



TTC Wheel-Trans 10-Year Strategy 2018 Public Update

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TTC Wheel-Trans

Our Mission: How we support the community

As part of a fully accessible TTC, we provide *barrier-free*, *accessible* service that is *efficient*, *reliable* and *available*

Our Vision: What we strive for

An accessible transit service that ensures dignity, spontaneity, fairness and freedom of travel for all customers





Customer Focus

There are over 42,000 active customers

1,000+ customers apply each month

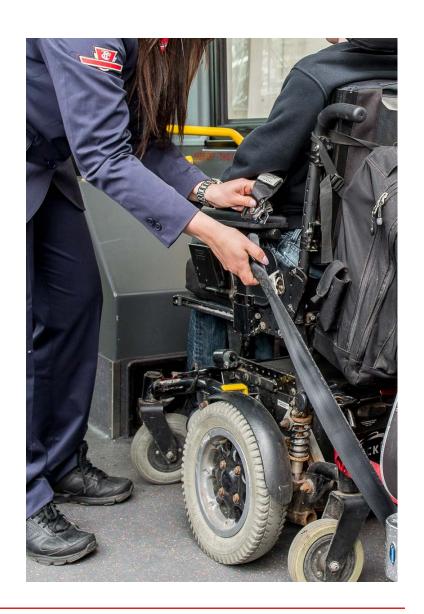
Customers take 15,000+ rides on peak days

- 199 Wheel-Trans Friendly buses
- 20 ProMaster Vehicles
- 335 accessible taxis available for service
- 2,800 sedans in the contracted service

In 2017 customers took over 4.1 million rides

• 7% increase over 2016

We expect to deliver 4.8 million rides in 2018





Feedback - 2017 Wheel-Trans Customer Survey

What's working:

- Increase in overall satisfaction: 84% in 2016 to 86% in 2017
- Increase in satisfaction with on time pick-up: 71% in 2016 to 75% in 2017
- 31% of customers have used fixed-route transit in the past 12 months
- 25% of customers increased use of fixed-route transit since last year

What you asked for:

- Reduce wait times when contacting Wheel-Trans by phone
- Improve online booking system
- Improve transfer amenities between Wheel-Trans and fixed-route transit
- Help us learn to use Family of Services



5 Pillars of Customer Experience

To provide a simple experience that strives to create ease of use Simple at every opportunity. To provide a flexible experience that offers service options that **Flexible** best meet your lifestyle. To provide a service that anticipates the travel needs of our **Anticipates Needs** customers. To provide a modern experience that is on par with leading Modern solutions and technology. To provide invisible support by giving customers the tools to **Invisible Support** independently problem solve.



New Policies

New Customer Focused Policies

- Revised over 20 policies by conducting best practice industry reviews, consultation with key stakeholders including Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT) and the TTC's Legal, Human Rights & Diversity department
- Will continue implementing revised policies throughout 2018
- Policies focus on setting clear expectations for both employees & customers

Simple





Family of Services

Flexible



Family of Services

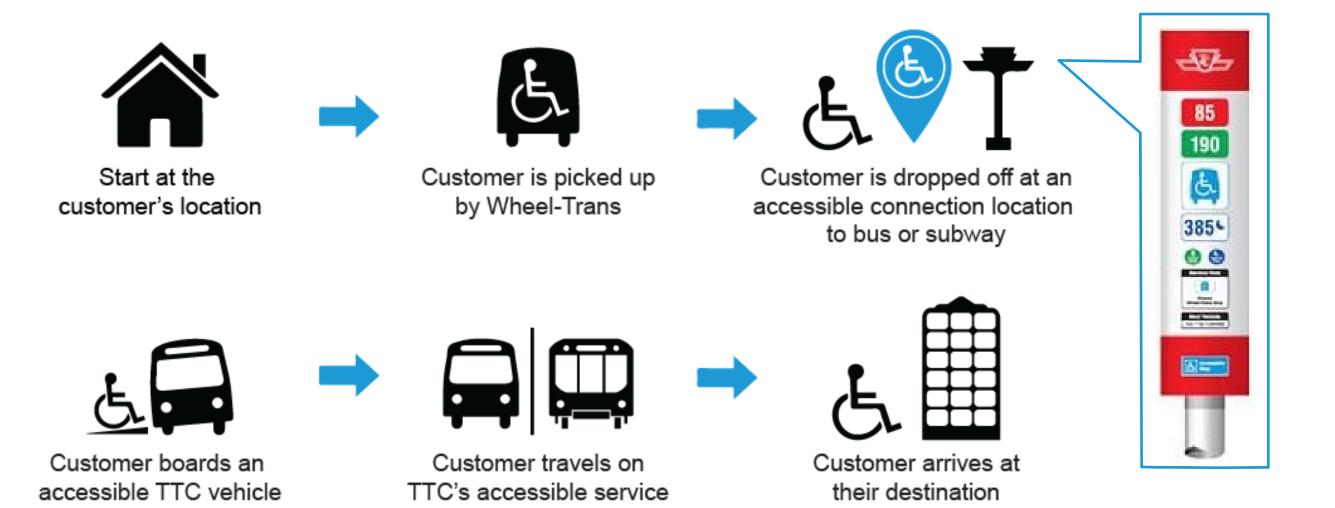
Providing spontaneity, flexibility and expanded travel options for Wheel-Trans customers



