Branch - Edmonton Transit

Program - Bus and LRT
Title - Ride Transit - Transition from Pilot to Program

New or Enhanced Service
Unfunded
One Time

Results to be Achieved

The desired outcome of the Ride Transit program is to make transportation more accessible for eligible low-income Edmontonians. Access to affordable transportation has been linked to an increase in independence, reduction in stress and greater access to employment, education, health care, community events as well as reduced social isolation and has been identified by EndPovertyEdmonton as a key program for poverty elimination.

The program's success is measured through the number of Ride Transit users and their perceived value of the program.

Description

The Ride Transit (Low Income Transit Pass) pilot program is scheduled to end December 31, 2018, and will require funding to extend the pilot for 2019. The Ride Transit Program pilot provides an affordable transportation option for low-income individuals and their families. The pilot, jointly funded by the City of Edmonton and Government of Alberta, is intended to improve the mobility of Edmontonians. The program is a Game Changer Action of the EndPoverty Edmonton Roadmap.

The resources identified for the Ride Transit program as to facilitate pass sales at participating recreation facilities and to support program registration and administration.

The current Ride Transit pilot is a shared funding partnership between the City and the Province of Alberta. That partnership will require renewal as the program transitions from pilot to a permanent program.

The service package financial projections include the requirements to implement the sliding scale model and to implement program improvements identified as part of the Program Evaluation.

Justification

At the March 14, 2018 Community and Public Services Committee meeting, the Committee directed "That Administration to bring a report and service package to the fall 2019-2022 operating budget process, in support of the integration of a Low Income Transit Pass program in the Tier Three Sliding Scale Model as outlined in CR_4704, Sliding Scale Model - Integration of a Low Income Transit Pass Program."

This service package will provide the funding to continue to provide the Ride Transit Program for low income Edmontonians.

incremental	2019				2020				2021				2022			
($000)	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs	Exp	Rev	Net	FTEs
Annualization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Budget	$2,111	(3,292)	$5,403	20.5	($2,111)	3,292	($5,403)	(20.5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	$2,111	(3,292)	$5,403	20.5	($2,111)	3,292	($5,403)	(20.5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-