Benefits of Public Transit: Local-Regional Connections
Why is transit important?

- Reduce single occupant vehicles
- Provides mobility for all ages
- Health benefits
- Transformative infrastructure
What makes it successful?

• Higher ridership potential
• Competitive travel time
• Efficiency
• Partnership
Community Transit in Nova Scotia

Kings Transit

- Population: 49,448
- 12 routes
- Seating for 39 passengers
- Accessible buses with wheelchair ramp
- Bicycle racks (May 1 – October 31)
- Days of service
  - Weekdays 7am – 9pm
  - Saturday 9am – 7pm select routes
- Adult fare $3.50
Community Transit in Nova Scotia

Town of Yarmouth Transit

- Population: 6,700
- 1 routes
- 17 scheduled stops
- 14 passenger bus
- Wheelchair ramp, bicycle rack and smart fare technology
- Days of service
  - Weekdays 7am – 7pm
  - Saturday 8am – 6pm
- Fare starting at $2.00
Town of Bridgewater Public Transit

Transit Feasibility Study

Explore fixed route transit options for the Town of Bridgewater and its edges within the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL)

- Focus Group – November 30, 2016
- Open House & Presentation to Council – January 23, 2017
Bridgewater Transit Loop
Town of Bridgewater Public Transit

- Approx. 1,250 riders in first 2 weeks
Community Benefits

- Creates **mobility opportunities** for seniors, people with disabilities and all community members
- Reduces the need for two cars per family
- Increases the number of people on the street, developing a sense of **community** and **safety**
Economic Benefits

• **Less expensive** than other alternatives

• Provides **access to services** (medical, financial, etc.) and employment

• Brings **positive impacts** for business owners on transit route

• Health **cost benefits**
Core Satellite Transit Network
Local-Regional Nexus

- Partnership building
- Engagement with stakeholders
- Out-of-box ideas
- Seeking funding opportunities
Thank you! Any Questions?