



Calgary

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

September 25, 2023

Hon. Jason Nixon, M.L.A.
Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services
227 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton AB, T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Nixon,

RE: Low Income Transit Pass

On behalf of The City of Calgary (The City), I'd like to extend my thanks to the Government of Alberta for your continued partnership in Calgary's Low Income Transit Pass (LITP), and, particularly for recent changes to improve transit access for Calgarians over the age of 65.

The Low Income Transit Pass program has been an incredibly successful with more than 72,000 low income Calgarians accessing the program in 2019.

The City thanks the Government of Alberta for its continued support of the LITP program through a \$16 million allocation in Budget 2023, helping vulnerable Albertans afford transportation. We are also grateful for the new \$1.7 million investment to expand eligibility for older adults of the age of 65.

This additional investment allowed for changes in pass eligibility resulting in 10,000 older adults having access to the program, with the greatest impact to those residing in multi-generational households. This creates more independence and easier access for these seniors to their community. Early data highlights the investment's positive impact, contributing to the 4,246 Low Income Seniors Annual Transit Passes purchased between June 1- August 31, 2023. This represents a 26 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2022.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Government of Alberta supporting Calgarians through programs such as the Low Income Transit Pass.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JG', written in a cursive style.

Jyoti Gondek
Mayor, The City of Calgary

cc: David Duckworth, City Manager, The City of Calgary
Katie Black, General Manager Community Services, The City of Calgary
Paula Yung, A/Director Community Strategies, The City of Calgary