



Municipal Government Representatives for Poverty Reduction CoP

Wednesday, November 29 2017
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST

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TODAY'S AGENDA

Welcomes & Check-Ins

Affordable Transit Policies: Lessons from Calgary's Pilot Project – led by Rob Wiles, City of Calgary

Q&A Discussion

Closing Announcements

Check-Ins

Please introduce:

- **Your name**
- **Your city or town and department**
- **Whether your city/town has an affordable transportation initiative**
 - **If yes, at what stage of the work are you?**

TODAY'S COP SPEAKER:



Robert Wiles

Issue Strategist - Calgary Neighbourhoods
The City of Calgary

History Low Income Pass Calgary

- 2006 -Adult Low Income Pass (75% LICO)
 - Fair Calgary Policy
- 2008 -public consultations with subsidy recipient
- 2010 -youth included (Adult rate)
- 2013 -87.5% LICO Transit
- 2013 -City Council adopts poverty reduction strategy
- 2014 -100% LICO all City subsidy programs
- 2015 -Fair Entry single application
- 2017 -Sliding Scale for low income pass

Engagement

Internally

- Fair Calgary working group

Externally

- Fair Calgary Community Voices
- Identified issues
- Strong presence at Council

Journey of Low Income Monthly Pass

Previous State

Single price for all eligible recipients below 100% LICO

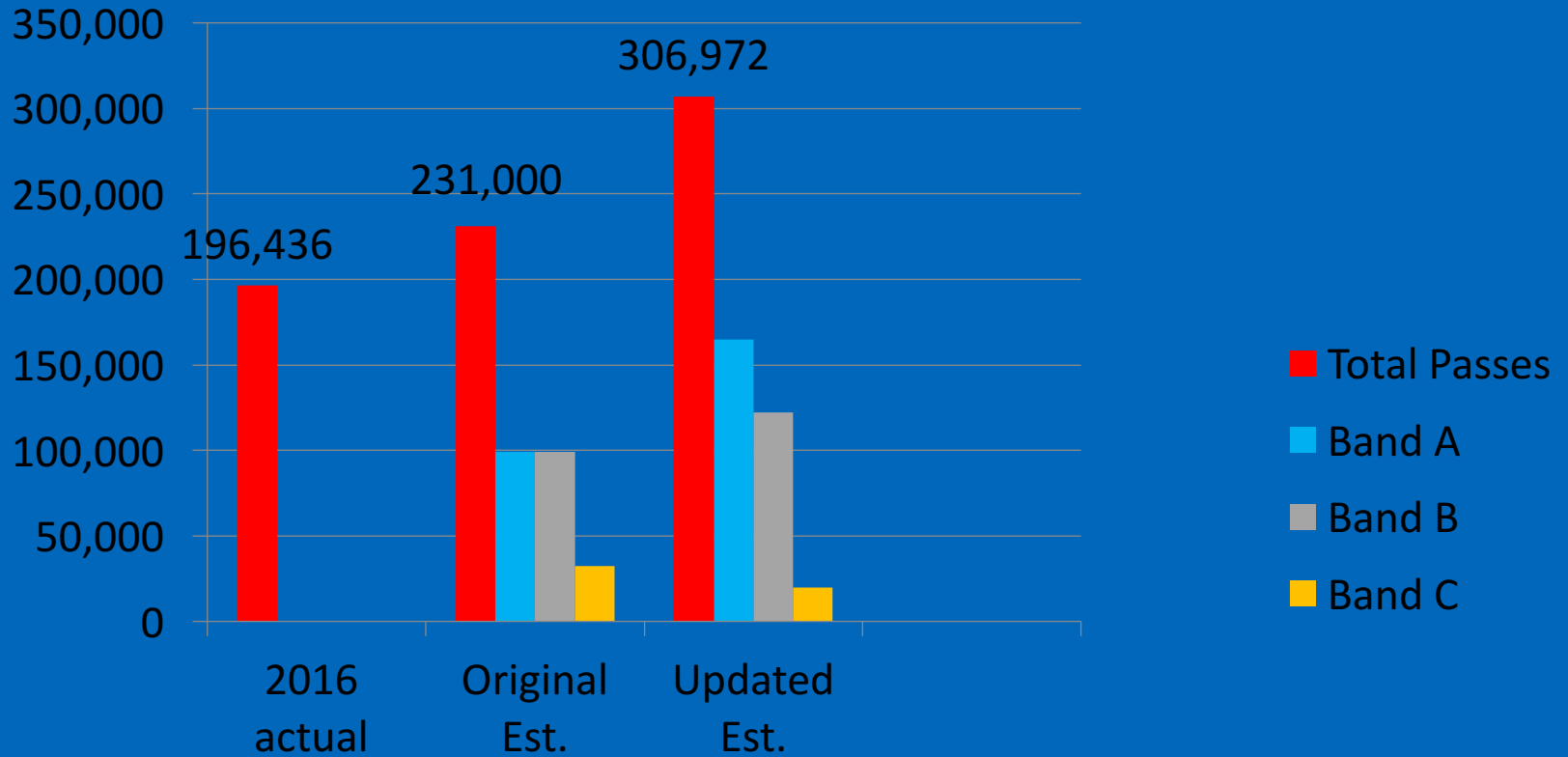
September 2015 Sliding Scale Proposal

< 50% LICO – Deep Subsidy
50-85% LICO - Substantial Subsidy
85-100% - Modest Subsidy
100-115% LICO – Minimal Subsidy
115-130% LICO – Shallow Subsidy

