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Airdrie Transit links to Calgary

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – The City of Airdrie will usher in a new era of public transit on Monday, October 4, 2010 becoming the Calgary Region’s first regional transit service with the launch of the Intercity Express (ICE).

To celebrate the launch of the new service, riders can enjoy taking the ICE service at no charge during Airdrie Transit’s demonstration week from Monday, October 4 to Friday, October 8. Demonstration week will be in full service with both routes and all three buses in operation.

“The launch of the ICE service on October 4 marks a historic milestone for both the City of Airdrie and the Calgary Region,” said Mayor Linda Bruce and Chair of the Calgary Regional Partnership. “City Council has been committed to developing a regional transit system to and from Calgary that is accessible, affordable and convenient for the people of Airdrie. ICE is an investment in the region that will create jobs, boost the regional economy and improve the environment, helping Council build a sustainable community.”

“The new ICE service will provide easy and convenient access to Calgary Transit’s network, reducing traffic congestion,” added Michelle Lock, Director of Community Services.

New low-floor, wheelchair accessible buses will connect Airdrie and Calgary using two separate routes. Route 901 East is a limited stop route accessing Calgary via the Centre Street corridor. Centre Street provides excellent connections to service, employment, and educational nodes using Calgary Transit’s extensive network. Route 902 West follows the more traditional commuter route, along Queen Elizabeth Highway 2 to downtown Calgary.

The ICE regional transit service will provide commuters in Airdrie and Calgary with a public transit alternative for peak morning and afternoon commutes, taking more cars off the roads. Airdrie Transit’s ICE service will launch with three, new 60 foot articulating buses carrying up to 62 passengers.

For information on the ICE service including schedules, maps and fares visit www.airdrietransit.ca .

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