

## Edmonton Transit Celebrates Milestones

*Accessible public transit and LRT help ETS customers stay on the move*

Edmonton Transit System (ETS) is commemorating 20 years of accessible bus service and 35 years of LRT operations in Edmonton with a celebration at City Hall on Thursday October 3, 2013.

Displays and presentations at City Hall will explain the evolution of accessible public transit in Edmonton, including the pioneering role ETS played when it introduced low-floor buses to Edmonton streets in 1993.

"Accessible public transit is an essential service for persons with mobility challenges who wish to remain active, engaged and involved in our community," said Deanna Crozier, ETS Director of Disabled Adult Transit Service (DATS). "Low-floor buses and other features on the regular bus fleet and LRT enable safe, affordable and efficient travel anywhere in the city to all transit customers, regardless of their level of mobility."

The commitment to accessibility crosses all areas of Edmonton Transit. All vehicle types – including regular, articulated and community buses as well as light rail vehicles – have accessibility features. All transit centres and LRT stations have accessible features as well.

In its 35th year of operations, Edmonton's LRT network is experiencing robust ridership.

"In 2012, Edmonton's LRT averaged more than 97,000 boardings every weekday," said Transportation Services General Manager Dorian Wandzura. "That's a great number to grow from after 35 years of service, and we are expecting to do just that when the Metro Line opens next year."

Periodic and temporary LRT service disruptions should be expected as preparations continue for the opening of the Metro Line to NAIT, which is planned to begin service in spring 2014.

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