

Update: Regional Transit Services Commission Transition Team

Initiative Title: Regional Transit Services Commission Transition Team

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Objective:

The overarching vision for the work of the Regional Transit Services Commission (RTSC) Transition Team is to establish a regional transit commission in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region that delivers public transit services more efficiently, and reduces complexity and duplication of having multiple providers; enhances mobility and connectivity between municipalities within the region; and create a system that is able to respond more effectively to disruption and future customer needs compared to separate operations.

Key outcomes, projects or activities and their status as of February 2020:

- The Transition Team released its report *“Accelerating Transit in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region: Building a Regional Transit Services Commission”* on January 22, 2020.
- With Council approval on February 19 (CR_7974), Edmonton and its regional partners will submit a joint request to the Government of Alberta to form a Regional Services Commission established under the authority in Part 15.1 of the Municipal Government Act.
- To date, 10 of 13 municipalities have voted, with 9 municipalities deciding to continue their participation in the RTSC. The remaining three municipalities will vote on March 9th and 10th.

Future Steps:

- Following all Council decisions, the Transition Team will meet to evaluate the Business Case in the context of which municipalities have voted to join. If the Business Case differs substantially from what was initially determined, Councils around the region will have an opportunity for further consideration prior to submitting an application to the Government of Alberta.
- Municipalities who vote to participate will then prepare and submit a joint application to the Government of Alberta requesting formation of the new commission.
- Assuming submission of the request proceeds in April, drafting of the legislation and the related regulatory process is expected to occur over the balance of 2020 or into 2021, during which time the Transition Team and

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Administrations will turn their attention to implementation planning and engagement approaches.