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### Perth Transport Authority Proposed Bus Routes – Submission from the City of Kalamunda

The City of Kalamunda thanks the Public Transport Authority (PTA) for the opportunity to comment on the new proposed bus routes proposed for the district.

The City notes this proposal relates to the train Line at High Wycombe Station, and the associated new rail infrastructure coming on line during Mid-2022. Generally, the City is supportive of the intent of the PTA and we believe the new High Wycombe Station and associated bus transfers will provide improved access throughout the network for residents of the District.

The City has reviewed the documentation provided by the PTA and makes the following observations:

1. Currently most busses venturing into the City of Kalamunda only go back and forth to Perth, with limited options and therefore public transport is not a first option for the community who have a choice. There is opportunity with the new station and bus network to change this.
2. There are several new bus routes proposed, along with the discontinuation of current services. New services cover a majority of areas from existing routes.
3. There are several new bus numbers and changes to the network which will require significant communications to ensure current users are aware, understand the impact and can plan their journey accordingly.
4. New services have a positive impact with an increase in frequency of service and service connection.

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5. It is difficult to determine the potential time savings from the new proposed network, and there may be some cases in which the public transport journey takes longer. For example, if a customer currently accesses one direct route from Kalamunda such as a 299/295 they will not have direct route access all the way along Kalamunda Road and Great Eastern Highway.
6. There appears to be many potential journeys which will be more efficient than under the current available bus network route and frequencies.
7. The City is aware the PTA proposes to pay for any new infrastructure required as a part of the changes and is supportive of this proposal.
8. Proposed Route 278 will need to be future-proofed, as in approx. 3 years Stirling Crescent will be cutoff at Great Eastern Highway.
9. Access along Old Midland Road and frequency of services should be assessed to take into account significant developments at the City of Kalamunda and City of Swan boarded with large scale residential development in the area.
10. The areas of Bickley, Carmel, Piesse Brook, Hacketts Gully and Pickering Brook continue to be un-serviced by the proposed new routes. Previously some services have operated in Pickering Brook and Bickley areas. The City is supportive of further consideration being given to some level of service in this region to connect with the new station.
11. The expanded Forrestfield to Lesmurdie service proposed in the future could service Aged Care site near Lesmurdie High which will be located at the Corner of Canning and Pomeroy Roads. The City appreciates this being a part of future planning at the PTA.
12. The City seeks clarification to confirm how the event bus network will be impacted. Similarly consideration for any future expansion areas including Pickering Brook.
13. There is a negative impact for the following streets in which services are proposed to be withdrawn:
  - a. Kalamunda Road between Barker Road & Stirling Crescent.
  - b. Kalamunda Road between Wittenoorn Road & Newburn Road
  - c. Strelitiza Avenue between Bougainvillea Avenue & Hale Road (service relocated to Hale Road)
  - d. Apricot Street between Berkshire Road & Sultana Road
  - e. Marshall Road between Macao Road & Sorenson Road
  - f. Macao Rd between Marshall Road & Wittenoorn Road
  - g. Dawson Av between Hicks Street & Hale Road (service relocated to Cypress)
  - h. Harewood Street between Northumberland Road and Edinburgh Road.

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14. In regard to (13.a) above the City has had specific feedback that residents of the National Lifestyle Village utilise the bus to access Hospital services and as such encourages PTA to look at potential solution which does allow some service along Kalamunda Road up towards Abernethy Road, High Wycombe. It is understood that PTA are of the view that the usage from Lifestyle Village is low, however notwithstanding this, the City is of the view that our elderly residents should be given a high priority access given their needs. Many elderly people have mobility issues and that it would be too difficult for them to walk to Stirling Crescent to access the proposed 278 bus service. Residents will not only be unable to access vitally important services but will also be isolated from the local High Wycombe community. With many residents having mobility issues, they are physically unable to walk from the Hillview Lifestyle Village to the High Wycombe Village Shopping Centre and rely on the current bus service to buy their groceries and access medical services etc. Many residents also advised that the reason they bought their home was because of the bus service that was located right outside the Hillview Lifestyle Village
15. In regard to (13b) above there will be no bus servicing the stretch of road along Kalamunda Road between Newburn Road and Wittensoom Road. This issue was brought up by a number of residents who advised that they currently catch a bus opposite the Hillview Lifestyle Village to access the High Wycombe Village Shopping Centre on Kalamunda Road. Not only are residents accessing the Coles Shopping Centre but they are also accessing important services such as the High Wycombe Medical Practice, Advantage Pharmacy, post office / newsagency and the hairdresser/barber etc. There were many residents who advised that with the current bus service, they can access the High Wycombe Village Shopping Centre quite easily, but this will be unavailable to them with the proposed 278 bus service.
16. The City suggest a better route for the proposed 278 bus service would be that the service travel from the High Wycombe Train Station along Dundas Road before turning onto Wittensoom Road, make a right turn at Hamilton Road and then a left turn on Newburn Road, before turning left at the roundabout on Kalamunda Road and heading towards Abernethy Road and Midland. This would enable residents from the Hillview Lifestyle Village to still have access to the High Wycombe Village Shopping Centre and other vital services that are located within the precinct.



17. The City requests the PTA to further consider access along Kalamunda Road in High Wycombe..

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate the City on 9257 9999 or via email at [enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@kalamunda.wa.gov.au).

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