

MiWay's Service Change Process

Presented by:

Alana Tyers, Manager Service Development

MiWay Five: Transit Service Master Plans





MiWay Five - successfully completed (2016-2020)

The Service Plan focused on:

- ✓ Moving Mississauga's transit system from a design that radiates from the city centre to a grid network.
- ✓ Created more frequent and direct service along main roads.
- ✓ Strengthening service, quality and reliability
- ✓ Growth in ridership



MiWay's Five – The Next Five (2021-2025) was delayed due to the pandemic and reduced funding for future transit services. This master plan will build on the success of the first five years and will guide the route refinements and support service improvements to reinforce continued rider growth.

This Service Plan will focus on:

- ✓ Guiding the refinement and expansion of the transit network towards full integration
- ✓ Adjusting services to support and integrate with the Transitway, planned HuLRT, future rapid transit projects (Dundas, Lakeshore)
- ✓ Refining the hierarchy of services
- ✓ Incorporating the Transitway and MiWay's infrastructure initiatives in route network and service improvements.





MiWay Five: 10 Key Benefits



Stronger corridors to support a grid network



Direct connections between major transit hubs



More frequent service on main corridors



Improved connectivity with GO stations



More service outside of weekday rush hours



Improved connectivity with major employment areas



More express service between key destinations



Improved connectivity with colleges and universities



Integration with rapid transit connections

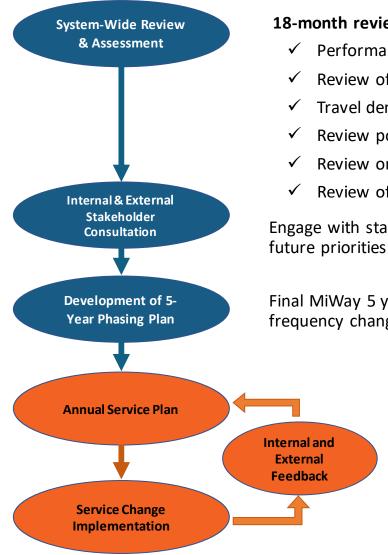


Improved connectivity with neighbouring communities





MiWay Five: Overall Service Master Plan Process



18-month review process with external consultant:

- ✓ Performance review of existing routes
- ✓ Review of ridership changes by route
- ✓ Travel demand patterns analysis
- ✓ Review population/employment/demographic influences
- ✓ Review ongoing City development
- ✓ Review of City's policy framework for transit

Engage with stakeholders including members of the public, City Leaders and MiWay and City staff to gain insight on future priorities for transit.

Final MiWay 5 year service plan approved identifying the annual phasing plan, updated system map, proposed route and frequency changes, infrastructure improvements etc.

