



# Stittsville Public Transit Meeting

October 7, 2008

# Background

- Consultation on funding options, spring/summer 2005
- Council decision to create new Town Transit Area for Stittsville – July 13, 2005
- Consultation on service changes – November 14, 2005, and March 22, 2006
- Service changes in place – September 2006
- Route change in Fringewood – September 2007
- Route extension in Jackson Trails – September 2008

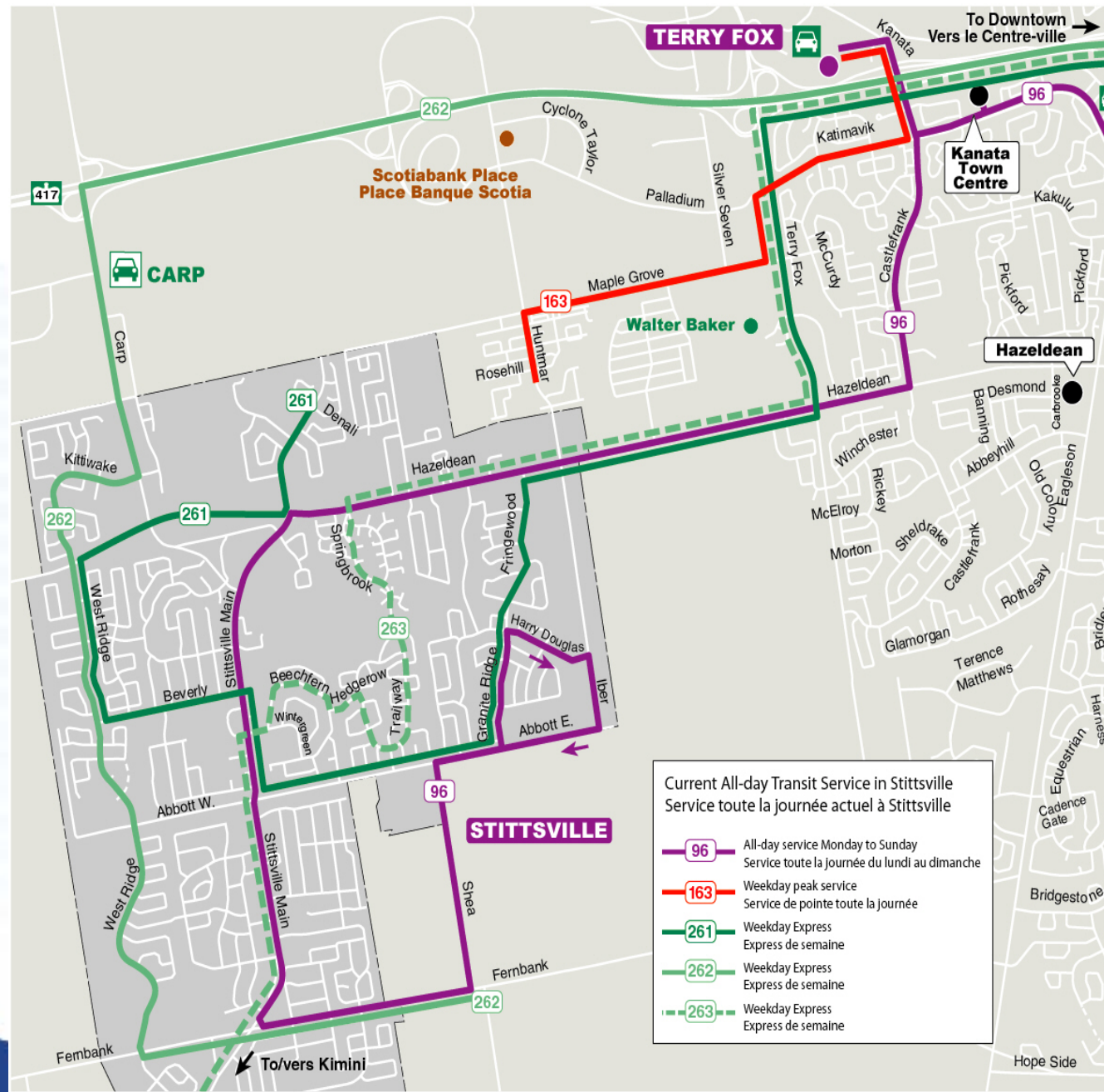
# Purposes of tonight's meeting

- To bring you up to date on current transit service in Stittsville
- To present to you our proposals for service improvements for Stittsville for the the next three years
- To show you the impacts for transit tax levels of those proposals
- To ask for your comment on our proposals

