

NORTH GARAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Phase 1 Public Engagement Summary



Background

The City of Winnipeg is building a bus garage in northwest Winnipeg.

The new Winnipeg Transit garage will be located at Oak Point Highway and Selkirk Avenue. It will replace the existing North Garage on Main Street. This garage will be home to approximately 171 buses, including:

- Sixty-foot articulated (“bendy”) buses
- Buses with bike racks
- Buses with roof-mounted air conditioners
- Zero-emission buses and charging equipment

In September 2024, Transit forecasted the project to be over budget by \$105M. Transit proposed three budget options to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

The committee instructed Transit to reduce the scope of the garage to meet the approved \$200M budget.

Engagement

The City hosted a resident and business owner meeting and a public information session where people could learn about the project and ask the project team questions.



Figure 1: Participants at the information session.

Table 1 provides an overview of all public engagement opportunities.

Promotion

Public engagement opportunities were promoted using the following methods:

- News release – May 13, 2024
- Facebook posts on the City of Winnipeg’s account (40,700 followers) – May 13 to May 27, 2024
- X posts on Winnipeg Transit’s account (11,600 followers) – May 13 to May 27, 2024
- LinkedIn posts on the City of Winnipeg’s account (44,000 followers) – May 13 to May 27, 2024
- City of Winnipeg public engagement newsletter with more than 5,800 recipients – May 17, 2024
- Letters and/or postcards mailed to more than 3,000 residents and businesses in the area – May 14, 2024

The project was also covered in the Winnipeg Free Press on May 14, 2024. See Appendix A for promotional material.



Figure 2: Participants examining the display boards.

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Table 1: Public Engagement Opportunities

Date	Activity	Details
May 13, 2024 – June 5, 2024	Project webpage	1,800 unique visits
May 13, 2024 – June 5, 2024	Online comments	A comment box was open on the project webpage to invite people to submit questions or comments related to the project. No comments were received.
May 27, 2024	Resident and business owner meeting	A meeting was held with residents and business owners directly adjacent to the new garage location. The meeting included a presentation from the project team, followed by a question-and-answer period. Five business owners and/or members of the public attended.
May 27, 2024	Information session	25 participants

What we heard

Table 2 highlights some of the input received and how it was considered.

Table 2: What we heard and how it was considered

What we heard	How it was considered
The bus garage will generate noise.	The garage design has placed the maintenance areas as far as possible from Oak Point Highway and the residential areas. Project staff noted that nighttime maintenance would be limited to refueling diesel buses, washing, and charging buses.
Traffic in the area has been growing and the new bus garage will add more bus and truck traffic.	A traffic study for the new garage found that bus traffic is not expected to delay traffic on Oak Point Highway. Buses will not add to rush hour traffic, as they will leave and return to the garage before and after these periods. At Selkirk Avenue, there is an existing left turn lane on northbound Oak Point Highway and the design includes a new right turn lane on southbound Oak Point Highway. These turn lanes will accommodate buses entering the facility and reduce the need for traffic to line up behind buses at the Selkirk Avenue and Oak Point Highway traffic signal.

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There will be conflicting left turns at the Oak Point Highway and Selkirk Avenue intersection.	Traffic signal updates will occur based on the traffic study and updated roadway geometry. This may include "split phasing" to ensure left turns at the intersection (northbound on Oak Point Highway from the garage and southbound Oak Point Highway from Selkirk Avenue) do not happen at the same time.
Buses will use Selkirk Avenue as a shortcut, increasing traffic. The road will have to be widened and boulevard removed to accommodate more traffic.	Buses will use major roads to return to the new bus garage. They will not use neighbourhood roads as shortcuts. Selkirk Avenue does not need to be widened. The design does not remove the residential boulevard.
More buses on Selkirk Avenue will cause more vibrations in the area.	The Selkirk Avenue area will not have any more buses than usual passing through. Most buses will travel along Oak Point Highway.
The parking situation on the site may lead to spillover parking in the neighbourhood.	Winnipeg Transit will provide several transportation options for employees, including shuttle buses and bicycle parking, to reduce the demand for parking. If needed, the Winnipeg Parking Authority will enforce parking restrictions on residential streets.
Information on the active transportation connection is not clear. The public would like to know if this is a public path or just for Winnipeg Transit staff.	The pathway will be located on the bus garage land; however, will be open to the public. It will connect to any future active transportation connections along Oak Point Highway.

Next steps

City Council approved the award of construction contract during its July 17, 2025 meeting. Later in 2025, Winnipeg Transit will unveil the final garage design and construction will officially begin.

Appendices

Appendix A – Promotional Material

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X post example



LinkedIn post example



Postcard



 **Winnipeg Transit**  **Winnipeg**

North Garage Replacement Project

We are building a new bus garage at the intersection of Oak Point Highway and Selkirk Avenue.

Join us at an information session to learn more
Monday, May 27, 2024 Tyndall Park Community Centre
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 2255 King Edward St.

 **Winnipeg Transit**  **Winnipeg**

The new garage will replace
Transit's existing North Garage
on Main Street.

The existing Garage is beyond its useful life and too small for future needs.

We want to introduce the project to the community.
We also want to understand any concerns you may have.



Information session

Join us to learn more, talk to the project team, and tell us your thoughts.

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Come and go (drop-in)
- 📍 **Tyndall Park Community Centre**
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