



Calgary

Background

- 2016, February 22 – Council resolved to The City of Calgary’s participation in the Mass Transit Feasibility Study.
- 2019 February 27 – Town of Banff released the Calgary-Bow Valley Mass Transit Feasibility Study
 - Study reviewed bus and rail options, infrastructure and fleet requirements, operations plan and regulatory framework.
 - Mass transit (bus and rail) is feasible, capital and operating costs are significant.

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Conclusions from the Study

1. For mass transit to occur, partnership with other orders of government will be required.
2. Bus and rail options were developed along Highway 1 and CP right-of-way, respectively.
3. Rail concepts are based on dedicated track along CP's right-of-way, except downtown Calgary. Sidings will be required along the entire corridor.
4. Bus Implementation - by 2022, subject to capital and operating agreements, municipality approvals, fleet procurement, fare strategies etc.
5. Rail Implementation – late 2020's, subject to governance and operating structures, approvals with CP, environmental reviews, detailed design and construction, fare strategies etc.
6. The level of importance of regional mass transit and the infrastructure requirements are different for each municipality, relative to other priorities.

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Conclusions from the Study cont.

	Capital Cost (millions) (Class 5 estimate)	Operating Cost (millions) (annual)	Ridership (2022) (annual)
Bus Implementation	\$8.1 - \$19.6	\$4.5 - \$5.8	200,000 - 490,000
Rail Implementation	\$660 - \$680	\$13.4 - \$14.3	220,000 - 620,000

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Next Steps

- 2019 April 4 - Elected Officials and Administration from the Town of Banff, Town of Canmore, Town of Cochrane, Improvement District No. 9 (Lake Louise) and City of Calgary met to discuss next steps
 - Technical/Financial – Update technical and financial information based on feedback heard to date.
 - Governance – Review governance authority and models for owning and operating the service.
 - Communications – Develop a communication strategy for advocacy including stakeholder identification.

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Principles

- I. Mass Transit between Calgary and The Bow Valley should not compete with existing and future infrastructure projects and funding in Calgary.
- II. The project should benefit Calgarians from a Triple Bottom Line (social, environmental, economical) perspective

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Recommendation

- I. That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council endorse The City of Calgary's participation in ongoing discussions regarding mass transit between Calgary and The Bow Valley subject to the principles identified in this report.

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Thank you