

Millennium Line UBC Extension Public Engagement

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We Want To Hear From You!

We want your feedback on a potential SkyTrain extension to UBC.

During this engagement, we're seeking your feedback on:

- Priorities, opportunities, and considerations regarding a potential SkyTrain extension to UBC
- Criteria to help assess potential route and station location options

From April 19 to May 14, learn more and provide your feedback online: translink.ca/ubcextension

 Review this document • Complete the online survey • Register for the online open house:

Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:00-11:00a.m.

You can also email us at: ubcextension@translink.ca



Overview

In this document, you'll find information on:

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We're Planning for the Future

While public transit use declined in 2020 and early 2021 due to COVID-19, it remained an essential service.

Work and travel habits may change for some in the coming months and years, but we expect transit ridership to return to—and surpass pre-pandemic levels as the region prepares to welcome **more than 1 million more people and approximately 500,000 new jobs by 2050.** That is why we are looking ahead and planning for the future.



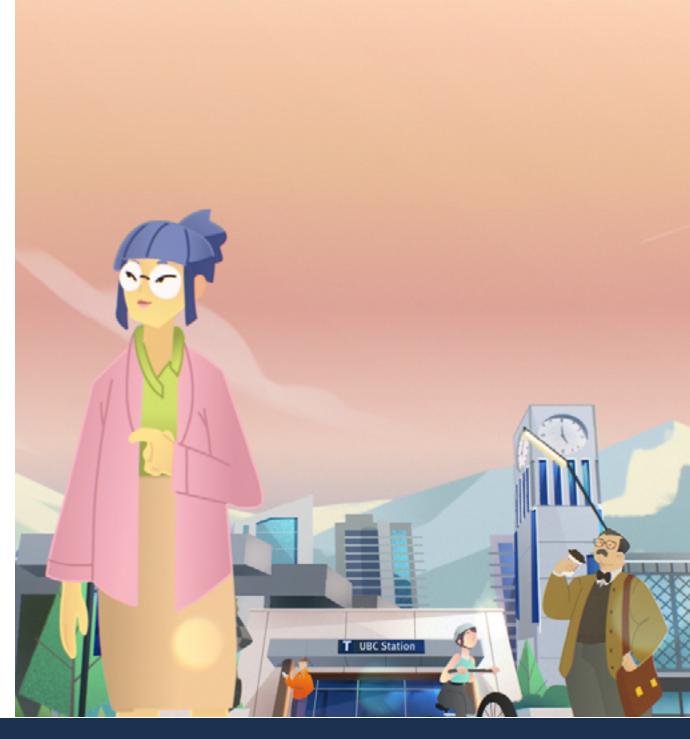


What is the Millennium Line UBC Extension?

A potential SkyTrain extension from Arbutus Street to UBC.

We're currently undertaking technical planning and engaging with stakeholders, the public, and Indigenous Nations to assess:

- Potential route options, including where the SkyTrain could be elevated or underground
- Potential location of future stations