# Topics this evening

- 1. Overview of current service**
2. Proposed transit improvements
3. Proposed phase-in of tax adjustments
4. Proposed route revision in Granite Ridge

# Current transit service



# Current transit service

Route	Area Served	Service Level	Leaving Stittsville	Arriving Stittsville
<b>Route 96</b> Monday-Friday Saturday Sunday	Stittsville to Downtown via Kanata and Bayshore	Every 30 min (60 min late evenings and Sundays)	First trip 5:39 a.m. (7:15 Sat, 8:20 Sun) Last trip 11:35 p.m. (6:50 Sat, 5:20 Sun)	First trip 6:20 a.m. (8:43 Sat, 10:00 Sun) Last trip 12:11 a.m. (Midnight Sat, 7:45 p.m. Sun)
<b>Route 261</b> Monday-Friday	Jackson Trails, West Ridge, Abbott, and Granite Ridge to Downtown	4 morning trips 4 afternoon trips	First trip 5:43 a.m. Last trip 7:18 a.m.	First trip 4:23 p.m. Last trip 6:13 p.m.
<b>Route 262</b> Monday-Friday	West Ridge and Timbermere to Downtown	6 morning trips 6 afternoon trips	First trip 6:01 a.m. Last trip 8:01 a.m.	First trip 4:04 p.m. Last trip 6:29 p.m.
<b>Route 263</b> Monday-Friday	Kimini, Main Street, Wyldewood, and Amberwood to Downtown	4 morning trips 4 afternoon trips	First trip 6:09 a.m. Last trip 7:39 a.m.	First trip 4:40 p.m. Last trip 6:20 p.m.
<b>Route 163</b> Monday-Friday	Eagleson Station to Kanata West <i>(No service into Stittsville)</i>	8 morning trips 9 afternoon trips	<u>Leaving Kanata West</u> First trip 5:55 a.m. Last trip 9:25 a.m.	<u>Arriving Kanata West</u> First trip 3:37 p.m. Last trips 7:37 pm

# Stittsville transit ridership, 2002-2008

Route	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Route 96, Monday-Friday	195	300	420	445	735	880	945
Route 96, Saturday	N/A	170	175	195	320	340	400
Route 96, Sunday	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	165	220	250
Former local route in Stittsville Monday-Friday	30	50	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S
Route 261, Monday-Friday	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	130	145	160
Route 262, Monday-Friday	150	250	285	345	330	360	415
Route 263, Monday-Friday	165	195	235	230	220	175	190
Annual ridership on bus routes in Stittsville	141,000	209,000	246,000	267,000	384,000	424,000	465,000
Annual trips by Stittsville residents at Kanata park and ride lots	66,000	66,000	82,000	86,000	94,000	100,000	108,000
<b>Total annual ridership to/from Stittsville</b>	<b>207,000</b>	<b>275,000 +33%</b>	<b>328,000 +19%</b>	<b>353,000 +8%</b>	<b>478,000 +35%</b>	<b>524,000 +10%</b>	<b>573,000 +9%</b>

