

Council Policy

Edmonton Transit Service Fare Policy



Program Impacted	Movement of People & Goods <i>Edmonton has an accessible and varied transportation system moving people, goods and services efficiently.</i>
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Statement

The City of Edmonton Fare Policy gives direction for setting public transit fares. The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for how Administration will recover the fare revenues from transit riders. The implementation of the Fare Policy will support the City of Edmonton’s financial sustainability and Council priorities.

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 and encouraging mode shift to public transit. 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.

Guiding Principles

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 who choose transit as a primary means of transportation.

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

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

Fare Category	% of Rate
Regular	100%
Senior (65 and over)	65%
Youth (24 and under)	65%
Low Income / Ride Transit Program	
<i>At or Below Low Income Cut Off (LICO)</i>	35%
<i>Tier 1 (1-10% above LICO)</i>	35%
<i>Tier 2 (11-25% above LICO)</i>	35%
Low Income Senior (At or below LICO)	Free
Child (12 and under)	Free