

NOTICE OF MOTION

NM2017--

SOUTHWEST BUS RAPID TRANSIT (SWBRT) – PHASE 2

**COUNCILLOR JEROMY FARKAS
COUNCILLOR DIANE COLLEY-URQUHART**

WHEREAS Council directed Administration that the citywide Bus Rapid Transit Program (Capital budget Program 566) is not to exceed the approved budget of \$208 million (source: TT2016-0578 and TT2016-0335);

WHEREAS Administration has advised of a \$170 million operating shortfall in the next fiscal year, and the need to pursue a combination of solutions such as finding workforce savings, revisiting capital expenditures, pursuing reductions, or raising taxes,

WHEREAS the tender for Southwest BRT Phase 2 has not yet been awarded, allowing changes in scope and execution to be performed with no or minimal cost to the City,

WHEREAS Phase 2 of the Southwest BRT is located entirely within Wards 11 and 13, and 64.9% of Ward 11 voters and 89.2% of Ward 13 voters supported candidates who proposed to revisit the project's scope and execution (source: Elections Calgary and Calgarians for BRT);

AND WHEREAS the Southwest BRT project has seen rapidly escalating costs and was designed in 2008 without considering major events and developments such as the Southwest Calgary Ring Road,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to:

1. Not award the tender for Phase 2 of the Southwest BRT at this time.
2. Bring forward a comprehensive review and accounting of all costs for the BRT Program to date, including but not limited to land, rolling stock, associated pedestrian infrastructure, and drainage improvements.
3. Provide updated cost benefit analysis to measure the proposed Southwest BRT Phase 2 against alternative transit investments, including but not limited to the 52nd Street BRT and Green Line LRT.
4. Report back directly to Council no later than December 2017.

Councillor Farkas	Councillor Colley-Urquhart
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