N/A = Data not available

N/S = No service provided at this time

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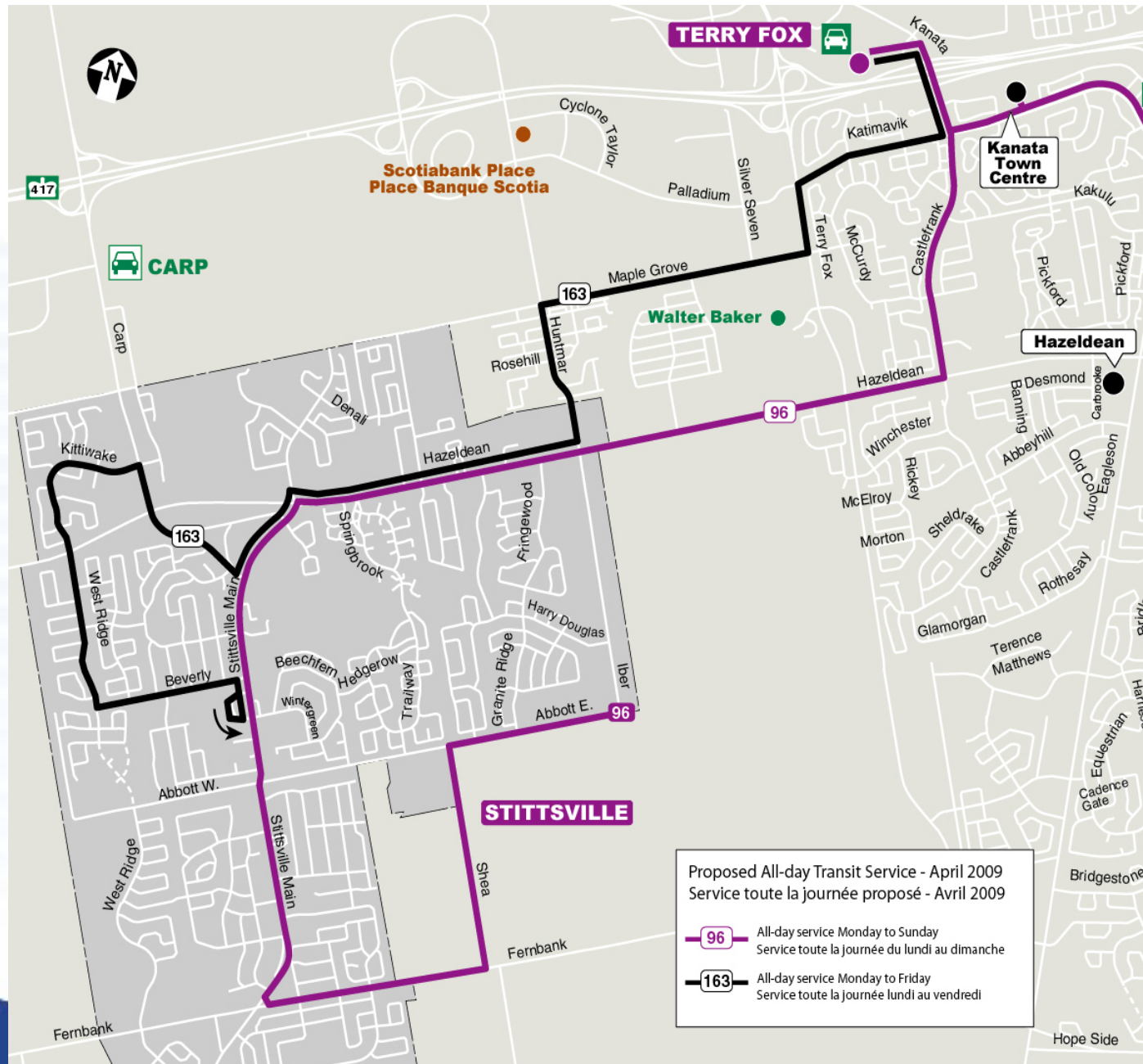
# Proposed transit improvements

- **Two stage phase-in**
- **For 2009:**
  - New service for Timbermere/West Ridge areas
  - Increased service on Route 263
  - Increased evening and Sunday service on Route 96
  - New bus loop at Abbott/Iber for Route 96
- **For 2010:**
  - Increased service for Timbermere/West Ridge areas
  - Increased service on Route 263
  - Reduction in fares

