

CITY POLICY



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TITLE: **Edmonton Transit Service Fare Policy**

Policy Statement: The City of Edmonton Fare Policy gives direction for setting public transit fares.

Administration will implement the Fare Policy in a manner that promotes a balanced approach to funding of transit, based on considerations of equity, fairness and affordability. The City will balance the individual or private benefits derived from the use of public transit with the public benefits of an effective public transportation system; this will be accomplished by means of fares recovered from customers.

The following principles will govern the Fare Policy:

- **Balanced:** Fares will recover a portion of operating costs recognizing both the individual and public benefits of transit service.
- **Equitable:** Fares will be consistent for trips of similar nature, reflect the cost of service and encourage ridership compared to the cost of transportation alternatives.
- **Affordable:** Transit service will be affordable to the public, regardless of age, financial need or other potential barriers.
- **Rewarding:** Frequent use of transit will be promoted through discounted fares for individuals that choose transit as a primary means of transportation.

The target range for the Revenue-Cost Ratio is between 40 percent and 45 percent of operating costs for the Edmonton Transit Service Branch.

This policy is subject to any specific provisions of the Municipal Government Act or other relevant legislation or Union Agreement.

The regular monthly fare will serve as the base price for determining discounted fare rates. Discounted fares will be priced using the following discount relationships:

<u>Fare Category</u>	<u>% of Monthly Rate</u>
Regular	100%
Seniors (65 and Over)	65%
Youth (24 and Under)	65%
Low Income (Ride Transit Program)	35%
Low Income Seniors	Free
12 and Under	Free*

**when accompanied by a fare paying adult*

The purpose of this policy is to: provide direction for how Administration will recover the fare revenues from transit customers. The implementation of the Fare Policy will support the City of Edmonton's financial sustainability and Council priorities.