



Edmonton Transit System (ETS) JULY 22, 2013

1. ETS News

ETS Every Day Way to Real Time Information

ETS recently launched its Smart Bus project with the installation of a computer-aided dispatch system in inspector cars and in the Control Centre.

The next step, scheduled for this month, is the introduction of automated stop announcements and mobile data terminals to buses on Route 128.

The combination of these two systems allows Controllers and inspectors to see the locations of Route 128 buses and coordinate with operators to manage any incidents in real time.

Route 111 buses will follow in mid summer. Departure boards at University and West Edmonton Mall transit centres will show real time departure information for these two routes. Routes 128 and 111 were chosen because a large portion of their customers are post secondary students who would be excited to use the web and mobile tools we're building to accompany the vehicle technology.

Introducing ETS Destinations

ETS is happy to introduce ETS Destinations, a new program which includes special offers, discounts and promotions to ETS riders. ETS has partnered with local organizations that are accessible by LRT/transit to provide riders an added incentive to take transit and visit local gems such as the Art Gallery of Alberta and Fort Edmonton Park. Rides can take advantage of the offers by simply showing a valid pass at participating locations.

Here are some current promotions for you to enjoy this summer.

Take ETS to AGA, show your transfer or current monthly pass and receive a \$3 discount off regular single admission. Offer is not valid for special events, ticketed events and days with already discounted admissions.

Historical Tours Cancelled This Year

Please be advised, Edmonton transit System will not be offering Historical Transit Tours during the summer of 2013. ETS is currently reviewing all community activities to ensure sustainable growth and is working on a long term plan that hopes to see Historical Tours return in 2014 and into the future.

Thank you to our patrons for their interest and support for the tours. A special thank you to our volunteer hosts and historians Doug Cowan, Ernie Bastide and Kevin Brown, as well as our historical tour operators for their dedication, professionalism and

enthusiasm.

Take ETS to K Days

ETS is a quick and easy way to get to K days, July 19 – 28 this year.

K Days service cards are being distributed on all buses and LRT. It contains all the information customers will need to take ETS to the Exhibition.

On Parade Day, Friday, July 19 ETS routes in the downtown area are on detour from early in the morning until the parade clears (approximately noon).

Customers are being encouraged to take advantage of the ETS Day Pass for family trips to the Parade and K Days. Using a regular ETS Day Pass, up to four children ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, can ride ETS all day long for only \$9.

Bus Service Disrupted at Belvedere

Transit customers using Belvedere LRT Station and Transit Centre will encounter construction this summer while ATCO Gas replaces a gas feeder main pipeline on 129 Avenue.

Starting July 3, 129 Avenue will be closed to vehicles from Fort Road to 58 Street so access to the Belvedere northeast Park & Ride lot will be from 50 Street. The southeast Park & Ride lot and the Kiss & Ride loop at the transit centre will be closed during construction.

There will be no bus service on 129 Avenue from Fort Road to 50 Street so routes 10 and 180 will detour via 137 Avenue, Belvedere Transit Centre remains open.

Pedestrians will be able to use the sidewalks on either side of 129 Avenue and the crosswalk at Belvedere LRT Station during construction.

Summer Family Travel on ETS

Get out and enjoy Festival City – at a great price. At only \$9, the ETS Day Pass allows one adult and up to four children (Ages 12 and under) to ride ETS ALL DAY OF THE WEEK. The ETS Day Pass is also transferable.

DATS News

Eligibility Update

DATS is initiating a new application process in the fall. Based on paratransit best practices across the United States and Canada, DATS is implementing in-person interviews for most applicants, in addition to a traditional paper application form.

The need to get more information at intake via in-person interviews and functional assessments is also consistent with input from the six public consultation sessions in 2012. Generally it is understood that with in-person interviews conducted by an objective and contracted third party, DATS will have a better understanding of an applicant's functional abilities to use transit. The new process maintains the current practice of opportunities to have eligibility decisions reviewed including a functional assessment by an Occupational Therapist.

The new application process includes customer training for travel on ETS. It is anticipated that through the new process, ETS fixed route ridership by individuals with cognitive and/or physical disabilities will increase, promoting inclusive transit in the

community. With an aging and increasing population, it is the intention of DATS to encourage those individuals who are able to, to use conventional ETS, maintaining DATS services for those who need them most.

2. MAY Statistics

Transit Ridership Information for May 2013	
Ridership	Total Year to Date
2012	35,883,038
2013	38,077,031
Change from 2012 to 2013	2,193,993
Percentage Change	6.11

3. Minutes from Council and Committees of Council

Transportation Committee Minutes – June 26, 2013

6.2

[Request for Non-Statutory Public Hearing - Valley Line Stage 1 Environmental Assessment](#) **(Report No. CR-285 is attached to the Manager's Report)**

Moved B. Anderson:

That a non-statutory public hearing be held at the August 21, 2013, Transportation Committee meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the Valley Line Stage 1 Environmental Assessment.
Transportation Svcs.

Due Date:

Aug. 21, 2013

In Favour:

A. Sohi, B. Anderson, E. Gibbons

Carried

Absent:

D. Loken

Transportation Committee Agenda– July 10, 2013

5.1 137 AVENUE PROPOSED TRANSIT CENTRE

Revised Due Date August 21, 2013

6.2 EDMONTON TRANSIT BUS FLEET – LONG TERM MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT PLAN

(Report No. CR_204 is attached to the Manager's Report)

City Council Minutes – July 2, 2013

3.4

Bylaw 16492 - To allow for the development of a transit oriented development integrated with a future LRT Stop, Strathearn.

(Report No. CR-254 is attached to the Manager's Report)

K. Petrin, Sustainable Development, made a presentation.

D. Kent, Nearctic Group, answered Council's questions.

J. McAlister, Strathern Community League, made a presentation and answered Council's questions.

G. Plouffe, made a presentation and answered Council's questions. D. Shacker, made a presentation.

A. Jones, Transportation Services; and K. Petrin, C. Raftis and S. Mackie, Sustainable Development, answered Council's questions.

Mayor S. Mandel asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak to new information. No one responded.

Moved B. Henderson - D. Iveson:

That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 16492 be closed.

In Favour:

Carried

S. Mandel, A. Sohi, B. Anderson, B. Henderson, D. Iveson, D. Loken, E. Gibbons, J. Batty, K. Diotte, K. Krushell, K. Leibovici, L. Sloan, T. Caterina

Moved B. Henderson - D. Iveson:

That Bylaw 16492 be read a first time.

In Favour:

Carried

S. Mandel, A. Sohi, B. Anderson, B. Henderson, D. Iveson, D. Loken, E. Gibbons, J. Batty, K. Diotte, K. Krushell, K. Leibovici, T. Caterina

Opposed:

L. Sloan

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Opposed:

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Moved B. Henderson - D. Iveson:

That Bylaw 16492 be considered for third reading.

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Distribution

List

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Opposed:

L. Sloan

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5.1

[Council Advisory Committees - Draft Policy](#)

Revised Due Date:

August 28, 2013