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Legistar Item: 11-6289

TO: The Mayor and Members of the Common Council

FROM: Al Stanek
Transit and Parking System Manager

SUBJECT: Request to Remove a Parking Meter and Move the Bus Stop at 7th & Main.

Request to remove a parking meter and move the following bus stop at the recommendation of the BUS Operations Manager for improved efficiency and reduced liability exposure:

The Route 7 bus stop at 7th and Main poses a safety issue due to the bump-out at that corner location. The NOVA buses that we operate have a wheelchair lift located in the rear door. In order to board or de-board a wheelchair customer at that stop the bus has to get aligned with the curb as close as possible. With route 7 making a left turn from 7th Street onto Main, the bump-out does not allow it to get close enough to the curb. A related issue is the first parking meter north of the stop. On rare occasions when a car is parked at this meter this prevents the bus from pulling-up past the bump-out. This results in the bus being forced to block the driving lane in order to service that location. We recommend that the first parking meter eastside of main between 6th and 7th next to the stop be removed. Relocation of the DT Post Office reduces demand for parking on that block.