

# GOTTINGEN IS A DESTINATION, A COMMUNITY, A NEIGHBOURHOOD, A 250 YEAR OLD STREET. GOTTINGEN IS **NOT** A TRANSIT CORRIDOR

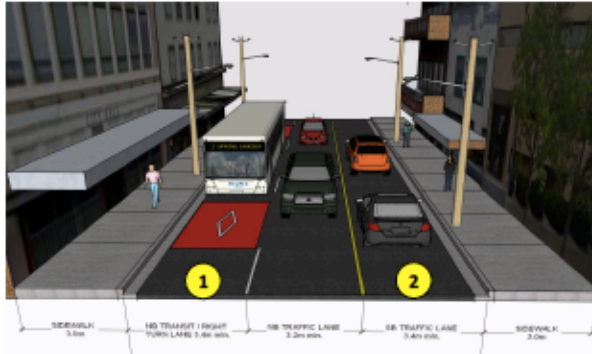
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## What is Happening?

Halifax Regional Municipality is currently completing the design of a proposed transit priority lane on Gottingen Street. Once implemented, the northbound curb lane will be dedicated to bus traffic only on weekdays between 7-9AM and 3-6PM. On-street parking and loading will be prohibited during this period. Outside of this period, curb access – including parking and loading – will be permitted within the northbound curb lane. Parking and loading will be prohibited in the southbound curb lane at all times.

- 1 The northbound curb lane will be dedicated to buses between 7-9AM and 3-6PM. Outside of these times, on-street parking will be permitted in the lane.
- 2 Parking and loading will be prohibited in the southbound curb lane at all times.



HRM'S PLAN



Public realm improvements, including curb extensions and streetscaping elements, are being considered.

NOT POSSIBLE WITH THIS PLAN

## THE ISSUE:

### • HRM IS PLANNING TO TURN GOTTINGEN INTO A 3 LANE TRANSIT CORRIDOR TO SERVICE 90 BUSES AN HOUR DURING PEAK PERIODS.

- Gottingen is only 34' to 36' wide with an active pedestrian environment, a growing local business community, and strong, established community — all of which will be impacted by increased noise, pollution, and pedestrian safety issues.
- Corridor plans will remove all parking and loading along the west side of the street, which many small businesses rely on as their only means of access. This will impact commercial and residential garbage pick-up, residential moving trucks, emergency vehicles & local side street parking.
- Increased bus traffic does not provide added service benefit to the community, which is already more than well serviced northbound.
- More appropriate alternatives have not been fully explored,

and Metro Transit has no comprehensive plan for the \$64 million Cogswell Redevelopment project even though this provides a rare and fleeting opportunity for purpose built transit infrastructure like bus corridors.

- Community consultations have been circumscribe at best; narrowed by consultant's scope of work, and have not permitted the broader dialogue the community is calling for.
- Measurable outcomes and definitions of success have not been established, and goals for this project do not include community outcomes.
- This project is being heralded as a Complete Street Project. Transit Corridors and Complete Streets are not one in the same, and should not be promoted as such.
- With a \$250,000 budget, little to no investment is being made in the community, yet we are expected to absorb the impact of a regional transit network.

## WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR:

- NEBA supports local bus service and the addition of #1 southbound.
- NEBA will support TPMs during peak periods, if parking and loading is accommodated off-peak.
- Buses that do not service or add service benefit to be routed to Barrington and the bridge ramp.
- Define measurable outcomes for transit *and* the community to ensure accountability and mitigation where necessary.
- Complete a risk assessment for noise, pollution and pedestrian safety first.
- Increase the budget for any redesign of Gottingen that enables a true complete street concept.
- A more strategic bus routing plan that uses transfer points to reduce number of buses coming downtown.
- Prior to design approval of the Cogswell Project, incorporate a comprehensive transit strategy for these lands.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP SAVE GOTTINGEN STREET?**

**1. CONTACT** your elected representatives and share your thoughts and concerns.

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**2. BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS** attend the **MAY 14 SPECIAL STAKEHOLDERS MEETING 1:30pm-3:30pm** at the North Branch Library.

**3. ATTEND** the **MAY 17 PUBLIC MEETING 6pm-8pm**, at the North Branch Library.

**4. DISPLAY** this poster in your window to show you want something better for Gottingen.