Sliding Scale Introduced

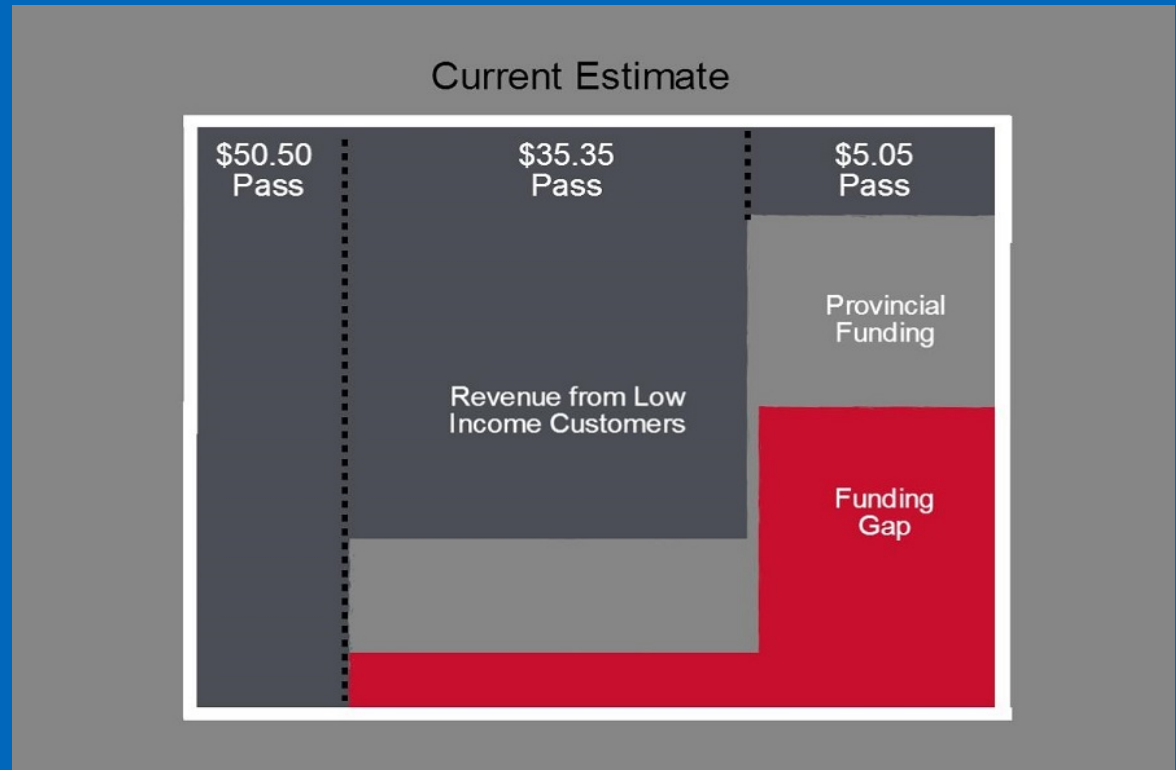
< 50 % LICO – 95% subsidy
50-85% LICO – 65% subsidy
85-100% LICO – 50% subsidy

Annual Pass Sales Comparison



Challenges

- Funding



- Operations
- Inappropriate use

QUESTIONS?

DISCUSSION

- Are you advocating to the federal government or aligning your local affordable transit activities with the new national transportation strategic plan?
- What are the biggest challenges surfacing in your local region around affordable transit programs and policies?

DISCUSSION

- Whom have you identified as the key champions that can help to advance local affordable transit?
- What existing infrastructure can be used to develop an affordable transportation program?

UPCOMING WEBINAR

A New Vision for Income Security

Speaker: Laura Cattari

November 30th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST

Explore the guiding principles, concepts, and objectives behind the fundamental shift in Ontario's approach to income security addressed in the newly released report, *Income Security: A Roadmap for Change*. Laura Cattari will address the policy changes that will help us move past social assistance as we understand it today, and toward addressing new labour market realities, the needs of vulnerable populations, and relations with Indigenous people.



Register Now: <https://events.tamarackcommunity.ca/new-vision-income-security>

Closing Announcements

The next Municipal Government Representatives for Poverty Reduction (MGR) CoP call is scheduled for:

Monday, January 8th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm EST

Topic: Financial Empowerment Initiatives for Municipal Governments, led by Prosper Canada



Thank you!