# Proposed 2009 improvements

- **Extension of Route 163 from Kanata West to Timbermere and West Ridge**
  - Service Monday to Friday
  - First trip leaving Stittsville 8:30 a.m.
  - Last trip arriving in Stittsville 7:00 p.m.
- **Increased service on Route 263**
  - Two additional afternoon trips, making 30 minute service
- **Additional service on Route 96**
  - 30 minute frequency late evenings and on Sundays
- **New bus loop at Abbott/Iber**
  - Remove all-day operation on Granite Ridge/Harry Douglas

# Proposed all-day service – 2009



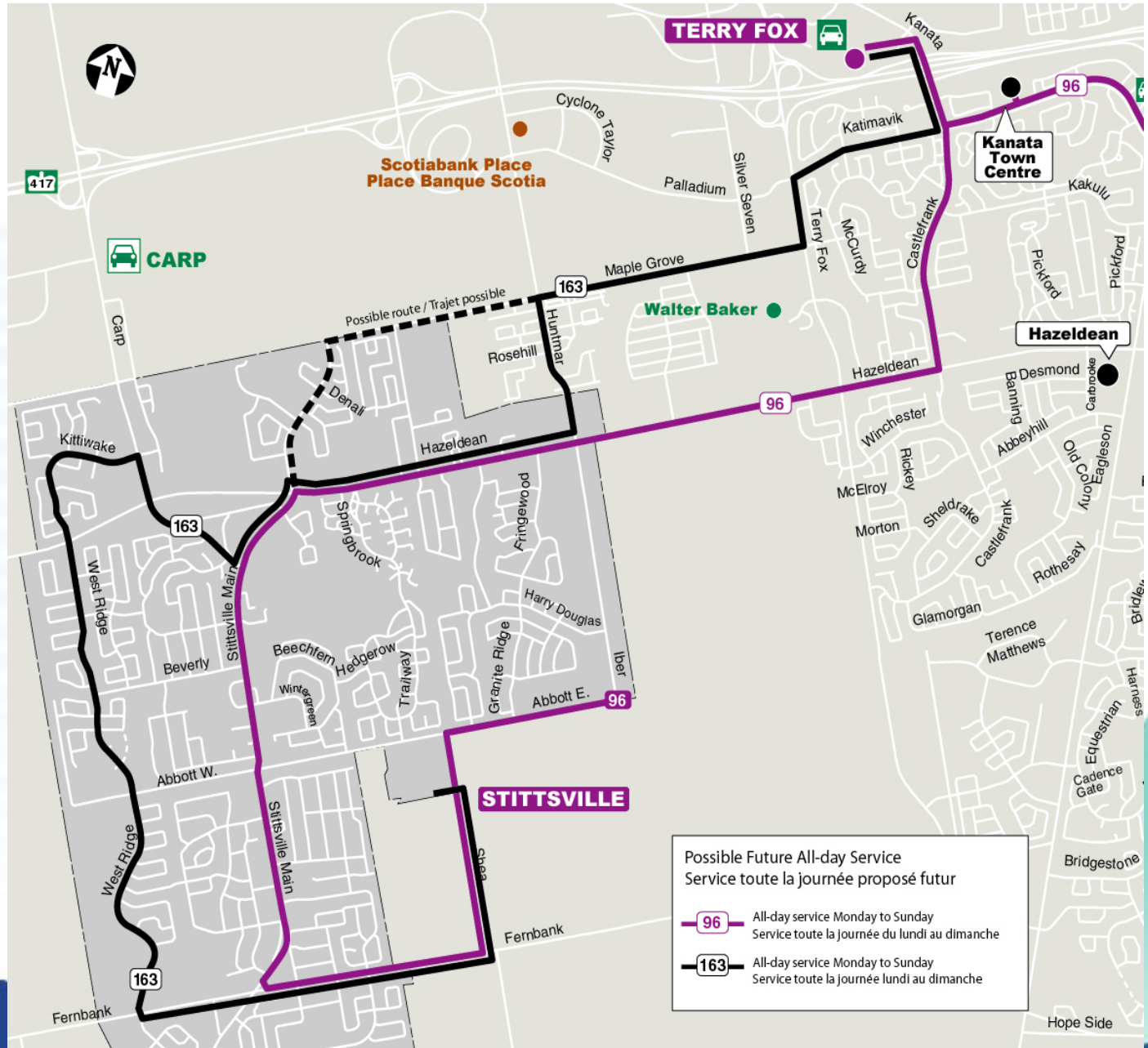
# Proposed 2010 improvements

- **Increased service on Route 163 for Timbermere and West Ridge**
  - New service in morning peak period, Monday-Friday
  - New evening service, Monday-Friday
  - New Saturday and Sunday service
- **Additional service on Route 263**
  - Two additional morning trips, making 30 minute service
- **Reduced fares**
  - Replace Rural Express fares (currently \$126/month) with Express fares (currently \$101/month)
  - Para Transpo customers would no longer pay zone fares

# Possible future improvements

- **Beyond 2010:**
  - All-day service through Jackson Trails
  - All-day service on West Ridge to Fernbank
- **Longer term:**
  - Integration with transit service in Fernbank lands
  - Integration with future rapid transit facilities