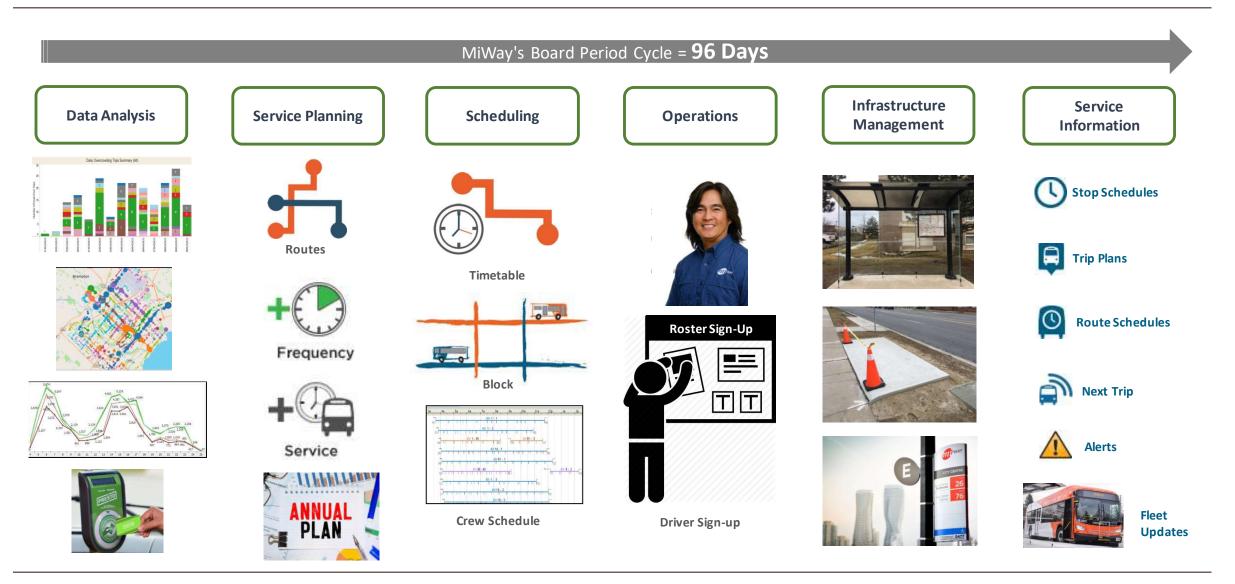
Annual Planning Process- Refine

- ✓ Refine the annual service plan based on current customer travel needs and resources (staffing/financial)
- ✓ Engage with stakeholders to collect feedback on plan
- ✓ Update and implement the plan





Service Change Process







Technology on MiWay Buses



Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) System:

- ✓ All MiWay buses are equipped with AVL
- ✓ AVL data is acquired from vehicles every 30 seconds
- ✓ Travel time of a route is determined based on the actual location of the vehicle

Automatic Passenger Counters (APC) System:

- √ 80% MiWay buses are equipped with APC
- ✓ All passenger boardings and alightings from the front and rear door of buses are recorded for every day/route/trip/stop.
- ✓ APC provides detailed ridership data including passenger loads





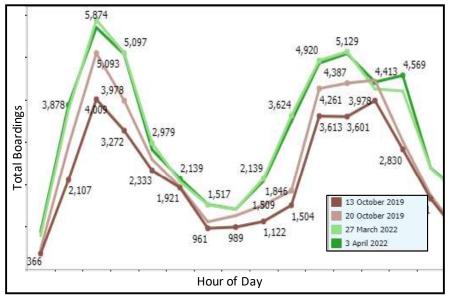
Ridership Data from APC

System Level Ridership



Example of system level ridership showing overall network ridership trends by month & year

Route Level Ridership



Example of route level ridership showing overall ridership increase on a specific route by time of day

Stop Level Ridership



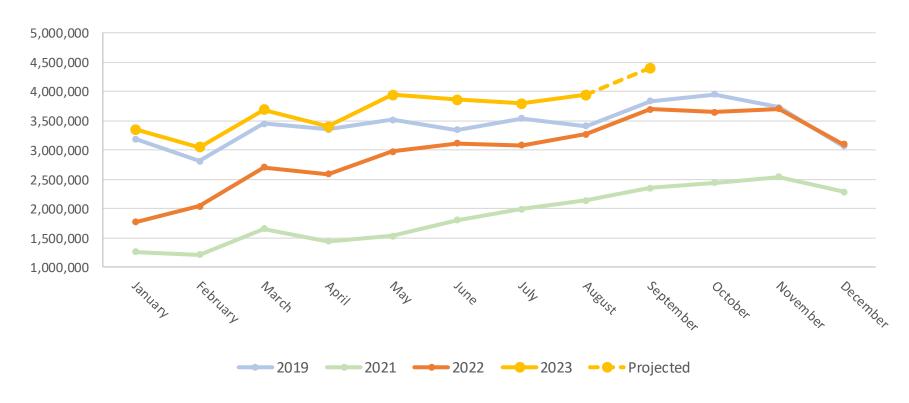
Example of stop level activity (boardings & alightings) for all stops within the network





Current Ridership Growth Trends (System Level)