- Family of Service
 Pilot is near
 completion
- Training of TTC employees
- Accessibility audit for best connection locations
- Customer feedback to improve integration



Family of Services



Family of Services in 2018

Naughan Metropolitan Gentre 97 Yonge 85 Sheppard East Meadowvale 95 York Mills Lawrence Manor 403 South Don Mills 405 Etobicoke Gibson St/ Preston Rd St Clair Ave Kilometres Map symbols 402 Parkdale 404 East York TTC Family of Services bus route Community Bus route A regularly scheduled neighbourhood bus service that uses Wheel-Trans vehicles 29 Dufferin Shared Wheel-Trans Stop Bus stops shared by conventional buses and Wheel-Trans vehicles Access Hub Clean, dry, well-lit, accessible transit stop served by Wheel-Trans TTC Family of Services routes See detailed bus stop information on reverse Accessible subway station

- TTC Accessible Subway System
- Dufferin 29
- Sheppard East 85
- Sheppard West 84
- Yonge 97
- York Mills 95
- Expansion Continues



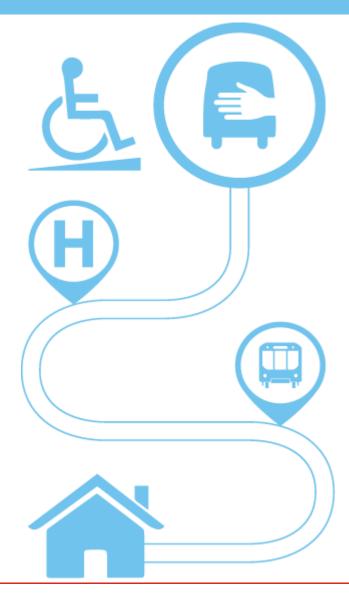
Community Bus

Community Bus provides five scheduled routes in various communities within the City of Toronto.

- Fully accessible, scheduled service
- No reservations required
- Rebranding of vehicles
- Available to everyone
- Regular TTC fare

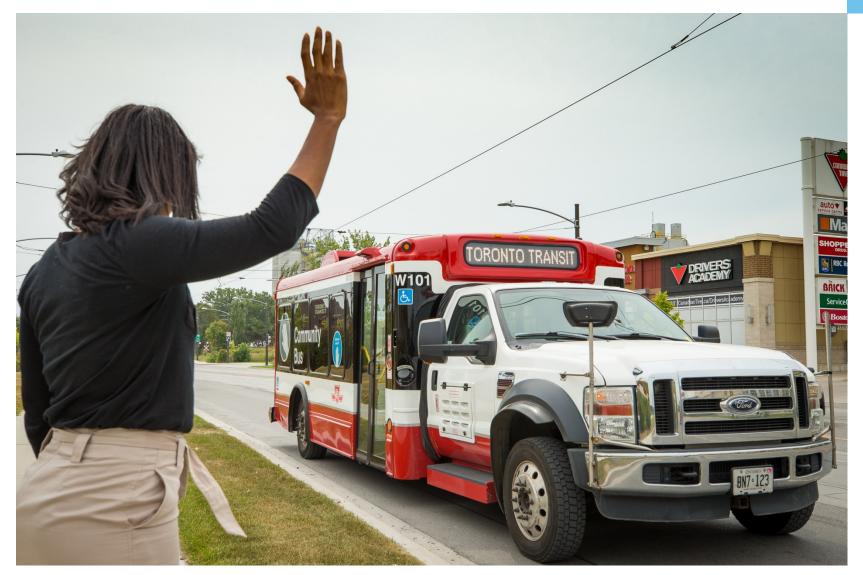
Two routes were piloted as expanded routes in 2017