# Possible future all-day service



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# Transit taxes in Stittsville

- Property taxes in Stittsville cover:
  - Net operating costs for transit service only from Stittsville (estimated \$1.5 million in 2008)
  - Same contribution to capital costs (bus fleet expansion, park and ride construction, etc.) as rest of urban area (estimated \$503,000 in 2008)
- For a Stittsville residential property assessed in 2007 at \$279,000, the transit taxes in 2008 are \$306

## Transit tax transition for 2009-11

- Transit taxes follow expenditures on transit service
- Final three years of a ten-year phase-in
  - 2008 – \$306 per year
  - 2009 – \$390 per year (*estimated*)
  - 2010 – \$440 per year (*estimated*)
  - 2011 – \$486 per year (*estimated*)
- By 2011, the service levels, transit fare levels, and tax rates would be the same in Stittsville as in the rest of the urban part of the City

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## Current service on Route 96 east of Shea

- Service east of Shea began in September 2006
- Primary users are travelling to/from Specialty Care Granite Ridge long-term care facility and to/from residential areas along Granite Ridge and Harry Douglas
- Currently carries 110 customer-trips/day Monday-Friday, 100 on Saturdays, 40 on Sundays
- 80 percent of ridership is to/from stops on Abbott
- 20 percent of ridership is to/from stops on Granite Ridge, Harry Douglas, and Iber

