in the general vicinity of Carleton University, are students who would have the most to lose from such a proposal.

We would appreciate your support on this matter, both as our City Councillor and a Transit Commission member.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with CUSA. We look forward to your reply.

Regards,

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