



What's this all about?

The Transit Riders' Union of Edmonton (TRUE) is a group of concerned transit users working to improve transit in Edmonton. To learn more about the group, see the information at the bottom of the page.

How can I help?

Accepting the TRUE Transit Challenge to City Council will afford you critical insight into the needs of transit riders in Edmonton as you make political decisions.

The TRUE Transit Challenge:

As you are aware, most members of the current city council ran and were elected on pro-transit platforms. The current budget process provides opportunities to both increase the transit budget and reconsider the proposed fare increase. We believe that to serve the needs of Edmonton's transit riders, one must understand what it means to be transit dependent in Edmonton.

Therefore, we, the Transit Riders' Union of Edmonton, hereby challenge the mayor and councillors to give up their vehicles for the week of November 19-25, and rely exclusively on transit. This means full transit dependency: a way of life for many Edmontonians.

In order to fully experience ETS and meet the requirements of this challenge, you will need to run all errands (such as attending meetings or buying groceries) using transit, rather than depending on others with cars. It is imperative that you lead your life in the same manner as you would ordinarily; the ability to make cross-city, late-night, and short-notice trips are all important to viable transit. We understand the jobs of councillor and mayor require mobility, punctuality, and efficiency, but these needs are shared by transit riders.

We hope council will accept this challenge and that this experience will help open a dialogue between the city and transit riders. Together we can build an effective and appealing transit system designed to serve all Edmontonians and reduce our dependence on private vehicles.

This challenge will give councillors a chance to show their commitment to the platform they were elected on. It will simultaneously show the transit dependent that council understands them, as well as serving as a positive model for other Edmontonians to follow.

On behalf of the transit riders of Edmonton, we sincerely hope you will wholeheartedly accept this challenge, and will continue to make transit a part of your daily life.

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