



2024 to 2027 Business Plan

Service: Subsidized Transit

\$0.02

Cost per day for the average rate payer (2024 to 2027)

0.18%

Of the 2024 to 2027 City of London Net Property Tax Supported Budget

Who we are:

- The City provides public transit subsidization to five target populations: the visually impaired, children 12 years of age and under, adults over the age of 18 with income below the low-income cut-off after-tax, youth from ages 13 to 17, and seniors 65 and over.

What we do:

- The subsidized transit program provides affordable transportation in order to help remove and prevent barriers that affect a person's ability to gain and maintain employment, access health care, and pursue recreational, educational and social activities for themselves and their family.
- Affordable transportation is a key component of providing good quality of life.

Why we do it:

- **Traditional** – The provision of subsidized transit is a typical service offered by municipalities, with all of the selected municipal comparators providing a similar service.

The following table provides an overview of the budget for this service:

Budget Summary (\$000's)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2024 to 2027 TOTAL
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$1,512	\$1,512	\$1,512	\$1,512	\$6,048
Other Revenues	-\$0	-\$0	-\$0	-\$0	-\$0
Net Tax Levy Supported Operating Budget	\$1,512	\$1,512	\$1,512	\$1,512	\$6,048
Total Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalentents (FTE's)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Reflects Draft 2024 to 2027 Multi-Year Budget – December 12, 2023

Linkage to the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan

This service supports the following Strategic Areas of Focus in the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan:



✓ **Reconciliation, Equity,
Accessibility, and
Inclusion**



**Economic Growth, Culture,
and Prosperity**



**Housing and
Homelessness**



**Mobility and
Transportation**



✓ **Wellbeing and Safety**



**Climate Action and
Sustainable Growth**



**Safe London for Women,
Girls, and Gender-Diverse
and Trans People**



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Environmental, Socio-economic Equity and Governance (ESG) Considerations

Environmental, Socio-economic Equity and Governance Profile for this service:



Environmental:

- Access to affordable and reliable public transit encourages the use of public transit over cars and personal vehicles, which has the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and decrease reliance on fossil fuels, supporting the City of London to reach its net-zero greenhouse gas emission targets, and improving community adaptation and resilience.

Socio-economic Equity:

- Affordable transportation is a key component of quality of life and impacts an individual's ability to seek and maintain employment, and access health care, recreation, education, and social activities.
- The subsidized transit program makes public transit more affordable and accessible for the visually impaired, children, youth, Londoners experiencing low-income, and older adults.
- Access to subsidized transit reduces barriers for Londoners experiencing low-income and supports autonomy, well-being, and connections to community.

Governance:

- The subsidized transit program is regularly monitored to assess usage and sustainability.
- Feedback from program participants is incorporated into ongoing process improvements and reporting.
- The City maintains regular communication with program partners, including the London Transit Commission, to identify and respond to emerging needs and issues.

The following section provides an overview of the key activities the service plans to undertake from 2024 to 2027 to implement the Corporation's 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan, as well as an overview of the risks and challenges the service is anticipated to experience during this period:

Service Highlights 2024 to 2027

- A recent review of the affordability and accessibility of the income-related transit program was completed.
- The review included feedback from program users as well as non-users, in order to obtain a comprehensive understanding of challenges and barriers.
- Work with the LTC and service partners to develop options for program improvements that support affordable transit programs for Londoners.

Risks and Challenges Anticipated in 2024 to 2027

- Fare and ridership increases could result in budget pressures.
- Current barriers to usage of the income-related subsidized transit program include lack of awareness, challenges with application and renewal process, and affordability of program.
- These barriers will be mitigated through the implementation of program improvements.
- Program improvements will be prioritized based on potential impact and feasibility of implementing within the existing budget.

Other reference information and links:

- [2023 Annual Budget Update](#)
- [Income Related Transit Pass Program](#)

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