

General Manager's Report

December 8th, 2022

1. COVID Update

November ridership exceeded November 2019 by 24.4%. At 375,257 rides, it's the second highest month on record behind October 2022. GoBus ridership is approximately 77% of 2019.

2. Status of ICIP Funding Applications

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| 1. Replacement of Paratransit Fleet | Tender awarded |
| 2. Ten Accessible Bus Shelters | Shelters received last week |
| 3. Replacement Shelter Van | Tender closed – no bids received. Quotes requested from suppliers and order placed |
| 4. Replacement Community Bus | Approval of funding received. Recently notified that a hybrid bus is not currently available. A scope change to purchase a gas bus has been approved. |
| 5. Hybrid buses (8) 40-foot | Application submitted May 25 th , 2022 |
| 6. Stop Announcement System | Application submitted July 12 th , 2022 |
| 7. Radio System Upgrade | Application submitted September 13, 2022 |
| 8. Farebox System Replacement | Application submitted September 30, 2022 |
| 9. Smart Card Validator Upgrade | Application submitted September 30, 2022 |

3. Delivery – Eighteen (18) New Paratransit buses for GoBus

First shipment of buses scheduled to arrive next week with the balance to be delivered mid-January.

4. Accessibility Plan

The draft terms of reference has been presented and reviewed by the Paratransit Working Group. There was positive feedback from the group. The terms of reference has also been forwarded to the City to distribute to the Inclusion Advisory Committee.