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**Major work on A-720:
Changes to services on lines 28 and 28B**

Châteauguay, October 13, 2016 - The Conseil intermunicipal de transport du Sud-Ouest (CITSO) wishes to inform users of lines 28 and 28B that these routes to and from downtown Montréal will be changed in the coming weeks due to major work beginning this fall on Autoroute 720.

Announced as a mitigation measure to relieve traffic around the major work sites, a new terminal will be built in addition to the downtown one. This new terminal, located at the intersection of rue Saint-Jacques, rue Mansfield, and rue Saint-Antoine Ouest, will enable passengers from the South Shore to get downtown faster, while improving the safety and comfort of their travels. The existing parking lot will be transformed into a bus terminal with six boarding platforms and four control points. Users will benefit from accessible, safe, and comfortable equipment, in particular with the proposed bus shelters and landscape design. This project is funded entirely by the Ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports as part of the mitigation measures of Mobilité Montréal, a group of 19 transit partners in the Greater Montréal region.

Opening of the Mansfield terminal is scheduled for mid-November and will result in major changes to all bus lines from the South Shore, which will now have to go through this new terminal. Since 2008, users of lines 28 and 28B have been the only ones to have access to six downtown stops. Given the major work to be done on the 720, there will now be only one stop, in order to avoid additional delays caused by detours and traffic.

Measures implemented to lessen the impacts of this work as much as possible on users and to ensure efficient, reliable bus service:

- Alternative routes and use of the reserved lane on Notre-Dame to speed up service on lines 28 and 28B, and avoid traffic.
- Single stop at the new Mansfield terminal to reduce travel times.
- Additional departures with service every 5 minutes at the height of rush hour.
- As of October 17, until December: work by the AMT to create 124 new parking spots at the Châteauguay park-and-ride lot. During this period, 200 parking spots will be available temporarily in the parking lot of the old Zellers, at the intersection of boulevard Saint-Jean-Baptiste and boulevard Saint-Francis. Once the work is completed, 600 parking spots will be available for users.

We are aware that this situation will require an adjustment by users of lines 28 and 28B, and that it will cause them some inconveniences getting to work. However, we encourage you to

continue to choose public transit due to this intense period of major work, which will make travelling on the highways extremely difficult.

Visit citso.org regularly for information about the changes to these lines, and the mitigation measures planned during this period. More information on these changes will be forwarded to you in the coming weeks.

About CITSO

As a public transit agency, CITSO aims to promote and develop sustainable public transit jointly with member municipalities so as to improve the quality of life for all communities served. CITSO represents a total of 134,500 residents in four member municipalities (Châteauguay, Léry, Beauharnois, and Salaberry-de-Valleyfield) and four client municipalities (Coteau-du-Lac, Les Coteaux, Kahnawake, and Saint-Zotique).

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