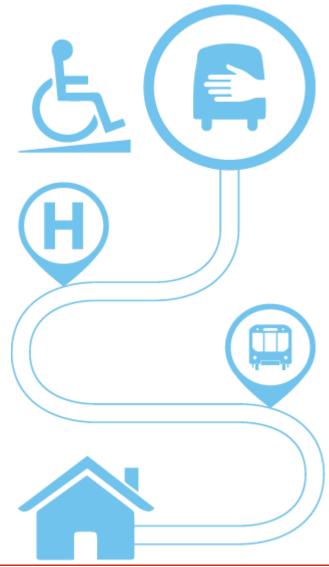
2017	2018	2019
Pilot begins	 Pilot continues 	 Evaluation and future planning





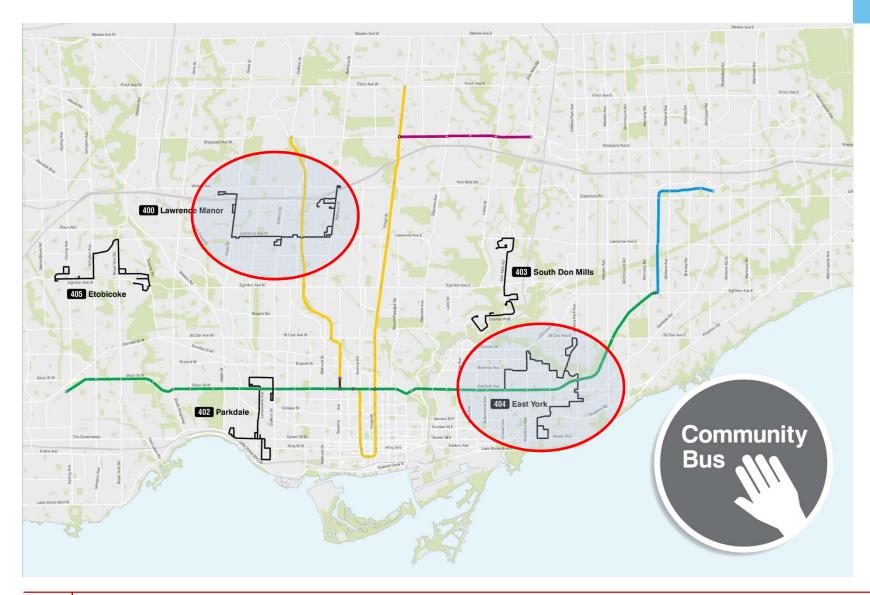
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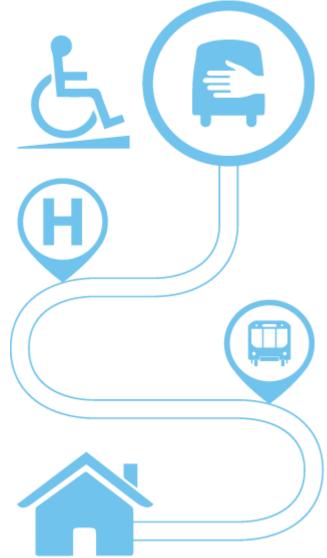






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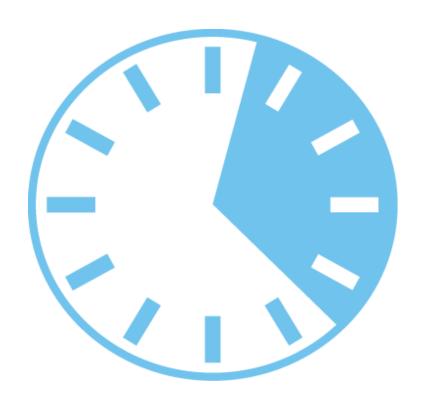