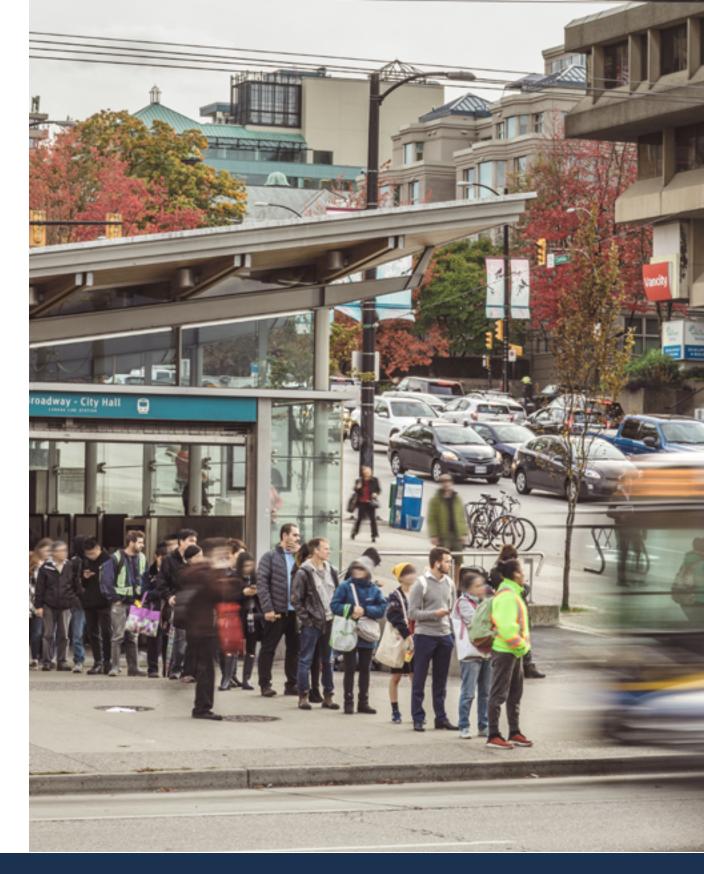
1. Background

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Transit Along The Broadway Corridor

- In 2019 (pre-COVID), the 99 B-Line moved up to 60,000 customers per day on articulated buses along the Broadway Corridor
- Buses ran every **two to three minutes** at peak times
- This is the busiest and the most consistently overcrowded bus route in our region's network





The History of Planning for Rapid Transit to UBC

2017-2019

Rail to UBC Rapid Transit Study updates prior analysis, including ridership estimates, technology options and cost estimates. It concludes that a Millennium Line SkyTrain extension to UBC will provide enough capacity to meet demand beyond 2045 and meet the longer-term transportation needs of the region.



October 2020

Mayors' Council states intention to complete Transport 2050 and to refresh the 10-Year Vision in 2021-2022. These efforts will identify rapid transit network priorities that may include a potential Millennium Line UBC Extension.

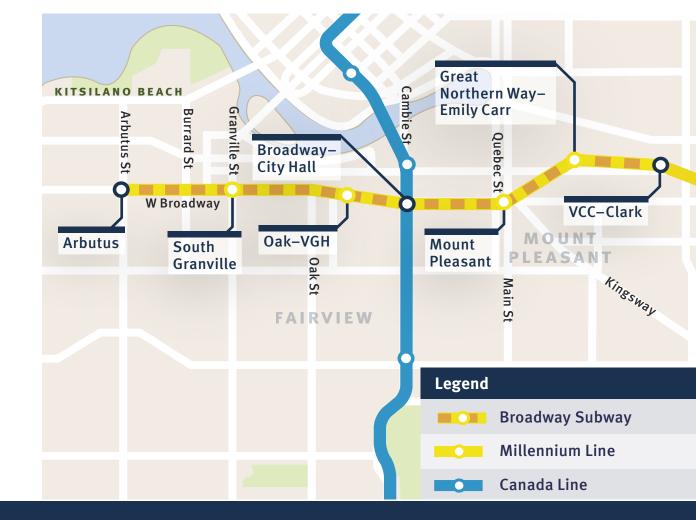


Broadway Subway Project

The Broadway Subway Project is currently underway.

- Will extend the Millennium Line by 5.7 kilometres from VCC-Clark SkyTrain Station to Broadway and Arbutus Street
- Will have the capacity to move three times as many people as the 99 B-Line

B-Line bus service will continue to operate between Arbutus and UBC after this extension opens in 2025.





Why are we planning for a potential Millennium Line **UBC Extension?**

When the Broadway Subway Project opens in 2025, the shortened 99 B-Line route, from Arbutus Street to UBC, is expected to be at capacity in the peak hour.

- With expected increases in jobs, housing, and educational opportunities, transit demand will continue to grow along the Broadway Corridor to and from UBC
- SkyTrain is the only form of rapid transit that could meet future ridership demand from Arbutus Street to UBC beyond 2050
- This sustainable travel option would better connect the region to:
 - Higher education, jobs, and housing opportunities
 - Cultural amenities and health and technology precincts along the Broadway Corridor



2. Benefits and Opportunities

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Project Benefits





Improves Reliability and Travel Time

A SkyTrain extension to UBC would:

- Address issues on the busiest and the most consistently overcrowded bus route on our region's network
- Reduce the travel time between Commercial-Broadway and UBC by half (compared to bus), saving transit customers more than 20 minutes per trip*
- Offer a one-seat ride with no need to transfer at Arbutus

*Comparison includes Broadway Subway Project extension and a potential UBC extension





Meets Future Demand and Offers a Sustainable **Transportation Choice**

It is expected that by 2050, a Millennium Line UBC Extension could carry 130,000 people per day.

