

ETSAB 2020 General Meeting Presentations and Topics of the Night

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Jan	Increased ETS Safety Measures Consultation Carrie Hotton-MacDonald, Director of ETS Business Integration
Feb	The City Plan Howaida Hassan, General Supervisor, City Plan, and Pablo Orozco, Senior Engineer, Mobility Strategies
Mar	<i>none</i>
Apr	Escalator Performance at Edmonton Transit Centres and Stations Trevor Dennehy, ETS Operations, Transit Facilities General Supervisor
May	<i>none</i>
Jun	<i>none</i>
Jul	<i>none</i>
Aug	Regional Transit Service Commission Wes Brodhead, Chair of the Transition Team & St Albert City Councillor
Sep	Return to Service Ridership Eddie Robar, Branch Manager Edmonton Transit and Carrie Hotton MacDonald, Director, Business Integrations
Oct	GTFS Enhancement for LRT Jesse Isaac, Manager, Bus Technology & Applications
Nov	<i>none</i>
Dec	<i>none</i>

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Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board heard an ETS presentation on increased safety measures, and was given the chance to ask questions and provide feedback on this important topic. • The Board remembered our board member Maurice Vincent, who suddenly and tragically passed away on December 21st, 2019. The Board will miss him greatly. • The Board held Chair and Vice-Chair elections, with the result that there is no change in board leadership; both Charles Kelly (Board Chair) and Isabell (Vice-Chair) will continue to serve in their current positions.
Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board Approved its Annual Work Plan for the 2020/2021 term. The Board is looking forward to establishing sub-committees over the course of the next year to work on Winterizing Public Transit, Free Ticket to Ride, Safety and Security (Part II), and Tourism and Transit (Part II). • The Board also approved the Terms of Reference for its Vulnerable Users on Transit subcommittee, which will focus on strategies that would be helpful to people who have challenges using the transit system. • The Board heard a presentation by Howaida Hassan and Pablo Orozco on the City Plan, specifically regarding connectivity, mass transit, and land use in the City.
Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved its 2019/2020 term Activity Report. • The Board successfully held its first fully remote Board meeting, due to current closure of City Hall to the public.
Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board heard a presentation by Trevor Dennehy on escalator performance at transit centres and stations, and was given an opportunity to ask questions. • The Board recognized the service of two outgoing members, Bob Macklon and Jorge Arango Diaz. The continuing members appreciate their contributions over the years and will miss them on the Board.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved a letter to City Council regarding Safety & Security on ETS. • The Board engaged in robust discussions around the post-CoViD future of urban transportation, and will be looking to investigate this topic further over the coming months. • The Board is looking forward to meeting the five new members that have been appointed for the 2020-2021 term in the coming days.
Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board formally met the Urban Planning Committee-appointed new Board members: Guy Milner, Michelle Peters-Jones, Serena Tang, Bob Turner, and Lindsay Vanstone. • Continued discussions around the challenges faced by public transit during and post-pandemic. • Serena Tang assumed the liaison role between ETSAB and the Edmonton Arts Council. • The Board orientation and strategic planning session will be held Saturday, July 1, including another look at the work plan for 2020 - 2021, identifying

	<p>possible adjustments in light of the pandemic and its significance for public transit.</p>
Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board approved its revised 2020/21 work plan, which, in response to recent and ongoing global events, saw some changes, including the establishment of two new subcommittees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Returning Safely to Transit During CoViD-19, which will focus on a strategy to bring riders safely back to transit during the CoViD-19 pandemic; and ○ Inclusive Transit: BIPOC Experiences with Edmonton Transit Service, which will focus on a strategy to ensure that everyone is and feels safe while on Edmonton transit.
Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heard a presentation by St. Albert City Councillor and chair of the Transition Team, Wes Brodhead, on the history, purpose, and vision of the Regional Transit Service Commission (RTSC), and was given an opportunity to ask questions; and ● Approved the Terms of Reference for two sub-committees, namely the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Returning Safely to Transit during CoViD-19 sub-committee, and the ○ Inclusive Transit: BIPOC Experiences with ETS sub-committee.
Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The board heard a presentation by Carrie Hotton-MacDonald (Director, Business Integration & Workforce Development) and Eddie Robar (Branch Manager) on ETS's ridership numbers and return to service during and after the ongoing CoViD-19 pandemic, and was given a chance to ask questions. ● The board recognized the work that is being done by the two current subcommittees on Returning Safely to Transit during CoViD-19 and Inclusive Transit: BIPOC Experiences with ETS.
Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heard a presentation by Jesse Isaac (ETS) on General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) enhancements for LRT stations, which will improve directions given to passengers via the Google Maps and Transit apps when navigating LRT stations. We were excited to hear of these improvements since they tie in closely with ETSAB's report on Wayfinding from 2019. ● The Board selected three members to attend the annual CUTA conference in November; Lindsay Vanstone, Guy Milner, and Isabell Hubert Lyall are looking forward to the presentations at the virtual conference, which has a focus on public transit during and after the CoViD-19 pandemic, and reporting our learnings back to the Board. ● The Board also recognized the work that is being done by the two current subcommittees on Returning Safely to Transit during CoViD-19 and Inclusive Transit: BIPOC Experiences with ETS.
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Was updated on the continued work of the two subcommittees, Returning Safely to Transit during COVID-19 and Inclusive Transit: BIPOC Experiences with ETS, which are both looking to deliver their reports soon. ● Had a good discussion around the upcoming municipal budget adjustments, and their impacts on public transit; ETSAB is prepared to speak to this at the December 3 budget adjustment hearing. ● The Board also had a good discussion surrounding masks on transit. While

ETSAB understands that operators are exempt from the mask requirement due to the enclosing transparent shields, the Board is concerned with the public perception and symbolic nature of an operator, as an authority figure, not wearing a mask when passengers are required to wear one while aboard a bus. Our ETS liaison has been made aware of this concern, and has expressed an interest in exploring whether more information could be publicly disseminated in regards to this issue.

Dec

- **Approved its Returning Safely to Transit during CoViD-19 report**, which has recommendations on how to ensure that the transit system is as safe as it can be. We are excited to share this report with Council soon.
- Heard three **presentations** by Lindsay Vanstone, Guy Milner, and myself, who reported back **from this year's virtual CUTA conference**. The conference had lots of learnings for the board's ongoing subcommittees, and our work as a board more generally, on topics such as:
 - **health and safety on transit during CoViD-19;**
 - **technology solutions for transit / Mobility as a Service (MaaS); and**
 - **public transit in the context of equity and diversity.**
- Heard an **update** on the work of the Inclusive Transit: BIPOC Experiences with ETS subcommittee, whose report is likely to be ready for board approval in January.