

PATH
PROVIDING
ACCESSIBLE
TRANSIT
HERE



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Providing Accessible Transit Here

Is a *collaborative* initiative between the City of Edmonton, ETS, and social agencies to increase transit access for ***youth and adults who are homeless, or at-risk of homelessness.***

Partners

- City of Edmonton
- Edmonton Transit Service
- MAPS Alberta Capital Region
- Children's Services Edmonton Region
- iHuman Youth Society
- Boyle Street Education Centre
- Youth Empowerment & Support Services
- Old Strathcona Youth Society
- Native Counselling Services of Alberta
- Mosaic Centre
- Bissell Centre
- Boyle Street Community Services
- The Neighbour Centre
- Jasper Place Wellness Centre

The logo for the City of Edmonton, featuring the word "Edmonton" in white, sans-serif font on a dark blue background.

KÎYÂNAW

“There is a word in Cree, *kîyânaw*, which means ‘for all of us.’

By firmly believing that we are all in this together, our capacity to build relationships of trust with one another will form the foundation of community cohesion.”



END POVERTY IN A GENERATION

A STRATEGY

SEPTEMBER 2019

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edmonton

**People who are vulnerable
and depend on public transit
may have no or limited means
to pay transit fare.**

Tickets for fare evasion are \$250, and fines can accrue.

- 88% of the youth had explicitly responded that lack of income is a barrier to using transit
- 77.0% of the youth had said they had rode on transit within the past year without paying
- 36% had received a fare evasion ticket within the last 12 months
- Generally, youth feel negatively when they ride transit without the proper fare. They cite emotions such as embarrassment, nervousness, scared and guilt.



“I don't like asking [the bus driver] for rides because people sitting in the front judge me. I don't like feeling homeless.”

Social Return on Investment Results

For every \$1 invested, a return of at least \$1.92 was created in social value

The social value created included:

- › Reduced court costs
- › More positive interactions with transit authorities
- › Increased ability to maintain employment
- › Reduced risk of events such as frostbite

***Then: Passes for 100 youth
Now: 600 passes for youth & adults!***

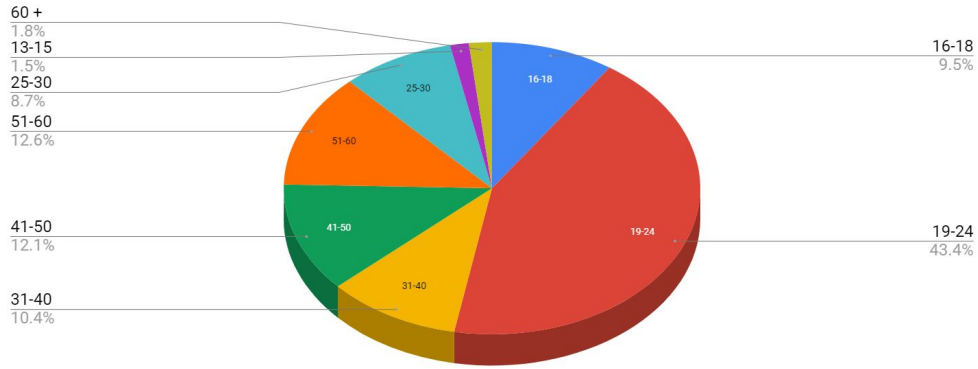
Expansion & Collaboration!



PATH GOALS

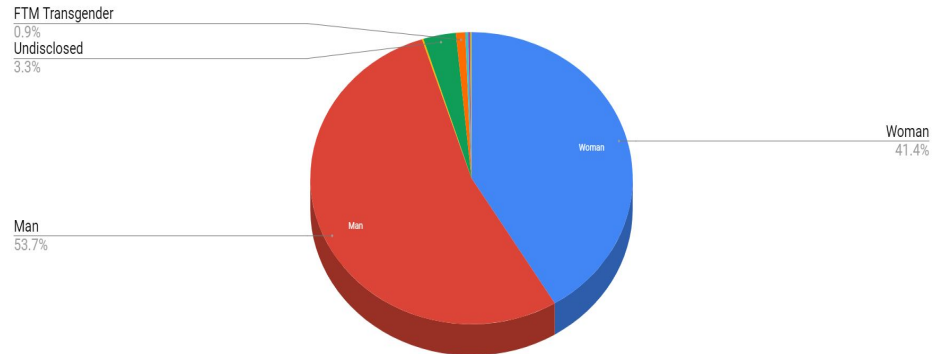
- Improve access to public transit
- Reduce fare evasion tickets
- Increase inclusion, safety and stability
- Improve relationships between youth and transit authorities
- Increased understanding of impact of transit access

Age of the Recipients



Data collected from
September 2018

Gender



Pass Use

Supports for Children

1.6%

Agency Programming

3.1%

Safety

1.7%

Recreation

4.0%

Money + Benefit

1.8%

Food

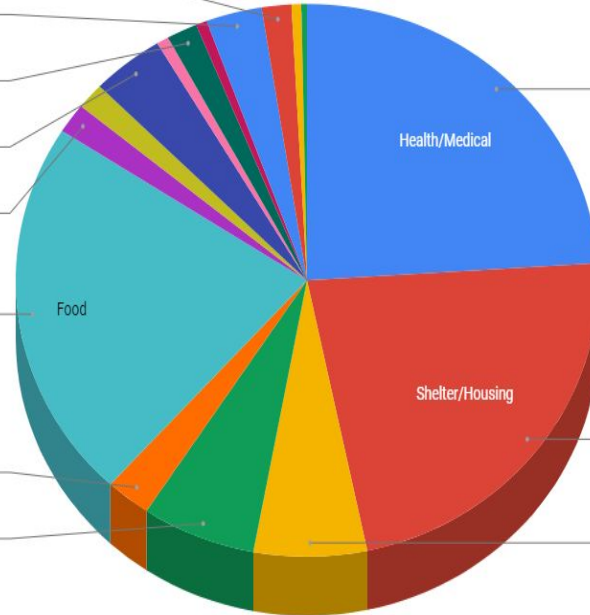
22.3%

Mental Health/Counselling

2.5%

No Bus pass Last Month

6.3%



Health/Medical

24.0%

Shelter/Housing

22.7%

Employment (or Seeking Employ...

6.3%

Testimonials



Then:

**The Ride Transit Program was
launched September 2017!**

Greater access to transit!



Ride Transit Program

The Ride Transit Program is an income based subsidy program designed to remove some of the financial barriers associated with using City of Edmonton Public Transit.

What is the Ride Transit Program?

- Partnership with the Alberta government
- Provides Adult and Youth monthly passes to eligible low income Edmontonians and their families
- Monthly bus pass subsidized rate of \$35.00
- Encourage the use of transit in daily lives for work, appointments, recreation, education, or any other activities that gets citizens involved in our community.

How can Edmontonians apply for these programs?


Edmonton residents will be able to apply and renew for these programs using one application form

ETS Ride Transit Program

LAP Annual Program

LAP Monthly Pass

Applications can be printed from edmonton.ca/lap or picked up at City of Edmonton recreation centres, where they can also be dropped off or mailed to the LAP office. Immediate access to the Ride Transit program can be granted at the Edmonton Service Centre provided the citizen is eligible and has all qualifying documentation.

A panoramic view of the Edmonton skyline, featuring several prominent skyscrapers and modern buildings under a clear sky. The foreground shows some greenery and lower-rise structures.

For more information and/or the application form:

Website: edmonton.ca/lap and edmonton.ca/ridetransit

Call: 311

Email: lap@edmonton.ca

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