

Good afternoon,

My name is Rob Proctor and I am the Area Vice President for First Transit Canada. We are currently the contractor for the Operations and Maintenance of the paratransit service for the City of Regina. We have been a proud partner of the City of Regina for more than 20 years and value this long-standing relationship. It has long been one of our strongest contractual partnerships.

We operate the service out of a local facility located at 140 4 Avenue East, Regina. There are currently 33 and soon to be 35 buses dedicated to this service and we are responsible for the licensing and insurance for all of those vehicles. For the paratransit service we employ approximately 60 total staff members that operate the vehicles, supervise the operators, provide maintenance services as well as cleaning the fleet. Our operations staff are unionized and are represented under a collective agreement with ATU Local 588.

We have reviewed the Master Plan that is being discussed on today's agenda. We were excited to read about all of the initiatives being considered in the plan, many of which will transform public transit in the City. I am here today, to confirm our support of the Master Plan, and let the City of Regina know that we are excited to stand with the city and support the initiatives that are included.

Many of these strategies will go a long way in driving the initiatives for long term success of the Master Plan, and an enhanced service delivery model. We look forward to the continuation and strengthening of our partnership, are excited about the Master Plan and will assist the City to ensure any future endeavors are successful.

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today.