

Edmonton Transit System (ETS)



ETS Managers Report to ETSAB FEBRUARY 2011

1. ETS Promotions and Special Events

2011 Senior Passes

The 2010 ETS Annual Senior Citizen Pass is valid until March 31, 2011. ETS will be mailing out renewal packages for annual passes in early March. The new 2011 Annual Pass goes on sale Tuesday, March 1 at the ETS Customer Services Centre in Churchill Station. Cost for the Annual Pass has increased to \$118 (the Low Income Annual Pass now costs \$51).

Please note: to use a Senior fare, you need to be 65 years old. Customers under 65 years using these products could be subject to a fine of \$150.

2. DATS UPDATE

New Vehicles

DATS is getting ten new vehicles as part of our vehicle replacement project. The buses are now in Edmonton for final inspections, decaling, radio and MDT installation and test drives. The buses are scheduled for service this month. There are some enhancements that we feel both the Operators and DATS clientele will enjoy / appreciate!

January Challenges

DATS is relieved to see the end of January 2011. It was a tremendously challenging month and everyone at DATS has made incredible efforts to continue

to deliver service. Despite having numerous buses stuck in deep snow and slush at various times during this month of unprecedented snowfall, we continued to serve the community.

Smart Bus Receives Go Ahead

City Council approved the Smart Bus proposal on Wednesday, February 2, following a recommendation from the Transportation Public Works Committee the week prior.

Edmonton riders will soon be able to find out where their bus is and hear what stop the bus is approaching once they're on-board using equipment the City hopes to start testing next September. The \$3.4 million proposal will try out the program on 50 buses, including automated stop announcements and passenger counts, computer-aided dispatch and security cameras.

3. MINUTES FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Transportation and Public Works Committee– February 8, 2011

6.2 Cost-effective and Innovative Transit Solutions for New Neighbourhoods – Development Industry Opportunities.

Report attached to the Manager's Report – Due back to TPW on February 23, 2011.

6.3 Discussions Regarding Early Transit Service Provisions.

Report attached to the Manager's Report – Approved for Information.

6.5 Policy for Liquor Advertising on Edmonton Transit System Equipment and Property.

Report attached to the Manager's Report – Approved.

6.6 Sources of Funding for Enhancing LRT Fleet Capacity

Report attached to the Manager's Report – Approved.

6.7 Neighbourhood Planning Transit Framework.

Report is attached to the Manager's Report – Approved for Information.

6.8 LRT Central Area Circulator Timeline and funding – Approved.

6.9 Southeast and West LRT – Construction Delivery Method – That Administration provide a report that a) outlines a proposal for a design-build for the Southeast LRT from Churchill to Whitemud b) formulates a plan for funding the West line, Northwest line and the balance of the Southeast line. – Due Date April 12, 2011.

Transportation and Public Works Committee – February 16, 2011 Agenda

Transportation and Public Works Committee – February 23, 2011 Agenda

City Council Public Hearing – February 28, 2011 Agenda

3.3 Bylaw 15604 – To close portions of road right-of-way to enable the extension of the North LRT through Central McDougall and Spruce Avenue

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4. OTHER INFORMATION

Transit Ridership Information for December 2010	
Ridership	Total Year to Date
2009	68,493,582
2010	71,287,671
Change from 2009 to 2010	2,794,088
Percentage Change	4.08%