

## Choose your favourite New Year's resolution for commuters! Vote by Jan. 29

The Buzzer would like to thank the commuters who sent in a resolution for 2007. Many of the resolutions reflect the reality of a very busy transit system with growing demands. It's interesting to see the importance commuters place on courtesy as an element in helping to make everyone's commute that much more enjoyable. Happy New Year, everyone!

Please note that transit trip planning information is available on TransLink's website at [www.translink.bc.ca](http://www.translink.bc.ca) or by calling Customer Information at 604-953-3333. If you have a complaint or concern, please contact Customer Relations at 604-953-3040. And, for information on TransLink initiatives for 2007, please refer to the front page of this issue of The Buzzer.

*I will remind myself and others to be extra courteous during rush hours - to let people off the SkyTrain first before attempting to get on. Some people tend to push their way onto crowded trains which should be a no-no.*

Celia Y.

*I will clean up after myself and not leave newspapers or garbage on the bus or SkyTrain and also to remind others to take care of their environment too.*

John F.

*I will ensure that I place all my bags etc, in such a way that I only take up one seat, and allow other commuters to sit down as well.*

Corrie H.

*I will not bring drinks or food onto the bus to mess up the seats and floors as accidents do happen.*

Maureen N.

*I will smile for the driver and passengers in the early morning while everyone's face is miserable.*

Ayoub S.

*I will call Customer Relations and report severe overcrowding and frequent "pass-ups" during the a.m. rush hour until the overcrowding on the north end of the northbound #319 route is addressed.*

Hardy R.

*I will ride more public transit. I love to ride on those new low floor trolley buses - it's fast and easy to hop on with only one step.*

K.R.

*I will move away from the doorway during rush hour, offering more space for my fellow passengers while I ponder the fact that Canada is indeed a sprawling large country, and the SkyTrain also reflects this spaciousness.*

Eufemia F.

*I will stand to the side of the doors of SkyTrain and not try to enter until everyone has exited.*

Keith C.

*I will be a more diligent citizen in all areas of my life, including observing and reporting crimes committed against TransLink property, assaults against drivers or passengers, passengers harassing other passengers, vandalism, and I will make it my mission to record and report any and all of the above.*

Trish P.

*I will make room on the bus so others will not have to wait for another one in the cold and rain.*

Billy F.

*I will make sure I do not sit with legs spread, asleep with bags on the seat beside me, so my fellow commuters can sit beside me.*

Deepa P.

*I will help someone who's not familiar with where they're going by taking them there or pointing them in the right direction.*

Gordon W.

*I will watch my hygiene and Keep my hands clean Sneeze into a tissue - Infection is the issue.*

*I will cover my cough with hand or cloth*

*I will practise concern about sharing my germs.*

*I will ride the bus with a focus on "us."*

Paddy W.

*I will not wear skimpy clothes on the bus so as not to distract the driver.*

Stephanie d.

*I will encourage more people to take transit. We all need to make respecting our planet a priority by using environmentally-friendly modes of transportation - one of which is . . . the bus!*

Marie B.

*I resolve to shower and wear deodorant prior to boarding any TransLink vehicle (at least 24 hours prior to riding a bus).*

Sean M.

*I will go to the back of the bus and not hover around the doors, blocking people trying to disembark and/or move to the back of the bus. I will also move to the back of the bus immediately at the driver's request instead of pretending to be a post. (This is my pet peeve, thinly veiled as a resolution.)*

Teresa Y.



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## Transit and road improvements planned for 2007

TransLink reports that 2007 will be another major year of expansion and that finances are in place to enable the completion of the final year of their current three-year transportation plan. While almost \$2 billion has been secured and will be invested in our roads and transit network this year, efforts continue to secure sustainable government funding for future years in an effort to manage growing road and transit demands.

. . . Look inside for a list of transit, road and commuting options initiatives underway this year.

**Don't forget to pick your favourite resolution. Send your vote to [thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca](mailto:thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca) by Jan. 29. Winners will receive one of five transit passes. (Due to space limitations any resolution that was similar to one already received was omitted.)**

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### 2007 transit plans

In 2007, TransLink expects transit ridership to increase by about five per cent for a total of about 296 million boardings.

