

# BUS RAPID TRANSIT: MOVING PEOPLE FORWARD

To meet the transportation requirements of a growing city, Saskatoon needs to provide a variety of transportation options. A Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system will help Saskatoon Transit accommodate the city's expected growth while making transit a more attractive option for all. BRT is a premium transportation system designed to improve capacity and reliability compared to conventional bus systems. It allows for more people to move more efficiently through optimized routes and dedicated travel lanes, while retaining the low-cost and flexibility of buses.

The BRT system was approved by City Council in April 2019. The final stages of design and development are currently underway with construction to begin in 2023.

## SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BUS RAPID TRANSIT:

- Although BRT stands for Bus Rapid Transit, a more accurate way to describe the system is to use the word **Reliable** rather than Rapid. These don't go faster - rather they stop less often and for shorter periods of time, meaning you get where you are going faster and more efficiently.
- Drivers benefit from BRT, as a more efficient and comfortable public system encourages more people to become transit users, reducing congestion and pressure on roads.
- Creating a better transit system will decrease carbon emissions by helping take cars off the road. It is estimated that one full bus takes 27 cars off Saskatoon streets.

## BY THE NUMBERS:

- 38 km of BRT lines • 3.5 km in dedicated transit-only lanes (1st Avenue from 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Street, College Drive from Clarence to Preston Avenue) • 34.5 km mixed traffic • *Full Route Map on reverse*
- 38 km of fibre optics
- 114 upgraded traffic signal controllers
- 90 Intersections with transit signal priority
- 85 BRT stations • Identification pylons • Real time information display • Shelter and on-call radiant heat • CCTV camera • Advertising Displays • Public Art opportunities
- \$120 million +/- 25 per cent — Estimated total cost of system
- \$0.27 cents on the dollar projected to be covered of cost to City of Saskatoon, with the rest covered by federal and provincial funding



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