



REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICE COMMISSION UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That the March 14, 2022, Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission report EXT01055, be received for information.

Report Purpose

Information only.

Council will be provided an overview presentation of the origins and development of an integrated regional transit solution including an update of the work undertaken since the creation of the Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission (EMTSC) by provincial Ministerial Order in January of 2021. The presentation will provide City Council with information regarding participating member municipalities, Commission priorities and planned outcomes, regional and local service delivery objectives and the 2022 EMTSC workplan.

Executive Summary

The EMTSC presentation *"One Integrated Transit Solution"* will serve to inform Edmonton City Council of:

- The timeline of the development of an integrated regional transit solution.
- The conclusions of the RTSC Business Case.
- Identification of shared priorities in relation to transit services.
- Identification of shared outcomes.
- Identification of EMTSC member municipalities.
- Integrated regional transit solution will provide service and efficiency improvements.
- Local transit services will be defined in partnership with each member municipality.
- Identification of 2022 EMTSC workplan key activities.

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REPORT

“One Integrated Transit Solution”

The EMTSC presentation “*One Integrated Transit Solution*” will serve to inform Edmonton City Council of:

- The timeline of the development of an integrated regional transit solution from inception in 2013 to the creation of a Regional Transit Commission in 2021 and will provide status update regarding current activity of the EMTSC.
- The Business Case approved by a transition team comprised of elected officials from each member municipality which provided evidence that transit services can be delivered more efficiently and effectively.
- The EMTSC identifies a number of shared priorities in relation to transit services including:
 - Socially inclusive and responsive transit services that promote and support equity in access to job and educational opportunities across municipal boundaries.
 - Support regional economic recovery, and increase global competitiveness and attractiveness, by connecting workers to business and industry throughout the Edmonton Metro Region.
 - Connect Edmonton Metro Region communities to city business and services to revitalize and reestablish a vibrant downtown city core.
 - Environmentally sustainable transit fleet to support a low carbon future for the Edmonton Metro Region.
 - Maximize cost effectiveness through integrated and enhanced Edmonton Metro Region service delivery efforts and initiatives.
- The EMTSC identifies a number of shared outcomes in relation to integrated regional transit serving as an economic driver, environmental champion, a prudent financial investment and as a part of the community.
- The EMTSC member municipalities include Beaumont, Devon, Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, St. Albert, Spruce Grove and Stony Plain.
- One integrated regional solution will provide improved service, increased efficiency and regional service planning will serve to address diverse ridership expectations.
- Local transit services will continue to be defined in partnership with each member municipality.
- The 2022 EMTSC workplan outlines:
 - opening day service definition.
 - preparation for local service delivery.
 - negotiated service delivery agreements with municipalities.
 - continued stand-up of the Commission including building internal capacity and brand development.