

Calgary Transit is en-route with Access-IS ticket validators

Reading, UK – October, 2020: Access-IS, part of HID, the leading supplier of platform agnostic ticket validators is excited to announce the integration of its VAL100 devices by Masabi. The integration is part of Masabi's My Fare solution, a contactless mobile ticketing app for Calgary Transit that lets passengers buy tickets and passes anytime, anywhere, using their smartphones. It's fast, easy, contactless and a safe way to pay and ride transit.

The My Fare app, which is powered by Masabi's Justride platform and can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play, allows riders of Calgary Transit services to purchase and use fare products such as regular monthly and day passes, airport boarding pass, and single ride tickets directly from their mobile device.

As part of the project over 1000 Access-IS VAL100 ticket validators have been installed across the bus network covering 155 routes. Passengers scan their dynamic and encrypted mobile passes on the devices when boarding the bus, with an audible beep and a colored screen identifying the ticket as valid for use. These validation units will help speed up boarding times making riding Calgary Transit services faster and safer by enabling contactless fare payment and validation. The validation units are powered by Masabi's Justride Inspect software but also read NFC and contactless EMV (cEMV) technology, giving the agency the flexibility to turn on Account-Based Ticketing and other account-based tokens, if required.



“Calgarians, like citizens in towns and cities around the world, are using smartphones in almost all aspects of their day and made offering the option for riders to use their phone instead of a paper ticket a logical step for Calgary Transit,” said Brian Zanghi, CEO of Masabi. “The change in people’s behaviour brought about by the current requirement for social distancing has made mobile ticketing and the move towards a more contactless journey experience a must-have for transit agencies.”

The VAL100 combines barcode and NFC/RFID reading functionality to provide a single point of presentation for tickets and travel passes – whether presented on a paper ticket, smartcard or mobile phone. It is also available with EMV Level 2 certification, allowing for applications where contactless payments are required. It offers PCI and SRED compliance for contactless payments using VISA, MasterCard, AMEX and Discover payment schemes. It features clear visual and audio passenger feedback, a robust design and a wide range of connection options for installation flexibility.

Speaking about the installation, Bryan Cunningham Regional Sales Manager (Americas) at Access-IS said “It’s always a pleasure to work with Masabi to deliver a ticketing and fare payment solution focused on providing the very best passenger experience whilst protecting the transits agency’s ability to manage fare revenue.”

About Access-IS

Access-IS, part of HID, is at the forefront of the development of innovative electronic systems, specialising in image processing, RFID/NFC and contactless EMV payment technology, barcode reading and specialist keyboards. Access-IS is dedicated to manufacturing products designed to accurately capture and transfer information into electronic systems.

Our Transport Ticketing products are designed with the customer experience at their heart. Access-IS has pioneered ticket readers and validators which can quickly and easily read tickets of all media types, including paper barcode, mobile barcode, smartcard, contactless bank cards, mobile payments, NFC, all from a single point of presentation. Our unique TripTick® devices now add contactless EMV payments to that same, single point of presentation. Our trusted products are installed; on trains, trams and buses; at ticket offices, gate lines and ticket vending machines; in offices, car parks and stadia to name but a few.

Accredited to ISO9001:2015 and with a track record stretching back 30 years, Access-IS continues to guarantee the highest standards of design and quality with its dedicated Research and Development team based in the UK and the vast majority of its products manufactured in the UK with only the highest quality materials and techniques.

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