



FINAL Meeting Minutes

Monday April 29, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm Board Meeting Hybrid

Meeting No. 24.04

Prepared by Jaspreet Fagura

Members Present:

Giselle General (Chair), Serena Tang (Vice Chair), Bob Turner, Joshua Jackman, Mudasser Seraj, Madeleine Stout, Zohra Jabeen, Bailey Gerrits, Eugene Masahkwe, Maria Owczarek

Regrets:

Emily Batty

City of Edmonton Staff:

Councillor Erin Rutherford, ETSAB Council Advisor
 Marc Lachance, ETS Staff Liaison
 Jackie James, Staff Support
 Bryan Whited, Transportation Project Engineer

External Liaison:

Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569)

Materials & Attachments:

- Meeting Agenda
- ETS Branch Highlights Report

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM Land acknowledgement	G. General J. Jackman
AGENDA REVIEW DECISION	
<i>MOVED: by J. Jackman to approve the April 29, 2024 agenda.</i>	<u>CARRIED</u>
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING DECISION	
<i>MOVED: by S.Tang to approve the March 25, 2024 minutes.</i>	<u>CARRIED</u>

Presentation: Mass Transit Implementation for 1.25 Million Population	B. Whited
<p>Project Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide project background: part of the City Plan, planning bus mass transit network for 1.25 million people. • BRT routes based on the project were funded by Council through the concept and design phase. • Mass transit includes the LRT lines that form the skeleton or the backbone of the network itself. • Focus of the project is detailed planning for service, routes and integration with the City. • Five Principles: Inclusive, Connects Nodes, Supports Corridors, New Standard of Service, and Integrated Part of Mobility System <p>Route Alignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B1 which goes north south from Castle Downs to Century Park. • The B2 goes West between West Edmonton Mall and Bonnie Doon. • The B6 which goes from Ambleside to University. <p>Next steps: Urban Planning Committee on May 22</p>	

New Business/Updates:**a) Councilor Emerging Issues Update**

- Have not received confirmation from the Province about the continuation of the Ride Transit Program grant funding.

b) Rapid Response for Ride Transit Funding Report Discussion

- Was monitoring the Ride Transit Funding report, but has been delayed. There will be another opportunity for the board to provide input/response to Council.

c) New Board Members

- Four new members will be joining the Board for the 2023 - 2024 term.

d) Departing Board Members Recognition

- Bob is a champion for cleaner and more equitable Edmonton transit service, your passion for sustainable and accessible transit for all is infectious. You constantly challenged us to leverage our influence for a transit system that works for everyone and your experience with other cities' public transit systems is a gold mine of insights.
- Serena is the master of keeping it real. You bring a welcome dose of humility in our meetings, checking in on everyone before diving into discussions. Your clear and concise reports and meeting summaries are a gift, and your approachable personality shines through in every word that you share with us.
- Giselle, our fearless leader for the past few years. You foster healthy debate while making everyone feel like a valued member of the team. Newcomers were met with a warm welcome and a platform to share their ideas. You also knew how to ask questions that spark epic discussions and useful conversation all while maintaining a respectful environment within the port scale. You are a true leader.

e) Annual Retreat

- Reminder about planning for the ETSAB Annual Retreat. Chance to consider how the current approach is working.
- Retreats used to be held in February, almost a full year after new board members started.
 - feedback - took too long to have input on subcommittee topics
 - Moved to Fall term, allowing some time to get familiar with the Board operations but still have input on topics.
- The process can be revisited with new board requirements for subcommittee approval.

Working Groups**Fare Evasion Policies****S. Tang**

- Adjusted terms of reference for the report to ensure that we are not overlapping current work of ETS, more focused on perceptions from the Board
- Currently working to refine the structure of the report, focus on sections that resonate more with board
- Have enough of a rough report to finalize a draft for review.

Perception of LRT Safety**E. Batty**

- The report has been circulated for review, about 90% completed.
- We believe the report will be ready for the next ETSAB meeting.

Scope of Work Alternatives from Sub-Committee Non-Approval**G. General**

- No additional sub-committees.

External Updates	
ATU 569	S. Bradshaw
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a 	
ETS Branch Highlights Report	M. Lachance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ridership spike starting March, led by increased weekend boardings. ETS 101 is the program where ETS goes out to grade six classes, provides orientation for how to use transit - trying to get students comfortable to start using ETS more as they move into junior high. A new program this year is Careers Focus garage tours where we took classes of mechanics students for a tour of our garage facilities to give them a bit more of an exposure to what working for ETS would look like. The Girl Guides Canada will be doing scavenger hunt through ETS on May 11. We provided questions about how to get around Transit and the facilities for the participants to respond to. The event will conclude at Churchill Square. Over 500 Girl Guides signed up to participate. Spring service adjustments came into effect, adjusting service for the end of University semesters. The report has detailed information about the changes. The DATS update shows that Quarter one performance has been really solid. We did have issues with the weather and road conditions for On-Time performance early in the year, but it has improved in February and March. The Ride Transit pilot for Arc (Smartfare) starts on May 1st. Valley line southeast has been dealing with a high level vandalism; we are working closely with TransEd to develop a long term solution. 	
Accessibility Advisory Committee - AAC Liaison Update	Z. Jabeen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Update. Carry over to next agenda 	
Monthly Branch Update with Carrie	G. General
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meeting this month. Planning an introduction meeting for the new chair. 	

Topics of the Night	S. Tang
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We received a presentation about the mass transit implementation, members asked questions about East West connections, or how recent plans about rail could integrate with the mass transit program. We discussed planning to do a rapid response to the Ride Transit funding report. We could anticipate seeing the public release of these items by May 9th. The board is going to have some new members. So in the near future, we'll have four new board members and I hope that Council and everyone welcome as they start their time on The Advisory Board. Updating on the subcommittee groups about the progress for completing the reports. Expecting to review and approve the Perception of LRT safety report next month, and continuing work on the fare evasion policy report. 	

Motion to Adjourn

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