

Transit Route Optimization Study - Phase 3

We're exploring three options to improve local transit. Each option balances coverage, frequency, and travel time differently. Please review the summaries below and tell us which one you prefer.

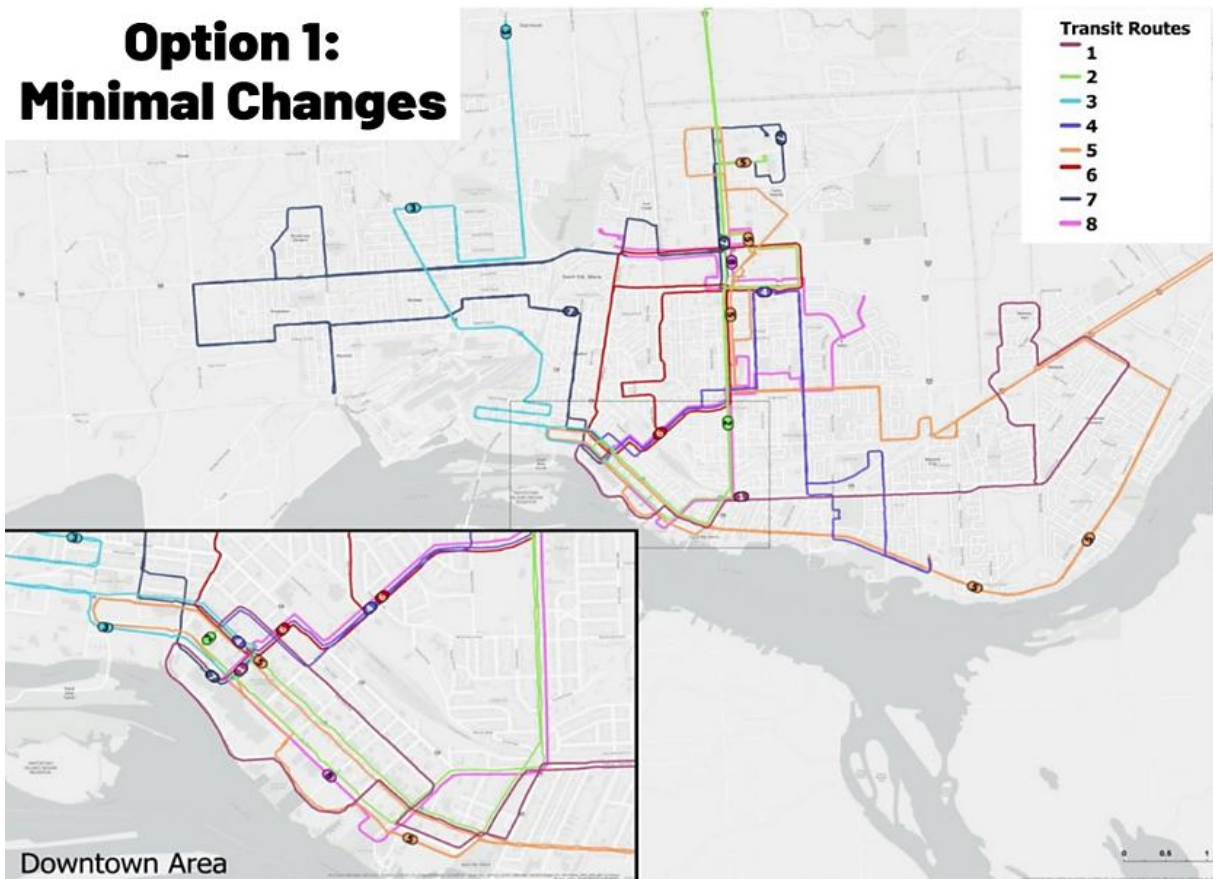
Option 1: Minimal Changes

- Remove underused sections on some longer routes.
- Shorten routes to improve reliability and timing.
- Minor changes to Routes 3, 5, and 7.

Impact: Slight reduction in coverage, but small improvements in reliability and efficiency.

