

ETS Branch Highlights Report

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1. ETS UPDATES

United Nations (UN) Safe City Initiative

The City of Edmonton is partnering with the Government of Alberta in the UN Safe City Initiative. The initiative is related to gender violence in open spaces, and aligns with the Council Initiative on gender-based violence. There are 25 cities participating worldwide, including Edmonton and Winnipeg.

ETS is a major internal stakeholder for this project, and consultants are currently developing the scope and meeting with stakeholder organizations to identify emerging themes. The next phase of work will happen over the summer, and includes gathering more specific details on two or three key areas of concern, as well as identifying best practices. The final report is expected to be ready for presentation in the fall.

ETS has previously initiated campaigns to outline what type of behaviour is not acceptable and how to report it (“Zero-Tolerance” and “Safe Person, Safe Place” campaigns). A new safety campaign is in the planning phase for 2017, with a focus on women and children in addition to safety as a whole, and improvements and changes that can be made to increase both the perceptions and realities of safety.

Service Hours

ETS weekly operating hours by sign-up:

Year	June Sign-Up	September Sign-Up
2016	40,093	44,191
2017	39,148	43,662

Similar to the 2016 Reallocation Plan, the 2017 Reallocation Plan will involve reallocating about 50,000 annual service hours from underperforming routes, in order to improve schedule adherence and service capacity on higher-use routes and corridors. In 2016, service reductions and improvements both began at the September sign-up. This year, the permanent service reductions on underperforming routes will be implemented at the June sign-up, and the improvements to schedule adherence and new service will be implemented at the September sign-up. The 2017 Reallocation Plan will also provide hours for standby buses beginning in September.

2. ETS REPORT TRACKING

Report	Committee	Date
ETSAB: Transit Review - Implementation and Timelines	Urban Planning	June 7, 2017
Transit Strategy Report	Urban Planning	June 7, 2017
Transit Smart Fare System Project	Urban Planning	June 7, 2017
Bus Camera System	Community and Public Services	June 19, 2017
Enhanced Express Bus Strategy - Century Park and Heritage Valley Park and Ride	Community and Public Services	Postponed to Q1, 2018