

City Operations
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CO01632 Direct Downtown to Airport Bus Route

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Council Motion

That Administration work with stakeholders, including downtown businesses, Explore Edmonton and the Edmonton International Airport to explore a cost sharing approach to a direct downtown to airport bus route and return with an update to Council.





Benefits

- Strategic connection
- Provides an additional travel option in the southern districts of Edmonton
- Benefits economic development by attracting new visitors to downtown



Service Options

- **Option 1:** \$2.5 million per year (same level of service as Route 747)
- **Option 2:** \$3.5 million per year (30-minute frequency during all time periods)
- Requires between \$10.3 million - \$14.2 million in capital funding for buses
- Higher cost than other cities due to distance of airport from downtown
- Airport and Downtown Business Association are supportive, but unable to commit to funding at this time



Transit Service Context

- New service hours: 69,561 hr/yr in 2024. Used to addressing existing service gaps including additional off peak service and overloads. Details in upcoming Annual Service Plan.
- Resources (buses and service hours) fully committed until satellite facility and additional buses / hours become available in 2025.
- Recommended service adjustments, including equity considerations, will be presented on March 19, 2024.

Thank you. Questions?