
January 2017 SkyTrain and SeaBus service expansion

With enhanced services on SkyTrain and SeaBus beginning the week of January 16, 2017, TransLink is bringing noticeable improvements to the way residents travel region-wide – beginning with a focus on reducing overcrowding.

These service improvements make space for 185,000 more people on our transit system each week. Following are details of the improvements, by service:

Canada Line

- The Canada Line will have more frequent service during peak hours on weekdays, which times and provide more space onboard for passengers.
- With all available trains in service during peak periods, this represents:
 - an 11 percent increase in passenger capacity during peak periods
 - 3,700 additional passengers per direction, every weekday

Expo and Millennium Lines

- TransLink is extending weekday peak-hour service, and increasing mid-day and early evening service on weekends, on the Expo and Millennium Lines.
- This will mean shorter wait times and more options for passengers travelling at some of the busiest times of day.
- On weekdays, TransLink's peak level service will end 15 minutes later in the morning, and last one hour longer around the afternoon and evening rush. By extending more frequent service:
 - Capacity will increase by 3,700 additional passengers per direction on the Expo Line (between Columbia and Waterfront)
 - The busiest section of the Expo Line - from Commercial-Broadway to Waterfront will gain capacity for an additional 400 passengers per direction per weekday in the morning peak, over and above the increases to the line as a whole.
 - On the Millennium Line, capacity will increase by additional 2,200 passengers per direction every weekday.
 - Overall, this represents a 2.5% increase in weekday passenger capacity on the Expo/Millennium Lines.
 - Passengers will be more likely to find an open seat during these "shoulder" peak periods.
 - These weekday improvements around peak periods will cut wait times almost in half on some sections of the Expo and Millennium Lines.
- On weekends, Expo and Millennium Line service during mid-day and early evenings will increase to match weekday off-peak frequency: trains will run every 3-6 minutes. This is the equivalent of:
 - 15,200 additional passengers per direction on the Expo Line between Columbia and Waterfront
 - 7,600 passengers per direction on each branch of the Expo Line

Backgrounder

- An additional 4,000 passengers per direction on the Millennium Line every Saturday
 - (Note: the increase on Sundays will be slightly lower due to a later start time).
- That means passengers won't wait as long to board a train and will be more likely to find an open seat.
- Overall, these changes represent a 12% increase in weekend passenger capacity on the Expo/Millennium Lines.
- On Sundays, Millennium Line service will begin at Lafarge-Lake Douglas Station at 6:56 a.m. (the first train currently begins at 7:04 a.m.). This covers an early morning trip that was previously provided by the 97 B-Line, which was discontinued with the opening of the Evergreen Extension. This change will be effective January 22.

SeaBus

- TransLink is doubling SeaBus service on Sundays and holidays to sailings every 15 minutes from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. These improvements start Sunday, January 15, 2017.
- Later this year, once we have enough new staff hired and trained to run the service at full capacity, SeaBus will sail every 15 minutes during the day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.