

Overview of Low Income Fare Programs

ETS offers three low income fare programs: Donate a Ride, Providing Accessible Transit Here (PATH); and the Ride Transit program.

- Established in 2001, Donate A Ride provides single-fare tickets to agencies to distribute to their clients who need short-term transit support or need urgent transportation. Approximately 64,000 single tickets are distributed to Edmontonians, in partnership with 70 agencies annually.
- Providing Accessible Transit Here (PATH) emerged as an initiative of EndPoverty Edmonton in 2016. In partnership with agencies that support vulnerable Edmontonians experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness or with critical housing needs, the program provides up to 1,900 monthly passes each month. Staff work to build relationships with clients and provide them with additional essential services provided through their agencies. When initially launched the program provided 100 passes each month and focused on at-risk youth; it has since expanded to support people of all ages and increased the monthly passes in relation to the homeless count.
- Established in 2017, the Ride Transit program reduces financial barriers for low-income individuals by providing a 65 per cent discount or a 50 per cent discount on the regular adult month pass, depending on income level. As of July 2022, over 14,000 Edmontonians benefited from the program. The program is one of the Game Changer Actions in the EndPoverty Edmonton Roadmap approved by Council in 2016.

Low-income fare programs support individuals as they move through the transit continuum, with the goal of transitioning individuals to self-sustaining supports.

