

After more than three years of technical work and public engagement, the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Report will be going to City Council on April 29 2019, to finalize routing.

BACKGROUND

The BRT system and Downtown Active Transportation Network are part of the City's Plan for Growth, two important options for how residents can move around the city.

There has been significant engagement with residents over the past years, resulting in the reports and recommendations which will be coming to City Council on April 29, 2019.

Summaries of these reports, engagement results, and technical recommendations were made public Wednesday, April 17th and can be found at saskatoon.ca/transit-plan. The full reports will be made public on Wednesday April 24 also on the City's website.

AFTER CITY COUNCIL MAKES A DECISION:

The Chamber of Commerce is a member of the City of Saskatoon's BRT Collaboration team. The goal of this team is to work closely with key stakeholders who will be impacted by the BRT and ensure there is clear communication and an ability to discuss concerns and work towards solutions together.

After a decision on BRT routing is made by Council, the Chamber will be conducting a short survey with its members about the BRT. There will also be an opportunity to ask for someone from the City to come and discuss in more detail what the implications of the BRT will be, for example – streetscaping options, the process during construction, impact on parking, etc. This is the point where it is very important to hear your concerns ahead of time so a process can be put in place to address them.

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