New Cancellation Policy

- Launched September 2017
 - Focuses on flexibility, not penalty
- Cancel trip up to 4 hours before scheduled pick-up
- 8 Life Happens Points
 - 1 point for Late-Cancels
 - 2 points for No-Show
- Reduced number of customer violation letters
 - 78% of customers agree that the new policy is more convenient





Learning More About You: Our Customer

- We have researched and surveyed our customers and have learned some interesting facts:
 - 78% of our customers are retired
 - Average age of our customers is 72
 - 74% are ambulatory
 - 81% have total household incomes under \$50,000
 - 65% use Wheel-Trans to get to medical appointments
- We use this data to better understand our customers and anticipate their needs
- This research guides all of the decision making and changes that happen at Wheel-Trans

Anticipates Needs





Access Hubs

- Dry, well-lit, heated space for you to wait when connecting with your bus
- December 2017
 - Access Hub at Meadowvale Loop completed

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- Up to 3 new Access Hubs
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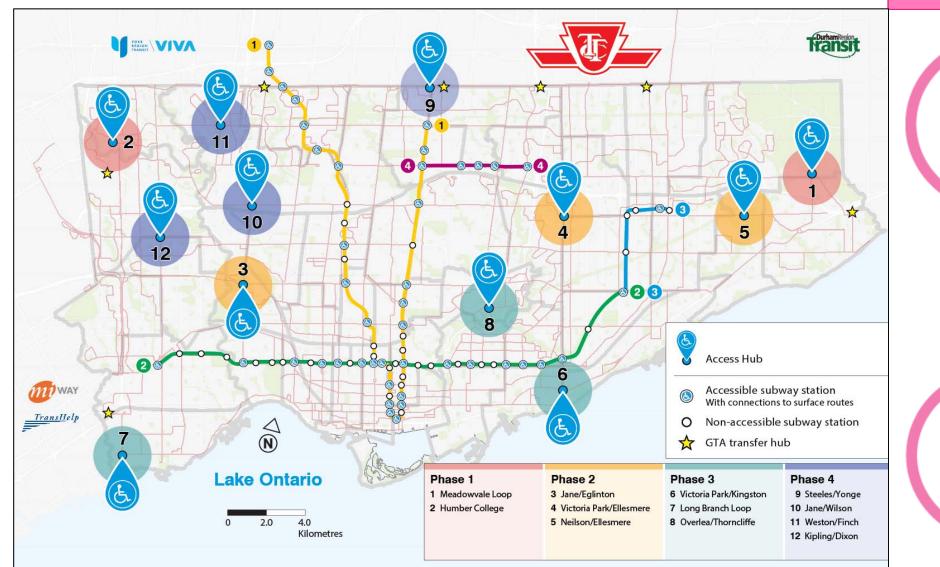
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Access Hubs – Possible Locations

Anticipates Needs







New Telephone System

- Implementation Spring 2018
- Increased call capacity
- Position in queue provided to customer
- Customer can request call-back
- Improved quality assurance

Modern







Modernized Scheduling

Modern

- Matches availability of service with customer ability to provide trip options using Family of Services
 - Wheel-Trans
 - Community Bus
 - Buses, subway, and streetcar transit schedules

New online booking system supporting Family of Services New online booking app booking app on service disruption





New Vehicles



Modern

New ProMaster Vehicle

- Maneuverable
- Fuel efficient
- Side and rear ramps
- Vehicle capacity, up to:
 - 6 seats
 - 2 mobility device spaces
- Total of 80 in fleet by the end of 2018



Travel Training Pilot

- Summer 2018, 6-month pilot to support Family of Services
- Orientation sessions, handbook, travel training materials
- Offers 1 on 1 travel training on TTC Services
 - Wayfinding & navigation
 - Planning and preparing your trip
 - How to handle the unexpected
- Participate and help us to design a permanent travel training program





Wheel-Trans 10-Year Strategy

Thank you.

Wheel-Trans is looking for customers with conditional eligibility who want to learn how to travel on all TTC services

To participate, or if you have any questions or comments, please send to:

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