A SkyTrain extension to UBC would:

- Accommodate expected ridership along the Broadway Corridor and allow for future expansion
- Support sustainable transportation options for those who live, work, study and play along the Broadway Corridor and beyond
- Reduce vehicle use by 3,000 car trips during peak times





Connects the Region While Expanding Economic Opportunities and Access to Jobs

UBC is a major destination for people from all over Metro Vancouver and it is one of the largest employment centres in the region.

- In 2019, the UBC campus had a daytime population of 80,000 people, which is expected to increase to 130,000 by 2050
- Students, faculty and staff commute to UBC from across the region
- About half of the passengers on a future UBC extension would come from outside the City of Vancouver

A SkyTrain extension to UBC would: • Connect over 1 million people within a 60-minute transit trip to UBC • Increase transit connectivity between job centres to support economic prosperity in Metro Vancouver





Supports Opportunities for Indigenous Peoples

A SkyTrain extension to UBC would:

- Provide improved access to the rapid transit network for Indigenous-owned lands, developments and communities, including the Jericho Lands and areas within the University Endowment Lands
- Support transit-oriented development on Indigenous-owned lands
- Support Indigenous economic development and well-being
- Provide an opportunity to support recognition and integration of Indigenous culture





3. Our Current Work

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Our Current Work

We are undertaking technical planning work and engaging with stakeholders, the public, and Indigenous Nations to:

- Confirm the objectives of a potential SkyTrain extension
- Evaluate potential route options and station locations
- Collect information related to geotechnical (soil) and environmental conditions

We are working closely with the Province of BC, City of Vancouver, UBC, Musqueam Nation, Squamish Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, Metro Vancouver and the University Endowment Lands.





4. Public Engagement

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We Want Your Feedback On

Project Values

Criteria to Help Assess Potential Route and Station Location Options



Engagement Topic #1 **Project Values**

These values are helping to guide our planning process:

- Improve reliability and travel time
- Provide a safe and secure service
- Meet future ridership demand
- Attract new riders
- Better connect people to jobs, housing, recreation, and education
- Support and integrate with existing and future land use and development

- Minimize impacts to neighbourhoods
- Minimize impacts to the natural environment
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs)
- Improve access to transit for low-income households

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• Expand local and regional economic opportunity

What do you think? We want to hear



Engagement Topic #2

Criteria to Assess Potential Route and Station Locations

To measure the potential options, we will look at the following criteria:

Area of Focus	Criteria to Help Assess Potential Route and Station Location Options
Customer Experience	Travel time: Travel times and reliability for transit riders
Transportation	Ridership: How many new riders would use the service
	Transportation: Effects on walking, cycling, driving, and trucks (goods movem Access: Access to existing and future jobs, housing, and recreational and educ
Urban Development	Streetscape/urban realm: Contribution to a high-quality urban environment with
	Land use: Alignment with municipal and other local land use planning
Social, Community &	Neighbourhood: Consideration of impacts to established communities
Environment	Environmental: Effects on the natural environment
	Climate change: Reduction of greenhouse gases
Economic Development	Opportunities for Indigenous peoples: Supports for Indigenous peoples' empl
	economic well-being
	Economic opportunity: Advance local and regional economic well-being by improvir
Financial	Financial: Cost-effective use of public funds
	Fares: Fare revenue to finance the operations and maintenance of the extension

What else should we consider? Take the survey at:

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How We Will Use Your Feedback

Your feedback will help us confirm the objectives of a potential SkyTrain extension, and evaluate possible route options and station locations.

Further engagement opportunities will be provided if decisionmakers direct us to proceed to create a business case for a preferred alternative.







5. Next Steps

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Timeline



- Stakeholder and public engagement
- Indigenous Nations engagement
- Technical analysis (route and station options, costing)

- Present study findings to decision makers for direction
- Mayors' Council decision regarding next steps

Potential Future Milestones

- Complete Transport 2050 and identify rapid transit network priorities
- Develop business case
- Secure funding and contributions from different levels of governments and other potential sources





