



# Regional Transit Services Commission

**Presentation to:** The Integrated Transportation and Transit Services Working Group, Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board



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## Purpose and Objectives

- This is an information session led by Edmonton and St. Albert as the current members of the Regional Transit Services Commission.
- Regional Transit Services Commission is not an EMRB Initiative.
- Goal for today is to develop a shared understanding of the Regional Transit Services Commission amongst our regional partners.



## Vision

A Regional Transit Services Commission (RTSC) will:

- Support connected and active communities and provide inclusive and accessible transportation options for residents in the Region.
- Serve as a transit backbone that will help to connect communities to enable a stronger more prosperous Edmonton Metropolitan Region.





## Why Regional Transit?

- We are moving toward 8 independent transit systems, which leads to reactive planning; non-responsive, redundant, inefficient service; and higher costs for all.
- Travel demand crosses municipal boundaries and is well served by integrated regional transit.
- Like health and education, transit is a public service that serves regional needs; the costs and benefits could be shared regionally.
- Recent examples of intermunicipal transit agreements demonstrate an interest in working together on transit.
- This aligns with identified provincial priorities, and has received provincial funding.



# Why a Transit Commission?

A commission model was selected because it will:

- Ensure a fast, convenient, simple, reliable, efficient, and affordable transit service.
- Reduce barriers for municipalities seeking to provide transit services.
- Allow for enhanced integration of transit services and modes of transportation.
- Create a better customer experience by combining strengths and implementing new technologies (for example, Smart Bus, Smart Fare).
- Support long-term regional development and the outcomes defined in the Growth Plan; and improve regional cooperation.

# Where We Are Today

*We are here; join us!*

*Check in point  
(opportunity to opt out)*

**Phase 1  
Governance Design**  
*(Joint City Manager's Regional Commuter  
Service Task Force)*

**Phase 2 (2018-2019)  
Establishment and Transition**  
*(documents for incorporation developed;  
touchpoints for Council and Provincial  
approvals)*

**Phase 3 (2020 - )  
Service Operation**  
*(Formal agreement in place; Commission  
in operation)*

Create an MOU, confirm governance design for the regional commuter entity.

Invite other municipalities in the region to approve the MOU and participate in the regional entity as part of Phase 2 of this Implementation Plan.

Phase 2 will finalize direction on four key areas for the regional entity:

- Scope & Delivery
- Funding & Fiscal Management
- Administration & Logistics Management
- Integration with planning & municipal functions

Approval of formal agreement. New commuter service entity in operation.

Note: there will be a requirement for financial commitments from member municipalities; amount to be determined in phase 2.



## Where We Are Today - Governance Model

- Board of Directors will be established made up of 2 Council Members from each member municipality.
  - Double-Majority Voting Structure
    - Two-Thirds of Directors; plus
    - Two-Thirds Weighted Voting Factors
      - Financial Contribution %
      - Ridership Contribution %



## Why Join Today?

- Low risk.
  - No commitment to sign the formal agreement by signing the MOU.
  - No financial commitment during phase 2.
- Opportunity to be a part of defining what the Commission will be.
- Aligns with the EMRB Servicing Plan Project, and provincial priorities.



## Next Steps

- Share this information with your Councils.
- Have a conversation about your interest in joining.
- Pass a Council motion to solidify your interest.
- Sign the MOU.
- Together we will create the Regional Transit Services Commission.



Questions?

Thank you for your time.



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