Monthly Revenue Ridership Comparison

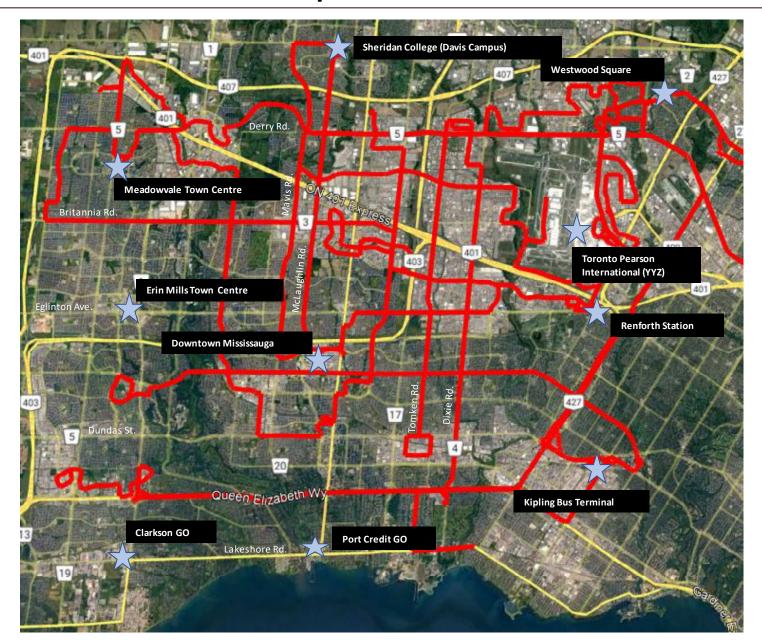


Overall ridership has surpassed pre-pandemic levels.





Current Ridership Trends (Route Level)



Top Performing Route/Corridor	% Growth over Pre- COVID (based on Aug.2023)			
57 Courtneypark	68%			
Derry Rd. (Rts 18/42/104)	59%			
15 Drew	54%			
24 Westwood	44%			
53 Kennedy	42%			
61 Mavis	40%			
11 Westwood	34%			
7 Airport	26%			
39 Britannia	24%			
51 Tomken	20%			
30 Rexdale	17%			
71 Sheridan-Subway	12%			
22 Finch	9%			
26 Burnhamthorpe	4%			
5 Dixie	4%			
25 Traders Loop	3%			
38 Creditview	4%			
66 McLaughlin	1%			

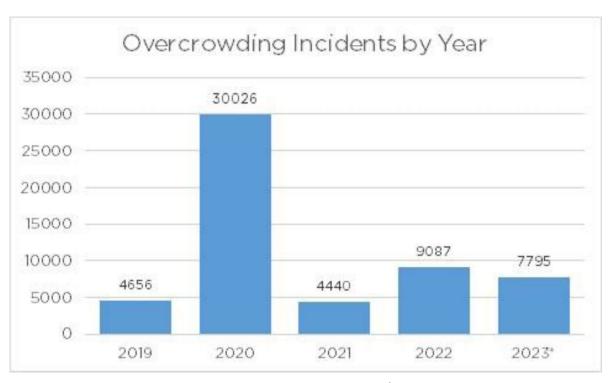
Legend:

Route showing ridership Growth (surpassing pre-covid)

Current Overcrowding Trends (Closed Doors)

MiWay defines 'overcrowding' when a bus reaches its maximum passenger capacity. When this occurs, the bus operator identifies 'closed doors' and is unable to pickup passengers at the next stop until space is available further along the route.

- Prior to the pandemic, MiWay experienced an annual total (2019) of 4,656 incidents of overcrowding.
- The pandemic required loading standard to be reduced for safety and physical space on the bus. As a result, MiWay experienced a significant increase in closed door occurrences in 2020.
- Although ridership had dropped in 2021 to nearly 25% of prepandemic levels, overcrowding on many routes continued causing closed doors.
- As restrictions were removed and ridership returned to 100% in 2022, closed doors began to grow with 9,087 incidents; almost double compared with 2019.
- Currently, ridership continues to grow in 2023. To date, MiWay is on track to surpass total 2022 overcrowding levels.



*2023 Includes data until September 4th 2023





Examining Route Performance

Route performance is analyzed based on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) such as:

- ✓ Total route ridership
- ✓ Trip Level & Stop Level ridership
- ✓ # of incidents of overcrowdings (including time of day, location, duration, & cause)

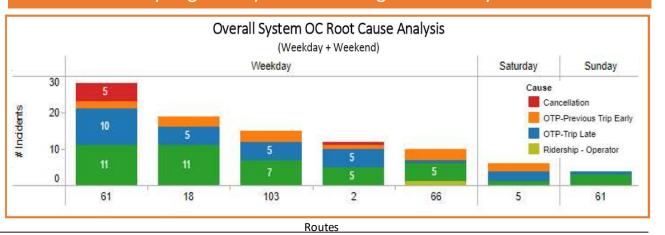
Analyzing overcrowding incidents by location (stop)



Comparing yearly ridership increase along a route



Analyzing weekly overcrowding incidents by route







Service Feedback

- ✓ Customer Outreach
- ✓ Customer Service Representatives Feedback
- ✓ Transit Operator Feedback
- ✓ Mildea Internal Feedback Platform



