Edmonton Transit Service

CO02559 Administration Response: ETSAB Perception of LRT Safety

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Commitment to Safety and Security

THE SAFETY OF ALL TRANSIT RIDERS IS A TOP PRIORITY



ETS continually monitors perceptions of safety through ongoing surveys as well as operational security data on transit



Work over the last five years has focused on increasing security measures on transit, including increasing presence of security personnel



Issues impacting safety on transit are complex and require ongoing partnerships to address root causes



Perception of Safety



MONTHLY RIDER SURVEY

61% survey respondents felt safe throughout their trip in 2024



YOUTH ON TRANSIT RESEARCH

Deeper dive into youth perceptions of transit, including safety



OVERALL RIDERSHIP

61.1 million riders, increasing 15% from 2023



Response To Recommendations



PERSONNEL

More personnel in place

Partnerships between TPOs, EPS and Bent Arrow



CLEANLINESS & MAINTENANCE

Continued enhanced cleaning

Washroom attendants and technology solution



OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Underground cellular project progressing

Transit Watch has increased reporting

Reimagining Transit Spaces







Collaboration with artists and festivals



Music from the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra in LRT stations



Retail kiosks



Busking



Auricle project



COTT



Continue to seek opportunities to activate transit spaces

Reimagining Transit Spaces: Stadium Station



Communicating About Safety







IN-PERSON OUTREACH

- ✓ Youth outreach
- ✓ Girl Guides Scavenger Hunt
- ✓ Here to Help campaign



COMMUNICATION TOOLS

- ✓ Updated Transit Watch signage
- ✓ Safety information boards and postcards
- ✓ Instagram videos on safety

Thank you. Questions?

