FARE FREE NOW FARE FREE FOREVER

Mayor Jim Watson is offering free bus trips during December, to make up for the LRT mess. Any move to make transit affordable is welcome. But on January 1st, transit riders will still be faced with all the current problems:

- Fares will still be among the highest in the country and are scheduled to increase
- Transit services will continue to be slow and unreliable
- Additional routes will be cut making the system even less convenient

THIS IS <u>NOT</u> HOW YOU GROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP.

THIS IS <u>NOT</u> HOW YOU REDUCE EMISSIONS.

THIS IS <u>NOT</u> HOW YOU MAKE OTTAWA ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE.

WHAT WE NEED

- Permanent fare free transit, beginning with those on OW and ODSP [social assistance].
- To ditch the P3 maintenance contract with RTG in favour of city run maintenance.
- Expanded bus service in consultation with transit riders.
- More bus-only lanes during rush hours.

Did you know that ODSP and OW recipients pay roughly \$14 million per year taking transit in Ottawa? If City Councilors paid the same percentage of their income for a transit pass as ODSP recipients do, they would be paying \$302/month!

JOIN THE FIGHT

- Sign the letter asking the Mayor and City Council to make transit fare free for OW and ODSP recipients <u>at this link.</u>
- For more information on Free Transit Ottawa and what we do, contact freetransitottawa@gmail.com or visit freetransitottawa.ca.