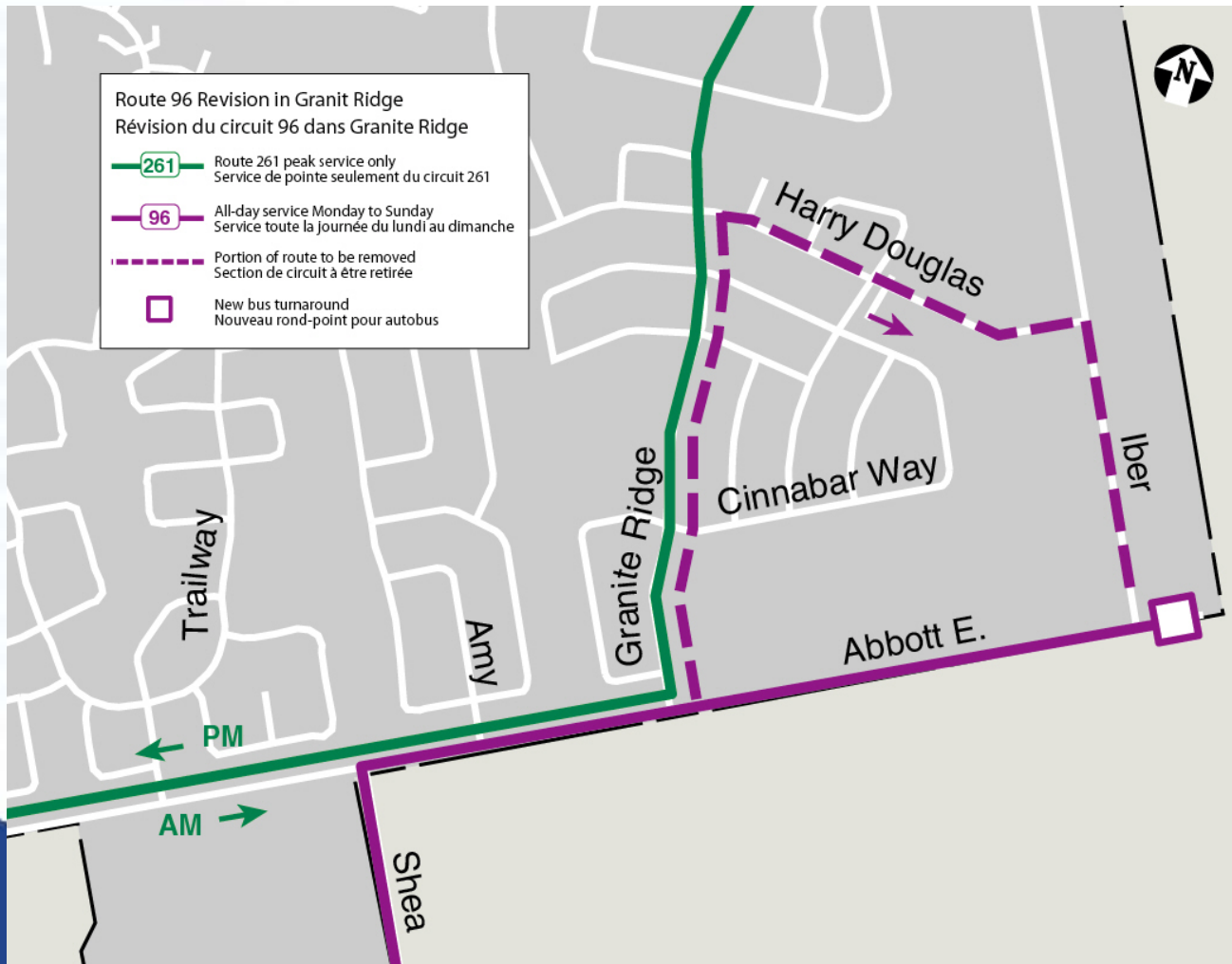
## Proposed Route 96 revision

- Build new bus turning area at Abbott/Iber intersection
- Selected from many options suggested and evaluated
- Proposed to be built and open in 2009
- Approvals and engineering design needed
- Continuing to pursue temporary turning on private property until turning area can be built

## Proposed Route 96 revision

- Would remove all-day service north of Abbott on Granite Ridge, Harry Douglas, and Iber
- Retains service for majority of customers east of Shea
- Reduces intrusion in residential area
- Requires longer walk for 20-25 customers each day
- If there is future interest by the community in all-day transit service in this area, staff would evaluate options at that time

# Proposed Route 96 revision



# Review

- 1. Overview of current service**
  - Ridership now up to 573,000 per year
- 2. Proposed transit service improvements**
  - Two year phase-in, in 2009 and 2010
- 3. Proposed phase-in of tax adjustments**
  - Three year phase-in, from 2009 to 2011
- 4. Proposed route revision in Granite Ridge**
  - Construction of new bus turnaround at Abbott/Iber

# Your views are needed

- Do you agree with . . . ?
  - The two year phase-in of service improvements
  - The details of the service improvements
  - The fare reductions
  - The three-year phase-in of tax changes
  - The construction of a bus turning area at Abbott/Iber
  - The removal of all-day service on Granite Ridge, Harry Douglas, and Iber
- Your comments will be reflected in the staff recommendations to City Council

# Comments?

- Speak to representatives here tonight
- Comments on policy or the future – to Councillor's office
  - Write to [shad.qadri@ottawa.ca](mailto:shad.qadri@ottawa.ca) or call 613 580-2476
- Comments on service proposals or current operations – to OC Transpo
  - Visit [octranspo.com](http://octranspo.com) for contact form

# Proposed all-day service - 2009