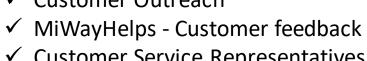






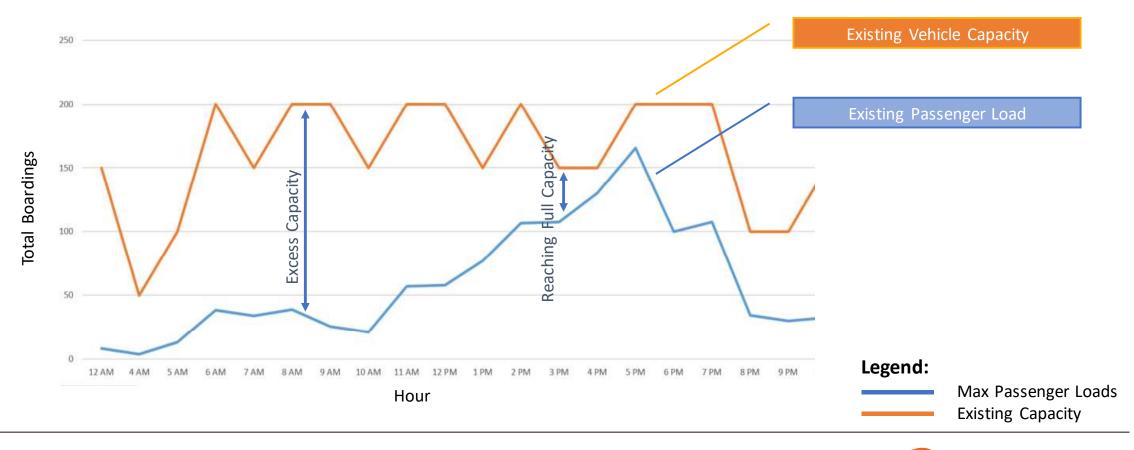






Responding to Ridership Growth

- ✓ When maximum passenger loads are significantly lower than existing route capacity (i.e. # of trips per hour & size of bus), the route is considered to be over-serviced.
- ✓ Resources from over-serviced routes are removed (i.e. frequencies widened or trips cancelled) and resources are reallocated to other routes where additional capacity is required to meet growing passenger loads.







Responding to Ridership Growth

- √ When maximum passenger loads surpasses existing route capacity (i.e. # of trips per hour & size of bus), the route is considered under-serviced. This results in incidents of overcrowding (closed doors)
- ✓ Resources are added to the route to increase overall capacity to alleviate overcrowding (these resources are acquired from other low performing routes).







Responding to Ridership Growth

To address increased ridership, MiWay continues to make adjustments to service (using existing resources):

- Additional articulated buses have been assigned to busy corridors, maximizing artic utilization (MiWay has limited number of artics within current fleet)
- Routing changes to shorten routes and provide more frequent service
- Reducing frequency on low performing routes to improve service and address overcrowding elsewhere
- Reducing frequency or cancelling service at specific times of the day to improve service in a different time period (i.e reducing midday to improve peak)



Route	Service	Recommendation				
Route 26	Saturday	RTA, Rerouting to no longer Service Glen Erin Drive, +1 bus				
Route 26	Sunday	RTA, Rerouting to no longer Service Glen Erin Drive, +1 bus				
Route 7	Saturday	+1 Late night bus				
Route 35	Sunday	RTA and +1 all day bus				
Route 39	Saturday	RTA and +1 all day bus				
Route 39	Sunday	RTA and +1 all day bus				
Route 61	Sunday	+1 bus (1p-11p) Improve headway to 20 mins				
Route 26	Weekday	RTA, Rerouting to no longer Service Glen Erin Drive				
Route 29	Weekday	Terminating at South Common, RTA, & Evening Reductions				
Route 29	Saturday	Terminating at South Common, RTA, & Evening Reductions				
Route 29	Sunday	Terminating at South Common, RTA				
Route 13	Weekday	RTA, W-Matrix, Sheridan Centre Rerouting, Evening Reduction				
Route 13	Saturday	RTA, W-Matrix, Sheridan Centre Rerouting, Evening Reduction				
Route 13	Sunday	RTA, W-Matrix, Sheridan Centre Rerouting, Evening Reduction				
Route 9	Weekday	RTA, GO Service Adjustments & Evening Reduction				
Route 9	Saturday	RTA & Evening Reduction				
Route 14	Weekday	RTA + Washroom Matrix				
Route 25	Weekday	Washroom Matrix				
Route 90	Weekday	Washroom Matrix				
Route 20	Weekday	Evening Reductions				
Route 76	Weekday	Evening Reductions				

Legend

Service Decreased; resources reallocated Service Increased





2024 Business Plan – Service Growth

1% Service Increase

✓ Address ongoing service impacts including overcrowding, service delays, additional running time due to traffic congestion, construction impacts, detour requirements.

