



Calgary

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

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Hon. Devin Dreeshan
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors
Office of the Minister, Transportation and Economic Corridors
127 Legislature Building, 10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Dreeshan,

RE: Provincial Funding of City of Calgary Public Transit Projects

As a vibrant, diverse, and highly livable city, The City of Calgary (The City) is poised to lead as a provincial and national economic driver. While exciting, our growth is driving demand for services, including affordable, safe, and efficient public transit.

As the provincial government deliberates on its budget priorities, I want to highlight three (3) key projects on which The City would like to build together. Each is outlined in *RouteAhead: A Strategic Plan for Transit in Calgary*, which was approved by City Council in July 2023. This plan provides a 30-year plan highlights key capital investments to maximize the customer experience and guide the delivery of transit service that builds accessible communities across the city. Each of these key projects aligns with the mandate Premier Smith outlined for your Ministry to support public transit networks and, specifically, the C-Train Blue Line extension and connector to Calgary's International Airport.

The City's three (3) projects are:

1. The Blue Line Northeast LRT Extension (Saddletowne Station to 88 Avenue NE Station)

The Blue Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) extension to 88 Avenue NE Station will enable the Blue Line to connect to the Calgary International Airport and its surrounding industrial-commercial lands via the Airport Transit Connector. This \$160.6 million project requires investment from all orders of government. The City is seeking a provincial contribution of \$53.5 million.

2. The Airport Transit Connector (Blue Line to Calgary International Airport)

The Airport Transit Connector will facilitate transit access from Calgary International Airport to the wider city. The estimated cost of the eastern branch of the Airport Transit Connector is \$675.6 million and will require investment commitments at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government. The City is seeking a provincial contribution of \$225.2 million.

The City is presently undertaking an Airport Rail Connection study that will be followed by an Engineering & Design phase scheduled for completion in 2025.

3. The Max 301 North Central BRT, Convertible Corridor (Centre Street North Transit Corridor)

The Max 301 North Central BRT will improve transit on the Centre Street corridor in north-central Calgary by connecting people to employment and housing opportunities. Improvements that will be made enable the corridor to be a flexible and convertible mobility corridor in advance of the future Green Line North LRT extension. This \$500 million project requires investment from all orders of government. The City is seeking a provincial contribution of \$166.7 million.

Please find attached an overview of the cash flows for each project.

The City submits these transit projects and investment opportunities for your consideration. In addition, there is synergy between the Transportation and Economic Corridors Ministerial priorities and the federal governments Canada Transit Fund Program, the details of which will be released later this year. Through this program, there is a significant opportunity to align funding for public transit projects between all levels of government. The City looks forward to continued collaboration with the Government of Alberta on the Canada Transit Fund to achieve shared outcomes in investment for public transit.

Sincerely,



Jyoti Gondek
Mayor, The City of Calgary

cc: David Duckworth, City Manager, The City of Calgary
Stuart Dalgleish, Chief Operating Officer, The City of Calgary
Michael Thompson, GM Infrastructure Services, The City of Calgary
Doug Morgan, GM Operational Services, The City of Calgary
Hon. Danielle Smith, Premier, Government of Alberta
Hon. Nate Horner, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Finance,
Government of Alberta

Hon. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Government of Alberta
Hon. Pete Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure, Government of Alberta
Hon. Matt Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, Government of Alberta

**Attachment 1: Detailed Cash Flows of Three City of Calgary Public Transit Projects
Blue Line Northeast LRT Extension – Saddletowne Station to 88 Avenue NE Station**

Year	Provincial Investment	Project Phase
2024	\$4.2 million (\$2 million already provided in Budget 2023)	Detailed design and LRV procurement.
2025	\$10.3 million*	Detailed Design and Construction.
2026-2027	\$30.8 million*	Construction continues.
2028	\$8.2 million*	Construction completion and LRT Extension opening
Total	\$53.5 million*	

*Subject to detailed design, supply, and inflationary pressures

*Subject to rounding

Airport Transit Connector – Blue Line to Calgary International Airport

Year	Provincial Investment	Project Phase
2025	\$3.2 million	Detailed Design to begin following completion of the ongoing Airport Rail Connection Study.
2026-2027	\$9.7 million*	Detailed Design.
2028-2031	\$212.3million*	Construction.
2032		Airport Transit Connector Opening.
Totals	\$225.2 million*	

*Subject to detailed design, supply and inflationary pressures

*Subject to rounding

MAX 301 – North Central BRT, Convertible Corridor

Year	Provincial Investment	Project Phase
2024	\$9.3 million*	Design and Early Construction
2025	\$17.3 million*	Design and Construction
2026	\$30.0 million*	Design and Construction
2027 – 2028	\$56.7 million*	Construction and staged opening
2029 - 2030	\$53.3 million*	Construction and opening
Totals	\$166.7 million*	

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*Subject to rounding

*Coordination with Green Line LRT ongoing