Would you support this option?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



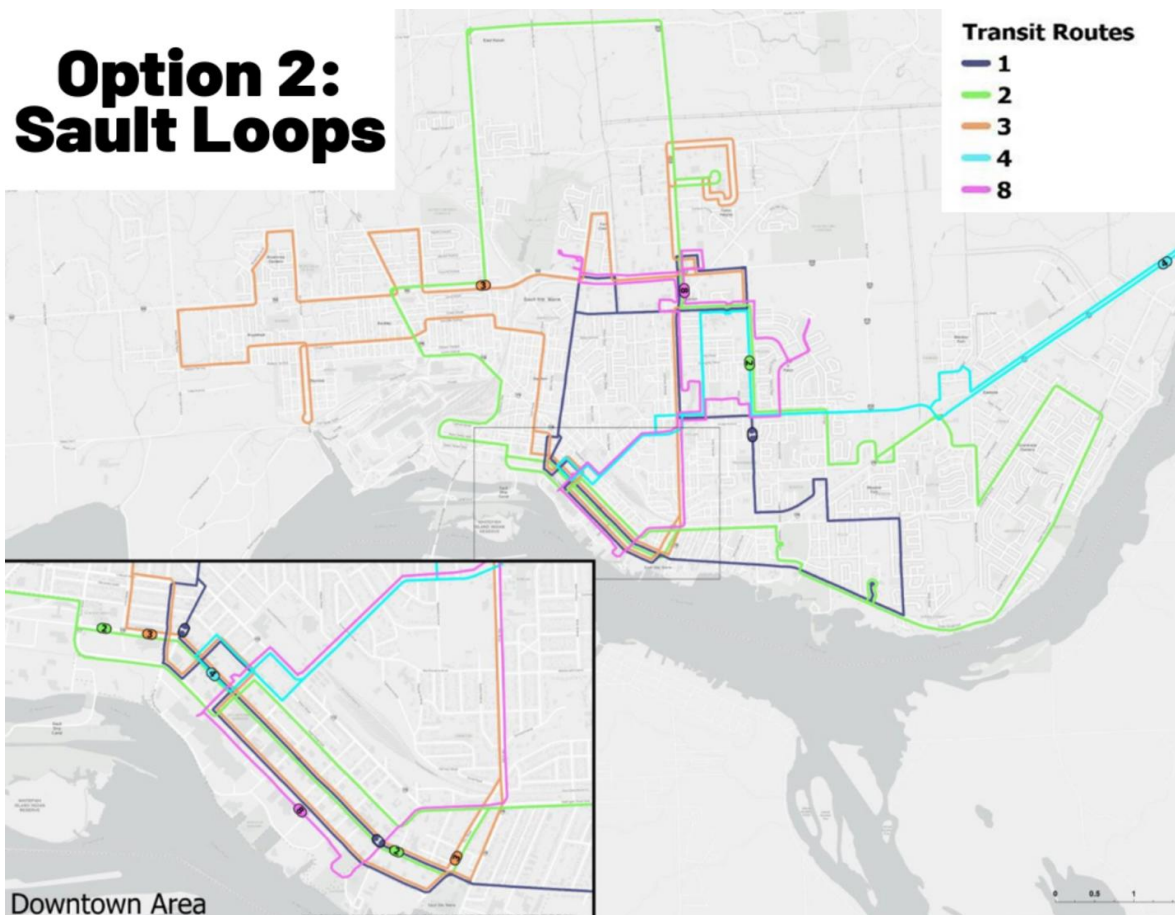
Option 2: Sault Loops

- New loops 1, 2, and 3 operate in both directions and run every 30 minutes on weekdays. Loop 4 operates in one direction every 60 minutes.
- Uses an "offset schedule" (clockwise and counterclockwise departures): half of the buses leave the downtown area at :00 and :30 while the other half leave the downtown at :15 and :45.
- Improves the frequency between popular destinations and reduces wait times and transfers.

Impact: Moderate reduction in coverage, but more direct, consistent service with buses connecting to major destinations every 15 minutes.

