

VANCITY U-PASS continued

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Look out for paving work at Metrotown SkyTrain Station

Bear with us as we improve the pavement near Metrotown SkyTrain Station, from Tue Sept. 9 to Fri Sept. 12. We'll be paving over and tidying up the existing gravel area in front of the Station entrance, between Beresford Street and Central Boulevard. The changes will improve convenience and comfort for walk-on passengers, as well as accessibility for those in wheelchairs.

High school students: get yourself a GoCard

If you're a student in grade 8 to 12, make sure to get your GoCard—with one, you're eligible for concession transit fares. You need a new GoCard every year, and schools usually arrange for a photo session so you can get your card at school.

New to Grade 8? You'll get the transit concession fare without a GoCard until Oct. 31, 2008. When you board transit, provide your name, grade and school name when asked. If there's a problem, pay the adult fare, note time of travel and bus number, and call TransLink Customer Relations at 604-953-3040.

If you've missed your GoCard photo session, you can get your photo taken by the following photographers:

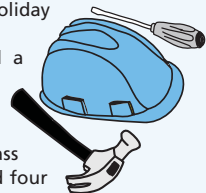
- Artona Group Inc., 353 West 7th Ave, Vancouver 604-872-7272, Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Mountain West Studios Ltd., 1073 Roosevelt Crescent, North Vancouver, 604-980-8551, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Make sure to bring \$11, plus a GoCard application form signed by a school official (available at school offices) and proof of age (birth certificate, passport or CareCard) to the photo session. A GoCard will be issued immediately.

Labour Day transit service

All transit services will run on a Sunday/holiday schedule for Labour Day on Monday, Sept. 1.

Remember, on a holiday, you only need a single-zone fare to travel in all zones all day. As well, on a Sunday or holiday, all passengers with an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass can take either five children, or one adult and four children on transit with them for free.



Wheelchair walkway reopens at Sapperton SkyTrain Station

Good news—after much work, wheelchair access will be restored to Sapperton SkyTrain Station on Monday, Sept. 2.

SkyTrain Dispatches

Wednesday evening track maintenance will start in September

It's a big job keeping SkyTrain in tip top shape, and sometimes we need a little more time to do it. So this fall, we'll be doing some extra work on the SkyTrain system that will affect evening service frequency between Scott Road and King George Station, on eight Wednesdays from September to December.

Specifically, service from from 9:30 p.m. until close will be affected on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 8, Nov. 5, 19, 26, and Dec. 3. Expect the following service:

- normal evening service on Expo Line from Waterfront to Scott Road (every 8 minutes), and Millennium Line from Waterfront to VCC-Clark (every 8 minutes)
reduced frequency between Scott Road and King George (every 16 minutes). All passengers must change trains at Scott Road.

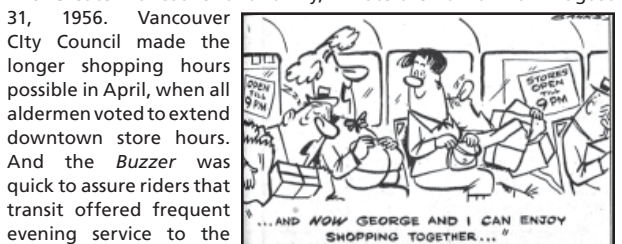
Do allow extra time if you're going to or from Gateway, Surrey Central, or King George Stations. Full service will operate on Vancouver Canucks home game nights of Oct. 1 and Nov. 12. Check www.translink.bc.ca and www.skytrain.info for more details.

OCTOBER WEEKEND WORK On the weekend of Oct. 18-19, we'll be changing out some track east of Edmonds. This means reduced frequency and delays all weekend—watch for more info in October.

BACK ISSUES

Back Issues is a feature that mines past issues of The Buzzer for nuggets of transit history. Huzzah!

1956 Shoppers rejoiced in 1956: many downtown Vancouver stores extended their Friday shopping hours until 9 p.m. at the end of August, "making shopping easier for Mr. and Mrs. Greater Vancouver and family," wrote the Buzzer from August 31, 1956.



Bob Banks' cartoon from the August 31, 1956 edition of the Buzzer.

COMING EVENTS

West Point Grey United Church presents its annual colossal thrift sale at 4595 W. 8th Ave, Vancouver. Treasures, collectibles, and books are on sale from Thu Sept 4-Sat Sept 6, 3-7pm; and the large general thrift sale takes place on Sat Sept 6, 10am-2pm.

