

## Wellington Village Community Association



E. of Island Park Dr. / W. of Holland Ave / S. of Scott St. / N. of the Queensway

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Dear Councillor Hobbs, OC Transpo Planners,

The Wellington Village Community Association is disappointed that the proposed transit route changes include the removal of all bus options running along Scott between Westboro and Tunneys. This potential situation leaves a large part of our community without a service to connect them to the Transitway. Able-bodied persons have the option to walk the .9 to 1.1 km distance to one of these two stations, but many others can not. Walking in the opposite direction to Wellington to take the 2 to Westboro is not a viable option as it will significantly increase travel time (double in some cases).

If Ottawa is serious in its commitment to improve the modal split between transit and vehicle users, transit must remain a viable option. The loss of a bus on Scott would mean that many people - those who are seniors, disabled, injured, with young children, carrying a load, travelling in bad weather - would lose their ability to travel by bus. Transit should not just be for the young and able-bodied. Further, some in our community use the transit system not out of necessity, but out of principle - out of concern for the environment and to reduce traffic congestion. With the present proposals, many of those riders risk to choose their car instead.

We need to make transit use convenient for all of these riders if we ever hope to approach the desired modal split.

Therefore, we propose you examine two possibilities that could fill this void:

1. continue the 150 route east on Scott to Tunneys (or Lebreton) instead of stopping it at Westboro Stn.
2. continue the 18 west on Scott to Westboro, instead of stopping it at Preston.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our suggestions.

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On Behalf of the Wellington Village Community Association Board of Directors