No Service Growth Improvements

Total Annual Serv. Hrs: +15,000

2% Service Increase

✓ Address ongoing service impacts including overcrowding, service delays, additional running time due to traffic congestion, construction impacts, detour requirements.

Service Growth Improvements*:

✓ Introduce new Mavis express

Total Annual Serv. Hrs: +30,000

3% Service Increase

✓ Address ongoing service impacts including overcrowding, service delays, additional running time due to traffic congestion, construction impacts, detour requirements.

Service Growth Improvements*:

- ✓ Introduce new Mavis express
- Reinstate Route 104 Derry Express to connect to Finch West LRT (with reallocation from local service)
- Reinstate and revise 185 Dixie Express with Brampton Transit (proposed 30min service)

Total Annual Serv. Hrs: +45,000

4% Service Increase

✓ Address ongoing service impacts including overcrowding, service delays, additional running time due to traffic congestion, construction impacts, detour requirements.

Service Growth Improvements*:

- ✓ Introduce new Mavis express
- Reinstate Route 104 Derry Express to connect to **Finch West LRT** (with reallocation from local service)
- ✓ Reinstate Route 185 Dixie Express with Brampton Transit (proposed 30min service)
- ✓ Introduce Eglinton Express (with reallocation from local service)
- Reinstate Route 100 Airport Express (proposed 30min service)

Total Annual Serv. Hrs: +60,000

Please Note: In 2020, at the start of the pandemic, MiWay's 2020 Approved Budget was reduced by over 5% with the cancellation of GO Shuttles, Routes 100 & 185. Reinstating these approved service hours would significantly benefit the network today and help to address growing ridership demands.

^{*} Service Growth Improvements mentioned above are proposed and subject to change based on ridership demand.

GTHA Fare Rate Comparisons

GTHA Fare Rate Comparison

2023 Current Prices	MISSISSAUGA	BRAMPTON	YORK REGION	DURHAM	OAKVILLE	BURLINGTON	ттс	AVERAGE
	2023							(Exclude MiWay)
Adult								
Cash	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$4.25	\$4.35	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$3.35	\$3.99
Monthly pass	\$131.00	\$141.25	\$154.00	\$120.00	\$136.50	n/a	\$156.00	\$137.94
PRESTO	\$3.20	\$3.40	\$3.88	\$3.35	\$3.25	\$2.75	\$3.30	\$3.32
Youth								
Cash	\$4.00	\$4.50	\$4.25	\$4.35	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$2.40	\$3.83
Monthly pass		\$118.00	\$118.00	\$96.50	Free		\$128.15	
PRESTO	\$2.45	\$2.80	\$3.03	\$3.00	Free	\$1.90	\$2.35	\$2.62
Senior								
Cash	\$1.00	\$4.50	\$4.25	\$2.75	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$2.30	\$3.55
\$1 fare off peak	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Monthly pass	\$65.00	\$.00	\$65.00	\$48.25	Free	n/a	\$128.15	\$60.35
PRESTO	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$2.40	\$2.20	Free	\$1.90	\$2.25	\$2.10
Child (under 12 years)								
Cash	<u> </u>	\$4.50	\$4.25					\$4.38
Monthly pass	Free	\$84.00	\$65.00	Free	Free	Free	Free	
PRESTO		\$2.00	\$2.40					\$2.20
GO Co-Fare								
GO Co-Fare	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

Indicates Mississauga rates that are higher than the GTA average

Brampton Senior rate of \$4.50 cash and \$1.75 in PRESTO is for Non-Brampton residents only and for all travel

BRAMPTON TRANSIT: To be eligible and use the new free annual senior pass, Brampton senior residents must have the following items:
A Brampton Transit Senior Identification Card, expired senior ID cards will be accepted until further notice
A PRESTO card, loaded with the free annual senior pass







Thank You!

Questions?