- 373 new buses will be delivered (89 dedicated to service expansion and 284 to replace older vehicles).
- 56 new HandyDART mini-buses will go into service (16 dedicated to service expansion).
- TransLink will continue efforts to work with Victoria and Ottawa to secure funding for the Evergreen Light Rapid Transit Line to Coquitlam – a critical missing component in our transit system.
- Canada Line construction will reach several milestones in 2007 including the completion of the first tunnel under False Creek to Waterfront, the super-structure on the Middle-Arm Fraser River bridge and the cut-and-cover phase of the work on Cambie Street. Station construction will continue on Cambie in 2007 and work on the guideway will begin along No. 3 Road in Richmond.

### 2007 major road network plans

The Greater Vancouver Regional District is growing and so is the demand for roads. TransLink is moving ahead with the following road projects.

- \$35 million will be dedicated to a \$160 million capital fund that is financing eight major road projects:
- \$20 million will go to support road improvement projects around the region.
- \$30.9 million will help provide municipalities with more money to operate, maintain and rehabilitate major arterial roads.

- \$20.5 million will be dedicated to rehabilitate and upgrade the Knight and Pattullo bridges.
- Construction will continue on the new Golden Ears Bridge.
- The 204th Street railway overpass in Langley will be completed and opened for traffic by fall, 2007.
- \$5 million has been allocated to the next phase of the Fraser Highway widening project in Surrey.

### Commuting option program plans

TransLink continues to work on initiatives to reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles on our roads and to encourage environmentally- friendly modes of travel.

- \$6 million will be dedicated to expand and improve our cycling network and by the end of the year 98 per cent of buses will be equipped with bike racks.
- The Jack Bell RideShare program, which TransLink sponsors by covering all administration costs, exceeded growth projections in 2006 and is targeted to have 310 car and vanpools on the road by the end of 2007, a 50 per cent increase in just two years.
- TransLink's Employer Pass Program, which offers a 15 per cent discount on annual transit passes, is expected to reach 15,500 subscribers in 2007.

## Several downtown and Richmond buses re-routed for Canada Line construction

Due to Canada Line construction several downtown and Richmond buses have been re-routed. Please note the following changes:

**The following re-routing of the Downtown #10 and #16 is expected to remain in effect until approximately Feb. 19.**

Westbound buses on the #10 Granville and #16 Arbutus routes will turn off Hastings south onto Carrall Street, then west on Pender and then resume the normal route southbound on Howe.

The #10 Downtown will turn off Seymour east on Hastings, then travel along Richards, Pender and Howe, then resume its regular route.

Eastbound buses are not affected by the construction. Diesel bus routes will also continue as normal along Hastings.

Signs will be posted to notify customers of bus stops that are temporarily out of service on Hastings and in service on Carrall and Pender.

**The following re-routing of the Richmond #488 and #492 is expected to remain in effect until 2008.**

Two routes from Richmond, the #488 and #492, now turn west off Oak Street onto Broadway and then over the Granville Bridge into Vancouver. "Customer Alert" cards, detailing route changes, are posted on each bus.

**The following re-routing of the downtown #17 bus is expected to remain in effect until 2008.**

Overhead trolley lines have been removed from the intersection of Broadway and Cambie streets in Vancouver, requiring the #17 UBC/Oak bus to be re-routed.

The #17 will no longer travel on Broadway between Oak and Cambie, the Cambie Street Bridge, Cambie Street downtown, or along Seymour Street north of Robson.

Departing from the downtown core, both the eastbound trip – destination "OAK" – and the westbound trip – destination "Tenth-UBC" now travel south on Granville Bridge.

The "OAK" bus will turn off on the cloverleaf, head east on 4th Avenue, turn on Hemlock and then left on Broadway to Oak. Customers boarding at downtown stops will need to make sure they are boarding the correct bus.

The return trip – leaving Marpole, destination "DOWNTOWN" – turns west on Broadway off Oak Street, crosses the Granville Bridge and takes the Seymour off-ramp, then turns on Robson and Howe and over the Granville Bridge again. It then continues southbound to Broadway and on to UBC.



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