Would you support this option?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure



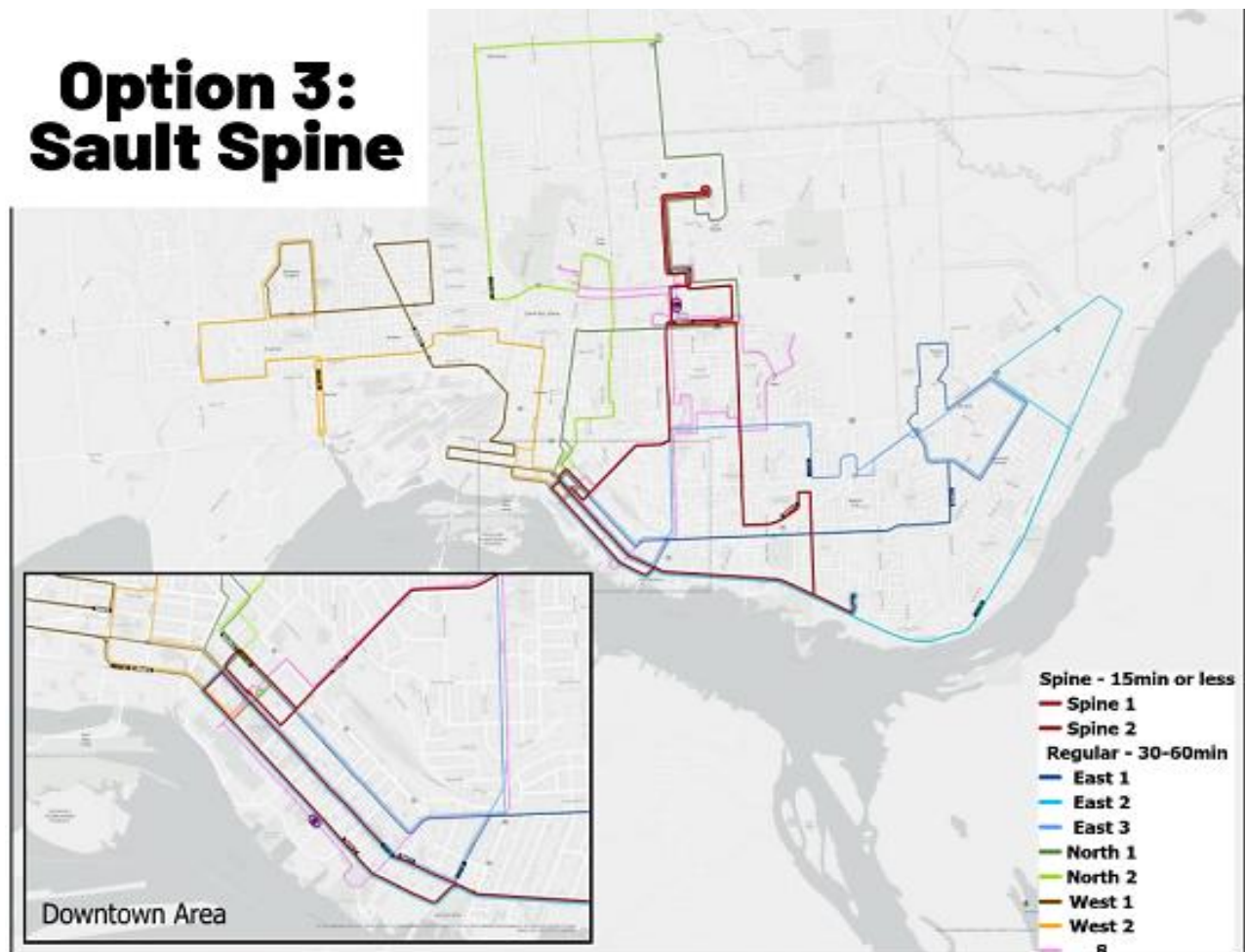
Option 3: Sault Spine

- Introduces a high-frequency "spine" connecting core areas of Downtown, Algoma University, Sault College, and the Hospital.
- Buses on the spine run every 15 minutes in both directions.
- Other routes feed into this core spine as well as the Downtown terminal, reducing the need for one-way loops.

Impact: Reduced area coverage, but major improvements in speed, connectivity, and frequency along key corridors. This option will require 5 additional buses than what the system currently has and will cost significantly more than the current expenditure.

Would you support this option?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure





Additional comments you would like to share with the project team: