

## Our Major Achievements

The Coalition has played a variety of roles in influencing the development of the following for Regina residents:

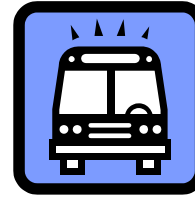
- 2005 - \$15/month bus pass was introduced for people living on four provincial Social Service programs (this pass has been increased to \$20/month in 2010)
  - Social Assistance
  - Transitional Employment Allowance
  - Saskatchewan Employment Supplement
  - Provincial Training Allowance
- 2006 - Express routes to the Regina Food Bank provided
- 2008 - The city's Winter Road Maintenance and Snow Removal policies modified with more consideration for needs of pedestrians and persons with wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers
- 2008 – introduction of a pilot project of University and SIAST express buses during peak periods
- 2009 - Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) program added to the \$15/monthly bus pass
- 2009 - Over 3 winter months, gathered 7,700 signatures on a petition for expanded Sunday service, and some service on holidays
- 2009 - Extended Sunday transit service introduced

Interestingly, since the City of Regina partnered with the provincial Ministry of Social Services in 2005 to create the \$15 bus pass for Regina, several other cities in Saskatchewan were approached by the Ministry of Social Services to implement the same program.

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# Regina Citizens' Public Transit Coalition

## Celebrating 10 Years of Mobilizing Community and Making Change

## Introduction and Background

The Coalition has been actively engaged in shaping Regina Public Transit and Paratransit policies and programs since 1999.

The Coalition began as an active group of 25 people representing transit riders, people with disabilities, disadvantaged populations, community-based organizations and employers. The membership currently comprises community volunteers with community-based organizations. They are involved as their time permits and as issues evolve.

## Our Fundamental Beliefs

The Coalition believes that high quality public transportation

- is a vital right for all citizens, allowing us to fully participate in the life of our community, as full citizens, neighbours, employees, students, consumers and volunteers
- facilitates equitable opportunity
- reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and so counters climate chaos
- cuts costs for health care and policing ( car crashes), street expansion and maintenance, social health
- cleans air of dangerous emissions and health hazards from too many cars
- encourages more active living, thus better health from less car-dependence
- lessens congestion for necessary vehicles (e.g. ambulances )
- could brand Regina as a truly *Smart City*

## Current Activities

- informing and educating our constituents of programs, important committee meetings and open houses
- bringing the concerns of the public to our meetings
- meeting regularly and monitoring responses, activities and events in the city
- making presentations at city committees and open houses
- meeting with municipal, provincial, and federal elected officials and staff to inform, express our concerns and find solutions

## Need for Change is Still Great

We continue to be involved in the city's consultations around the release of the most recent *Transit Investment Plan* since the spring of 2009. We have been advocating for:

- increased capacity of the transit and paratransit systems to meet demand
- expanded service on Sundays
- providing holiday service
- expanding the use of accessible low-platform buses
- increasing public transportation usage
- a City Bylaw requiring all to clear their sidewalks for increased safety and convenience of users in winter
- making the \$20 bus pass available to the working poor, students and people on Employment Insurance/ CPP(D)

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