

### Transit Fares for Students

**Please provide information on how Strathcona County Transit has addressed the need for lower transit fares for students (university and high school) and how we compare to the City of Edmonton.**

As requested at the September 15, 2020 Council meeting, please see the information below for details on Transit Fares for Strathcona County Students. Note that the City of Edmonton does not offer pass pricing for students, so with the cancellation of the Fall U-Pass, Edmonton administration needed to seek Council approval for new student options.

Strathcona County has always had youth and student pricing options available, so did not need to make any changes to accommodate the cancellation of the Fall U-Pass.

#### **Edmonton's new, approved options**

Edmonton Transit's fare options introduced for students due to the suspension of the Fall 2020 U-Pass include:

- Expansion of the current ETS Youth fare products to include all post-secondary students of any age. Youth monthly passes are \$72.50 per month, effective September 1, 2020.
- Expansion of the ETS Ride Transit low-income program eligibility criteria to remove the exclusion of post-secondary students. Monthly passes are either \$34 or \$48.50 per month.

#### **Strathcona County fare options**

[Fare options](#) already available for available for students affected by the suspension of the Fall 2020 U-Pass include:

- Discounted [student fares](#) are available for students travelling to post-secondary institutions. Youth Commuter Monthly passes are \$81.40 and a book of ten Youth Commuter tickets is \$34.90.
- Discounted student fares are also available for students traveling to Strathcona County high schools. Youth Local Monthly passes are \$40.70. Archbishop Jordan High School students are provided a free Youth Local Monthly pass at the discretion of and cost to the Elk Island Catholic School Board. If an ABJ student is deemed ineligible for a Youth Local Monthly pass by EICS, they can purchase one for \$40.70.
- The [Everybody Rides](#) low-income program is available for students who meet the household low income levels through Family and Community Services. Commuter passes for qualifying individuals is \$24 per month. Family and Community Services is currently exploring whether or not the eligibility criteria can be modified to facilitate student eligibility.