



HRM ParaTransit: A User's Strategic Review

for Transportation Standing Committee
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HRM Strategic Plan 2017-21

- ✓ Evidence Based Decision Making
- ✓ Fiscal Responsibility
- ✓ Foster Innovation
- ✓ Integrated Multi-modal Transportation
- ✓ Public Engagement
- ✓ Encourage Vibrant Business Environment
- ✓ Understand Needs of People
- ✓ Greater Citizen Satisfaction



Trilogy of Services





Halifax Transit BUDGET

95% Conventional Transit

5% ← ParaTransit

Council Budget DEBATE

75% ParaTransit

25%
Conventional
Transit

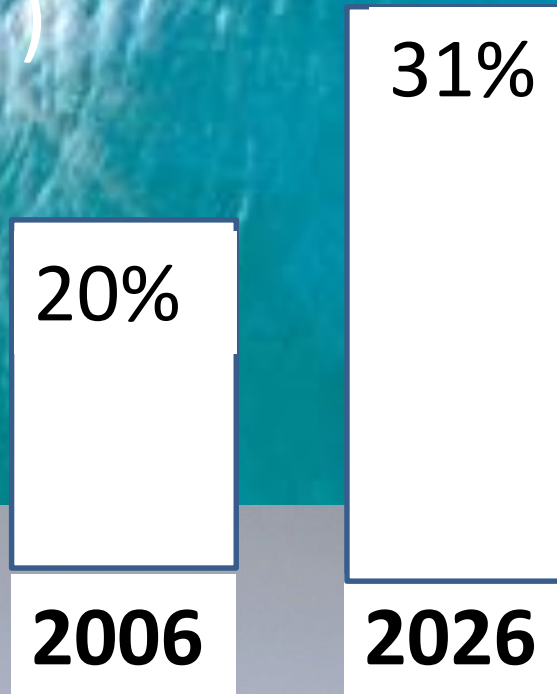
Current ParaTransit Service

- 7 Day Advance Booking
- Over-Subscribed
- Long Waiting List
- No Flexibility



Seniors Tsunami → Disability Rip Tide

% of NS population: Stats Canada



Never thought....



Not all disabilities

look like this



Some disabilities

look like this

What's Needed?

24/7 service that is....

Safe, convenient, affordable

On demand

Flexible

Impossible?

We can do it for Less

for less \$



Cost One-Way Trip



\$14.51

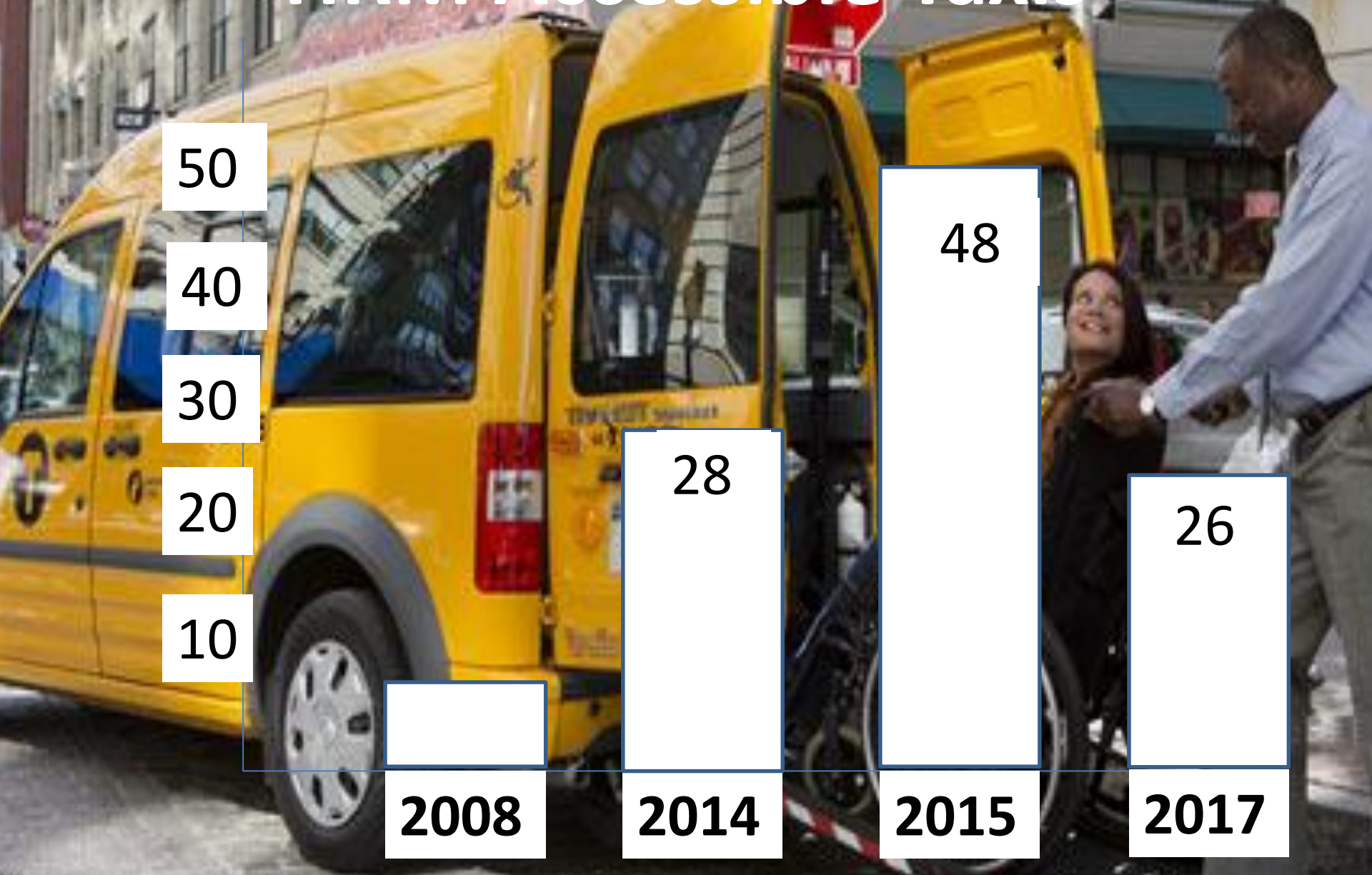


\$36.95

\$3.28



HRM Accessible Taxis



% of Taxi Fleet



100%



50%



3%



ACCESSIBLE

Showcasing Tuscany without obstacles: a place where no barriers exist, but only open

Recommendations

- 1. Deflect Able Clients into Conventional System**
- 2. Expand Conventional Accessible Service (more accessible spaces on the bus)**
- 3. Develop Outsourcing Taxi Partnership (use HRM Taxi & Limousine Liaison Committee)**
- 4. Reduce Size of any Future AaB Vehicle Model (often only 1 or 2 passengers on vehicle)**

Sampling of Cities using ParaTaxis

- Ottawa
- Calgary
- Halton Hills
- Peel Region
- Kelowna
- Victoria
- Thunder Bay
- Waterloo Region
- Guelph
- York Region

It Positions HRM for the Transformative Game Changer





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Inclusion, Diversity, Reconciliation

Thank You!

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