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RE: SAFETY AND SECURITY ON PUBLIC TRANSIT (LRT & BUS)

Alderman Diane Colley-Urquhart

Alderman Druh Farrell

WHEREAS the Calgary transit system is one of the most successful in North America with approximately 520,000 boardings every day, and

WHEREAS our transportation and downtown parking strategies emphasize the importance of citizens choosing transit over their personal vehicles, and

WHEREAS maintaining public confidence in our system, and a person's perception of their personal safety is a key decision making factor in using transit as the primary transportation choice, and

WHEREAS there are increasing reports concerning public safety and the safety of our employees within the system, with Members of Council receiving constituent concerns with respect to their safety and sense of security on the transit system including platforms and parking lots, and

WHEREAS we have an obligation to our employees to provide a safe and respectful workplace environment, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Audit Committee draft Terms of Reference for an Operational/Performance Public Safety Audit of the Transit System and report back to Council for final approval no later than April, 2008. The scope of such Terms of Reference to include but not be limited to:

- 1) Incident & crime data analysis
- 2) Response capability
- 3) Examination of comparator sites and 'Best Practices'
- 4) Safety Perceptions and Victimization
- 5) Governance and Oversight
- 6) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- 7) Findings
- 8) Recommendations

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