

ETS Branch Highlights Report

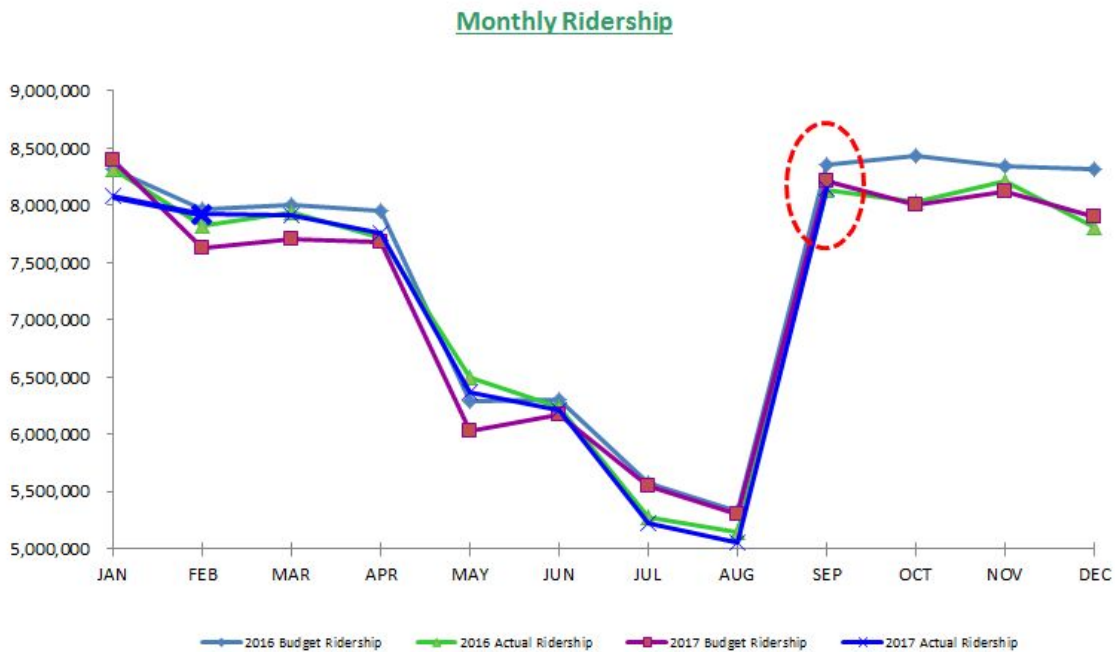
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1. RIDERSHIP

Bus and LRT Ridership – September

	Month	Year to Date
2016 Actual	8,136,131	63,124,677
2017 Budget	8,216,752	62,701,585
2017 Actual	8,145,759	62,685,840

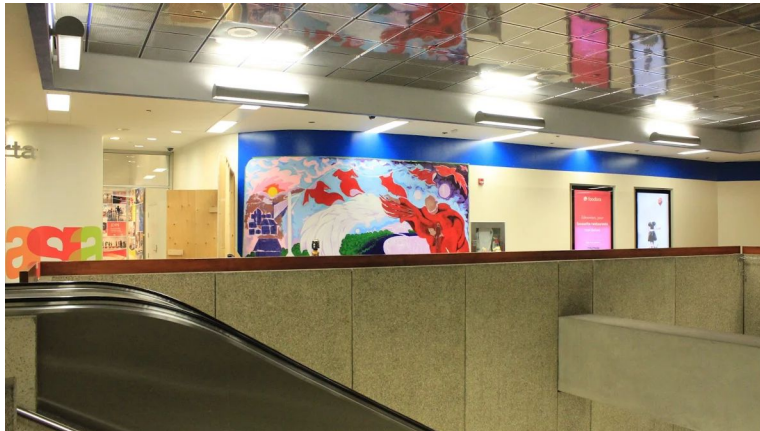
2017 Bus and LRT Monthly Ridership



2. ETS UPDATES

Paint the Rails

Work has begun on the first mural for the Canada 150 “[Paint the Rails](#)” legacy project in collaboration with the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights and Edmonton Transit Service (ETS). Artists, Carla Taylor and Dana Belcourt are busy painting the large, three-part mural called “Returning Home” which is intended to gently honour Canada’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Commuters are welcome to talk to the artists to learn more about the artwork and the vision that inspired it. Next year, Paint the Rail art installations also will be completed at several other LRT stations. They will be based on previous public engagements sessions with Edmonton’s diverse cultural communities, knowledge keepers, elders, artists and historians.



Cold weather shelters

Edmontonians in need of shelter during extremely cold weather have options again this year. As part of the Winter Emergency Response Committee (WER) plan, Homeward Trust will take the lead on calling an extreme weather event. They will identify the need for expanded shelter space or use of alternative shelters. As a last resort option, they will request that Central LRT station be opened from 10 pm to 6 am when the temperature drops to -20C or below (with windchill) and the local shelters are at 90% capacity. This year, the procedures and client guidelines at the Central LRT station shelter and local shelters will closely align in order to help keep users safe and secure. Churchill LRT station is not accessible this winter due to major construction.

ETS will follow Homeward Trust’s lead on when to open the the Central LRT station as a shelter. In addition, to help people get to a local shelter during an extreme weather event, fares can be waived for those who self-identify as needing to get to shelter. ETS’ existing protocols include having most express buses pick up/drop off passengers at every bus stop when it’s -20C with windchill

3. ETSAB INFORMATION REQUESTS

Update on Park and Ride

The City’s Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development department is currently developing a Park and Ride Strategy to be presented to Council in the Spring of 2018. The Park and Ride Strategy will provide a vision for a long term, city-wide provision for Park and Ride as a component of Edmonton’s broader transportation system. The Park and Ride Strategy builds on the strengths of current policy direction for Park and Ride, and defines new direction where gaps exist in the policy.

The guiding principles of the Park and Ride Strategy have been defined to ensure that the scope of the analysis supporting the strategy is sufficiently broad. They include linkages to current and future land use, support for other City Strategies such as the Transit Strategy, and define Park and Ride broadly to reflect the diverse types of Park and Ride available: City-owned lots, private or partner facilities and on-street parking within proximity to the Primary Transit Network.

Arts Council/ETSAB Motion

ETS Administration has connected with David Turnbull, Director of Public Art and Conservation from the Edmonton Arts Council. An initial meeting will be scheduled with David, Mike Kuntz (Facility Project Coordinator from City Administration) and ETSAB to review the facility planning process and determine where opportunities to provide input on public art decisions exist. ETS is proposing that ETSAB assign a sub-committee (of three members) to represent ETSAB at the meeting.

4. ETS REPORT TRACKING

SIRE	Report Title	Meeting Date	Committee
5072	ETS Service to Edmonton International Airport - Options and Costs - Alignment with Memorandum of Understanding	Nov. 27, 2017	CPSC
5197	Renewal of The Way Ahead	Nov 28, 2017	Executive
5189	The appointment of councillors to regional transit services commission	Dec 5, 2017	Council
5173	Improving Tourists' Experience on Edmonton Transit System	Jan. 17, 2018	UPC
2856	Enhanced Express Bus Strategy - Century Park and Heritage Valley Park and Ride	Jan. 17, 2018	UPC
4503	ETS Administration's Response to ETSAB (User Experience) Recommendations	Feb. 14, 2018	UPC
4704	Sliding Scale Model - Integration of a Low Income Transit Pass Program	March 12, 2018	CPSC