

Sliding Scale Low Income Transit Pass

The City of Calgary introduced a variable price model, or sliding scale, in April 2017. That same year the Government of Alberta provided \$4.5 million per year for three years for the sliding scale for the Low Income Transit Pass.

- In 2017, pass sales grew over 60% compared to the same period in 2016
- In total, 246 thousand passes were sold between April and December 2017.
- Over 48,000 Calgarians purchased at least one pass between April and December 2017. This compares to 30,000 persons the year prior. The majority of passes sold are in Band A

The high demand has placed revenue challenges on The City of Calgary. In November 2017, The City of Calgary provided one-time funding of \$4 million for 2018 to offset some of these challenges.

Band	Income Threshold	Percent Discount for Adult Pass	Cost in 2018
A	≤50 per cent LICO	95%	\$5.15
B	>50-85 per cent LICO	65%	\$36.05
C	>85-100 per cent LICO	50%	\$51.50

Affordable transit increases accessibility for all Calgarians. The sliding scale:

- Gives all Calgarians the chance to take part in civic and community life, allowing the voices of all Calgarians to be heard.
- Creates a more equal and inclusive city.

Affordable transit opens opportunities for all Calgarians. The sliding scale:

- Frees up money that was previously spent on transportation, allowing people to make more choices about how to spend their money on food, school, or shelter.
- Provides affordable monthly passes which enables families to purchase passes for all family members.
- Opens the door for all Calgarians to take part in the many different cultural and recreational opportunities available in the city.

Affordable transit strengthens our economy. The sliding scale:

- Improves the ability of Calgarians to find employment and travel to and from their job/volunteer opportunity, mobilizing a previously untapped workforce.

Affordable transit increases the vibrancy of our city. The sliding scale:

- Increases the ability of all Calgarians to create and maintain strong relationships of support and friendship and decreases social isolation and loneliness.
- Helps people living on a low-income to connect with their doctors, community workers, and social service agencies.
- Increases the number of people accessing transit which reduces the number of cars on the road. Increased use of public transit has a positive effect on our environment as pollution is decreased.