

More Transit Improvements Coming to the Calgary Region

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In a move that shows confidence that regions and the transit that connects them are the future of this province, the Government of Alberta is now taking applications for the third phase of the GreenTRIP transit program, with \$130 million in funding available for the Calgary Region.

In a public announcement on February 25th, Transportation Minister Brian Mason explained the importance of the Green Transit Incentives Program for all the citizens of Alberta.

Watch the announcement with Minister Brian Mason, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, Calgary Regional Partnership Chair and Okotoks Mayor Bill Robertson and Executive Director Pat Letizia from [Alberta Ecotrust Foundation](#).

The first phase of GreenTrip included funding to support projects like the South West Rail Transit Line, LRT vehicles as well as the [City of Airdrie](#) who built on their own thriving transit programs, adding intercity bus services and new vehicles.

Calgary Region's role in GreenTRIP

The Calgary Regional Partnership will be reviewing submissions to ensure that they meet the regional criteria for funding from the GreenTrip program.

Suitable projects could be anything from construction of light rail transit systems, to construction of bus terminals, to integrating fuel-efficient, hybrid, or accessible vehicles in the existing transit fleet of your municipality.

Bill Robertson, Mayor of Okotoks and the Chair of the CRP, encourages all communities to apply for this opportunity:

“Through the Calgary Regional Partnership we look forward to having municipalities put their applications in and work with CRP to ensure all regional needs are met in their proposals. It’s a win-win for everyone and major benefits are to be had on all the spectrums.”

Long term vision

With \$415 million of the original \$2 billion remaining and \$130 million remaining for the Calgary Region, this environmentally and economically aware step forward for the province offers municipalities a chance to join in, literally: GreenTRIP is all about connecting communities to each other, and strengthening regions.

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The benefits to the environment are potentially huge, with a projected drop of one-million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions over ten years.

Municipalities weigh in

“The announcement of the third phase of GreenTrip funding means that Chestermere can continue to move forward with the CRP in reviewing next steps for transit in our area of the Region.” Mayor Patricia Matthews said. **“With the amount of growth we’ve had in the past, we know we have to take the time to plan to be ready in the future.”**

“There is such a strong and united vision to move into a more transit friendly future Municipally, regionally and provincially. Having the support both in vision and dollars from the Government of Alberta speaks volumes about the work in progress being done by the Calgary Regional Partnership,” says Dona Fluter, Councillor for Turner Valley

Watch CRP Talk GreenTRIP

<https://youtu.be/ubgWMIQQoa8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORbM1kiWYMw>

Q&A: Will the 2 year On-It Regional Transit Pilot be funded by GreenTRIP?

Calgary Regional Partnership has a base subsidy from other provincial funding that is not GreenTRIP that will go towards the first two years of the On-It Pilot Program. With the intentions of growing to serve more municipalities and creating a complete mobility system CRP will certainly look at other provincial grants if available after the two year pilot is completed.

Q&A: What GreenTRIP Projects have been approved?

To check out more information go to the [GreenTrip website](#), where information on applications and detailed funding facts are available as well.

*Updated March 9th 2016:
The application deadline
has been extended to
August 31, 2016*

Green Transit Incentives Program GreenTRIP Approved Projects

