



INFORMATION REQUEST

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REQUESTED BY: Councillor Oldham

TOPIC: Transit - Cost Recovery

DATE OF REQUEST: November 5, 2024

DATE OF RESPONSE: November 6, 2024

QUESTION:

What is the cost recovery on our commuter service and the cost recovery on our on demand transit system? What are our riders per hour, per bus right now?

RESPONSE:

Cost recovery (fare revenue / operating costs)

Commuter service: 25% to 27% cost recovery (From 2022 to 2024 on average)

Local service: 10% to 12% cost recovery (From 2022 to 2024 on average)

Overall transit system: 20% cost recovery in 2023

Riders per hour

Commuter service: 16.8 passengers per Revenue Vehicle Hour in October, 2024

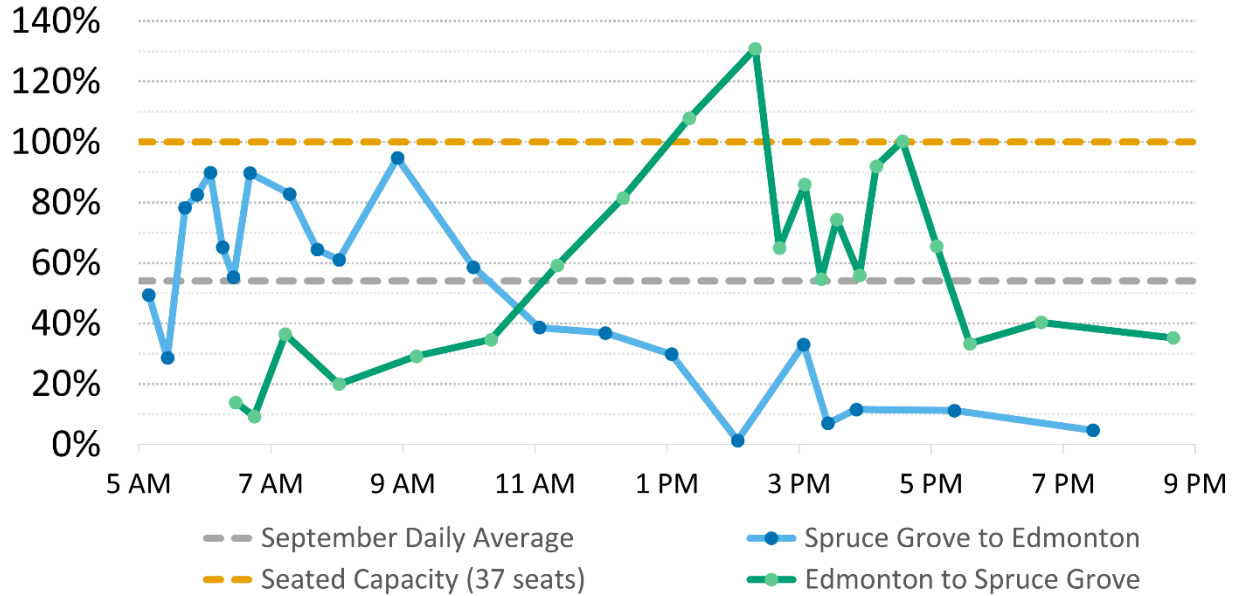
Local service: 4.2 passengers per Revenue Vehicle Hour in October, 2024

Overall transit system: 7.1 passengers per Revenue Vehicle Hour in 2023

Due to the long travel time between Spruce Grove and downtown Edmonton, a better indicator of commuter transit performance is the number of passengers on the bus each trip compared to the seated capacity.

Commuter Transit Seated Capacity Utilization by Time of Day

Average Daily Ridership as a Percentage of Seated Capacity for September 2024



BACKGROUND:

The industry standard for reporting cost recovery is to only include operating costs. However, capital lifecycle costs are significant. Grants from provincial and/or federal governments are normally relied on by municipalities for major capital expenses. The City of Spruce Grove is eligible for grants from the new Canada Public Transit Fund - Baseline stream and is participating with the other regional municipalities in the grant application for the Metro-Region Agreement stream.

The Annual Transfer to Lifecycle for Capital Replacement is \$149,000 for the commuter buses and \$81,000 for the local buses.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/TAXATION IMPACT:

n/a

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