



## AIRPORT AND FERRY CONNECTIONS

The extensive refinements effective July 23 have made transportation to and from Vancouver International Airport much easier for just about everyone served by the transit system.

Too, these changes have simplified and improved connections with Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal so that passengers travelling between the Airport and Vancouver Island will have better service. The routes which are the keys to these improvements are:

1) Valley-to-Sea 640 which connects Guildford Exchange with the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal by way of Whalley, Newton, Scottsdale and Ladner Exchange, providing service from approximately 6 a.m. to midnight.

2) No. Four Road 64 and No. Five Road 65 which connect Ladner Exchange with Vancouver International Airport on basic 30-minute service. A major transfer point is Sexsmith Loop in Richmond which is the terminus for the Richmond Express to and from downtown Vancouver, and local Richmond routes.

3) Midway Connector 800 which connects Port Coquitlam with the Airport by way of the Lougheed Highway, New Westminster and Marine Drive, using Arthur Laing Bridge to reach Sea Island. This provides hourly service between Port Coquitlam and New Westminster, and 30-minute service between New Westminster and the Airport.

Also, Pacific Stage Lines' "Sail by Bus" service between Victoria and the Mainland now has better connections with Valley-to-Sea 640 and the Mainland transit system.

Residents south of the Fraser River who wish to get to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal may take a bus to either Guildford, Whalley, Scottsdale or Ladner exchange and transfer to Valley-to-Sea 640 which takes them right to the door of the ferry terminal building. If their destination is the Airport, they will transfer to bus

to Ladner Exchange and transfer to either No. Four Road 64 or No. Five Road 65; and be taken right to the departure-level.

Those who live on the north side of the Fraser River from Coquitlam west also will take a local or fastbus to make connections with Valley-to-Sea 640 and be taken directly to the ferry terminal building. For Airport connections they will use Midway Connector 800 which takes them right there. This airport route is best for most passengers from east of Granville Street because connections can be made with 800 at all transfer points along Marine Drive. From downtown and western sections of Vancouver, the way to reach the Airport will continue to be Richmond Express, then transferring to No. Four Road 64 or No. Five Road 65 at Sexsmith Loop.

The accompanying map shows clearly the four routes, plus Richmond Express 60, and how they connect to serve the Airport, and the continuation of Valley-to-Sea 640 from Ladner Exchange to connect the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal to the system.

## COMING EVENTS

†Sept 24 - Thrift Sale, Beaconsfield United Church, 4580 Gothard Street, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

†Sept 24 - Annual Bazaar, Ladies Auxiliary to Dania Home, 4279 Norland (Burnaby), 2-9 p.m.

†Sept 25 - Rummage Sale, St. Margaret's Church Crypt, E. 22nd and Dumfries, 10:00 a.m.

†Sept 25 - Rummage Sale, St. Mary's South Hill Anglican Church, 50th and Pr. Albert, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

†Sept 29 - Rummage Sale, St. John's Lutheran Church, 19th and Pr. Albert, 1-2:30 p.m.

†Oct 2 - Thrift Sale, Chown Memorial Church, 19th and Cambie, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

†Oct 2 - Annual Bazaar and Smorgasbord, Chinese United Church, Pender and Dunlevy, 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tickets \$2.00, children \$1.50

†Oct 2 - Thrift Sale, St. Philip's Anglican Church, 3741 W. 27th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

†Overeaters Anonymous, Unity Church of Vancouver, 5840 Oak, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Bayview Community School, 2251 Collingwood, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. No fees-no dues.

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## FERRY-BUS CHANGES

The "Royal Victorian" ferry-bus service between Vancouver and Victoria by way of Tsawwassen ferry terminal is now operating on the Fall schedule. Buses leave the Vancouver Depot at 6:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 and 12 noon, 1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. Buses leave the Victoria Depot at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 and 12:00 noon, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m.

This schedule will be in effect until November 11, but is subject to alterations in service by B.C. Ferries.