Confederation Seniors Centre offers a course in belly dancing for seniors, Thursdays from Sept 4 to Oct 9. Beginners welcome! \$16.50 members only (must have valid City of Burnaby membership card). 4585 Albert St, Burnaby. Info: 604-294-1936.

Celebrate Grandparents Day on Sat Sept 6 at Confederation Seniors Centre in Burnaby. School-aged grandchildren and friends welcome—Mike's Critters will bring friendly animals along for a warm and fuzzy time for all. Light refreshments provided. 4585 Albert St, Burnaby, 12:45-2:45pm. \$8 grandparent & child, \$3 for each additional child. Info: 604-294-1936.

The Surrey Guildford Rotary Club hosts their fifth annual giant book sale Wed Sept 10 to Sun Sept 14, Guildford Town Centre, centre court, lower concourse. Door prizes, great prices, all proceeds go to charity. Info: 1-888-549-3171.

The Scotiabank Dance Centre presents Moving Dragon: LuminUs, the world premiere of a new work from choreographer Chengxin Wei for his company Moving Dragon. Fri Sept 12 and Sat Sept 13 at 8pm, Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie Street, Vancouver. \$26; \$18 students and seniors; from Tickets Tonight: ticketstonight.ca or 604 684 2787. Info: www.thedancecentre.ca or 604-606-6400.

The Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society offers free guided marine life walks on White Rock and Crescent beaches, led by interpreters from their Beach Hero program. Walks offered up to four days a week until Mon Sept 15. For info and walk schedule, see birdsonthebay.ca or contact Cat at clday@dal.ca or 604-536-3552. Free stickers, tattoos, buttons and activity books for all Beach Heroes!

Send your community events to thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca

The Buzzer's (tiny) contest corner

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 539 eligible entries in our last contest, and Graham MacPhee won the FareCard. The answer? The very first trolleys started service on August 16, 1948.



FARECARD CONTEST RESTARTS NEXT ISSUE Look for your chance to win another free FareCard in the Sept 12 issue: we're all out of space in this Buzzer!



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Also in this issue...

- All the details on the September service changes
GoCard info for high school students
Labour Day holiday service

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The new #33 route to UBC, new C19 Community Shuttle for Spanish Banks and the addition of midday service for the #345 and #791 highlight the September 2008 bus service improvements. Changes take place Monday, Sept. 1 except where noted otherwise.

VANCOUVER, BURNABY, & NEW WESTMINSTER

3 Main/Downtown

Larger articulated trolleys will now carry more people on this busy route.

4 UBC/Powell

9 Boundary/Broadway Station/Granville/Alma/UBC

28 Joyce Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano College

41 Joyce Station/Crown/UBC

43 Joyce Station/UBC

84 VCC-Clark Station/UBC

99 B-Line Broadway Station/UBC

144 SFU/Metrotown Station

Reinstatement of higher service levels to meet increased demand during fall and winter university and college sessions.

8 Fraser/Downtown

All late-night trips will now use the same routing as daytime and evening service, using Cordova St eastbound and Hastings St westbound instead of Pender St. There will also be an extra Monday–Friday morning northbound trip.

19 Stanley Park/Metrotown

Special summer shuttle service between Pender/Cambie and Stanley Park will be discontinued after Sept. 1.

22 Knight/Macdonald

Schedule adjustments will help accommodate high ridership Monday–Friday between 3 and 4 p.m.

25 Brentwood Station/UBC

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123 New Westminster Station/Brentwood Station

Due to increased service on the #130 route, the #123 route will run between New Westminster Station and Brentwood Station only. Current #123 customers heading north of Brentwood Station will need to transfer to the improved #130 route.

130 Metrotown Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano College

Service will be improved to the following levels:

- » At least every 7.5 minutes between Metrotown Station and Hastings/Willingdon, Monday–Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends/holidays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- » Every 15 minutes between Hastings/Willingdon and Kootenay Loop, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day
- » Every 30 minutes between Hastings/Willingdon and Kootenay Loop, 9 p.m. until end of service every day.

Owing to these improvements, the #123 route will now run between New Westminster Station and Brentwood Station only. Higher levels of service will be also reinstated to meet increased Capilano College demand in fall and winter sessions.

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430 Metrotown Station/Richmond Centre

Three Monday–Friday trips will be added to the morning rush. Two eastbound trips will leave Richmond Centre at 7 and 8:05 a.m. A westbound trip leaves Metrotown Station at 7:55 a.m.

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C99 Port Royal/Hamilton

Westbound service will now operate to Starlight Casino.

