

## City introduces electric buses to Edmonton

Edmonton Transit System (ETS) is adding some stealth to its fleet. It will begin testing two electric buses – known as [ETS Stealth buses](#) – on June 9, 2014.

The buses run quietly and cleanly and are more cost-effective to fuel and maintain than diesel engine buses currently used. Operated entirely on electricity, ETS Stealth buses have no exhaust pipes and generate zero emissions when being driven.



"We are very excited to be introducing electric bus technology to Edmonton streets," said Councillor Andrew Knack. "The City of Edmonton is committed to finding the best combination of transportation technologies to enhance Edmonton's sustainability, and we're eager to see how well the ETS Stealth bus delivers ETS service across the city."

The ETS Stealth buses will run on various ETS routes across the city, travelling with regularly scheduled buses in service and for special events. Passengers can board free of charge. Instead of paying a fare, passengers will be asked to complete a survey describing their experience riding an electric bus.

"Public feedback is essential to determining the success of the ETS Stealth pilot project," said ETS Bus Operations Divisional Supervisor Linda Kadatz. "We hope to hear from every ETS Stealth passenger so that we can make an informed decision later this year about pursuing electric bus technology in our long-term fleet replacement plans."

The ETS Stealth buses are on lease from Build Your Dreams (BYD) Co. Ltd. until October 2014. During the four-month pilot ETS will evaluate the suitability of the ETS Stealth bus based on several factors, including passenger load capacity, passenger comfort, reliability and how well the buses navigate Edmonton's roadway network.

For more information, please visit [edmonton.ca/future-transit](http://edmonton.ca/future-transit).

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