

October 7, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam;

I watched for years as the old route 16 bus traversed Grove Ave. with few if any passengers and marveled at the waste of fuel, manpower, equipment and parking spaces. I pondered as to how such an unproductive route could be justified and who was paying the bill? In all those years I only saw the bus pick up twice at the stop at Grove and Granby. Fortunately, someone finally had an epiphany and discontinued the route. So, my questions are:

1. Who decided and why are you resurrecting a historically unproductive route?
2. What study, data and criteria was used to justify a reinstatement of this route?
3. I have yet to see any riders in nearly one month of operation of this new route. Since GRTC will obviously lose money on this endeavor, who will be paying for this decision?
4. At least the old route 16 only travelled East on Grove and returned West via Hanover Ave. This resulted in far less of an impact on Grove parking and traffic than the current set up with stops on both sides of our street. Why was this done? In case you haven't noticed there is and has been a critical shortage of parking in the Fan! The two stops on Grove at Meadow eliminates at least 6 parking spaces at just one intersection. This, coupled with designated church parking has made our parking situation in the 1900 block of Grove Ave. untenable.

Please reconsider this wasteful use of city and neighborhood resources.

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