



Frequently Asked Questions about COLT: Cochrane On-Demand Local Transit

When will buses be on the road in Cochrane?

COLT: Cochrane On-Demand Local Transit is launching this fall. It will start with a pilot (free!) launch to make sure the technology is operating at optimum efficiency. A month or two after the pilot, full paid service will begin (dates to be confirmed).

How much is it to ride COLT?

COLT fares are \$2.50 per ride, but there will also be monthly passes available (prices still being finalized). Kids under 5 ride free.

How does on-demand transit work?

When you know you'll want a ride on COLT, you can use the website, mobile app or call COLT directly to request a bus at a specific stop at a specific day and time. Buses can be requested up to a week in advance, or just minutes in advance.

How many buses will COLT have?

COLT has eight low-floor, 21-seat buses to start with.

How many bus stops are there?

COLT has 126 unique bus stops in Cochrane. As the system is used, stops may be moved or added.

Where are the bus stops?

All COLT bus stops will be listed on the website and app when details are finalized: ridecolt.ca.

What are COLT's operating hours?

COLT will operate Monday to Friday from 6am-8pm and Saturdays from 9am-3pm. There is no service on Sundays.

Can I ride COLT if I use a wheelchair or other device to help my mobility?

Yes, COLT buses are fully accessible; there is one wheelchair spot on each bus. And if you have an attendant, they ride free.



Can I take a stroller on a bus?

Yes, you can bring your child in a stroller onto a COLT bus.

Can my child take the bus alone?

You know your kids best; they can ride alone at your discretion.

Can I take a bike on a bus?

Yes, COLT buses all have bike racks.

Can I take sporting equipment on the bus?

Yes, you can take scooters and sports equipment on the bus.

Can I take my pet on the bus?

No, pets are not permitted on COLT buses. Service animals are an exception.

Who is operating COLT buses?

The Town negotiated a contract with Southland Transportation to operate the COLT transit system.

Can I get to Calgary on COLT?

COLT is starting as a local system in Cochrane only. Calgary/regional destinations to be added at a future date.

Can I get to a Calgary LRT station on COLT?

COLT is starting as a local system in Cochrane only. Calgary/regional destinations to be added at a future date.

How much does it cost the Town to run COLT?

COLT's annual net operating cost is \$551,812. The works out to \$3.82 per month, per household and is part of the 2019 property tax amount approved by Council in the 2019 budget.

How much did COLT buses cost?

The Town received \$6 million in provincial GreenTRIP funding for buses, the transit hub and bus stops.

How can I find out more?

Check ridecolt.ca for updates and more information.