N8 Fraser/Downtown NightBus

All late-night trips will now use the same routing as daytime and evening #8 Fraser/Downtown service, using Cordova St eastbound and Hastings St westbound instead of Pender.

SURREY, DELTA, WHITE ROCK & LANGLEY

314 Sunbury/Scott Road Station/Surrey Central Station

Route revised near Surrey Central Station; service on Old Yale Road and 134A St discontinued.

323 Surrey Central Station/Newton Exchange

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Weekend/holiday service improves to every 30 minutes on each route.

329 Surrey Central Station/Scottsdale

Route revised near Surrey Central Station; service on Old Yale Road and 134A St discontinued.

345 White Rock Centre/King George Station

NEW Monday–Friday service improved to run every 30 minutes, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Schedule adjustments will also create better service coordination with the improved #375 service (see #375 listing below).

375 White Rock South/Guildford

Service improved to run every 30 minutes, Monday–Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends/holidays 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Also, schedule adjustments will create better service coordination with the improved #345 service (see #345 listing above).

620 Tsawwassen Ferry/Airport Station

Service will be reduced after Sept. 1 to reflect lower customer demand.

C71 Surrey Central Station/Scott Road Station

C73 Guildford/Surrey Central Station

Revised routing near Surrey Central Station.

C74 Fraser Heights/Guildford/Surrey Central Station

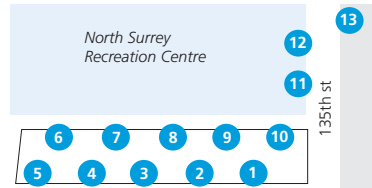
Westbound Monday–Friday morning service starts earlier with two new trips from Fraser Heights.

C89 Boundary Bay/South Delta Exchange

Seasonal service to/from Centennial Beach ends after Sept. 1.

Surrey Central Station

Many routes at Surrey Central Station will depart from different bus bays starting Monday, Sept. 1. Check this chart and make note of where to catch your bus.



Bay	Route	Bay	Route
1	Unloading only	7	C71 Scott Road Station
2	320 Langley Centre/Fleetwood		C73 Guildford
3	332 Guildford	8	316 Scottsdale
	335 Fleetwood		326 Guildford
4	501 Langley Centre	9	321 New Westminster Station
	509 Walnut Grove		(Sunday and Holiday AM)
	590 Langley South	10	321 Newton Exchange/White Rock Centre/White Rock South
	N19 Downtown NightBus	11	395 Willowbrook
5	323 Newton Exchange		502 Langley Centre/Aldergrove/Brookwood
	324 Newton Exchange		
6	325 Newton Exchange	12	C74 Fraser Heights
	393 Newton Exchange	13	314 Scott and 96th Ave
			314 Scott Road Station
			329 Scottsdale

RICHMOND & AIRPORT

410 Railway/22nd Street Station

New Monday–Friday early-morning trip leaves from Richmond Centre at 5:39 a.m. eastbound to 22nd Street Station.

430 Metrotown Station/Richmond Centre

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NORTH SHORE

28 Joyce Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano College

239 Park Royal/Lonsdale Quay/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano College

Higher service levels will be reinstated to meet increased Capilano College demand in the fall and winter sessions.

229 Phibbs Exchange/Westlynn/Lynn Valley Centre/Lonsdale Quay

Seasonal summer afternoon service between Lonsdale Quay and Lynn Valley Centre will be discontinued after Sept. 1.

N24 Downtown/Upper Lonsdale

Seasonal Monday–Saturday late-night trip (leaving Georgia at Granville at 2:05 a.m.) will be discontinued.

SeaBus

Sunday/holiday service will be reduced to regular levels after Sept. 1.

TRI-CITIES

150 White Pine Beach/Coquitlam Station

This special summer service will be discontinued after Sept. 1.

169 Coquitlam Station/Braid Station

Monday–Friday service improves to every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

C26 Buntzen Lake Special/Coquitlam Station Special

Weekend summer service between Buntzen Lake and Coquitlam Station will be discontinued after Sept. 1.

C26 Belcarra/Port Moody Station

Five trips during the Monday–Friday afternoon rush will be re-routed via Ravine Drive. As well, an extra trip will leave Port Moody Station at 7:35 p.m. and the current 8:00 p.m. trip will instead leave Port Moody at 8:35 p.m., also via Ravine Drive.

MAPLE RIDGE & PITT MEADOWS

791 Haney Place/Braid Station

NEW Monday–Friday midday service begins Sept. 2, running every 30 minutes.

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