The trip takes about 3 hours and 10 minutes from depot to depot. Fares are \$6.25 each way for adults, half fare for children, and special rates for senior citizens. Buses pick up at various points but a reservation must be made at least one hour before depot departure: 683-2421 in Vancouver or 385-4411 in Victoria.

"Royal Islander" ferry-bus service to Nanaimo is now operating on an interim Fall schedule, effective until the introduction of new ferries. If you obtained a recent timetable "effective September 12, 1976" please note the following corrected times. Changes in ferry departures have since been made, and corrected timetables, "effective September 12 until further notice" are now available. Buses leave Vancouver Depot for Nanaimo at 5:20, 6:05,

9:50 a.m., 12:05, 12:50, 2:50, 3:50, 5:05, 6:50 and 9:35 p.m. Buses leave the Nanaimo Depot for Vancouver at 6:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 8:00 and 9:30 p.m. The trip takes about three hours, depot to depot. Fares are \$4.95 each way for adults, half fare for children and special rates for senior citizens. Stops are made at several locations. Call 683-2421 in Vancouver or 753-4371 in Nanaimo for pick-up, at least one hour before depot departure.

## TRANSIT CHANGES

Some changes in bus service went into effect during the past few weeks. Principal changes affect Cambie 15, North Shore Crosstown 239 and Vancouver International Airport service.

The downtown Vancouver route of Cambie 15 was changed. Buses now operate along Pender to Granville, then via Granville Mall, Robson and Cambie Bridge to return to their established route. New timetables should be available in late October.

Due largely to traffic problems, it has been necessary to institute a shuttle service between Richmond's Sexsmith Loop and the Airport. This is a temporary arrangement, in operation between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The shuttle bus, identified as Airport 71, will connect with No. Four Road 64 and No. Five Road 65 buses which now terminate at Sexsmith Loop. At all other times, the No. Four Road and No. Five Road buses will continue to and from the Airport. On October 29 a new timetable will become effective and the shuttle discontinued.

Three additional morning trips have been added to North Shore Crosstown 239. They leave Phibbs Exchange at 6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. Capilano Mall at 6:43, 7:15, and 7:45 a.m., and arrive at Park Royal at 6:53, 7:25 and 7:55 a.m.

## PARK AND "ROYAL HUDSON" SERVICES

The final Sunday for Around-the-Park bus service this year is September 26. If it is a fine day, buses will operate around Stanley Park from the bus loop in Chilco Street just south of the end of Georgia Street at the park entrance. Buses leave every 20 minutes from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Regular bus fares apply, but no transfers are accepted or given. However, Sunday and Holiday Passes are valid for riding at all times.

B.C. Hydro Transit will continue to operate bus service between the Vancouver Bus Depot at Cambie and Dunsmuir and B.C. Railway depot in North Vancouver for those holding tickets for the "Royal Hudson" steam train excursion to and from Squamish. Buses leave the depot at 9 a.m. The return trip leaves the railway depot at about 4 p.m., subject to the arrival of the train.

Regular bus fares apply, and transfers are accepted and issued. Passengers must hold a ticket for the train trip. Pacific Stage Lines' ticket office at the Vancouver Bus Depot has a limited number of excursion tickets but these usually have to be purchased well in advance of the effective date because of the popularity of the trips. The train operates daily except Mondays and Tuesdays, except the final trip this year will be on Monday, October 11, Thanksgiving Day.



"Transit phoned. A lady riding home beside you turned in your hat...and they want to know if you saw where her plant went."

## LOST PROPERTY MOVES

On Tuesday, September 28, the Lost Property Office will open at a new location at the northeast corner of Cambie and Georgia. This is a block away from its present address. Please note that the office will be closed all day Monday, September 27, so that the move can be made. The telephone number remains 663-2133.

## ONE-DAY TRIPS INTO WASHINGTON

Sept. 26 - Pacific Stage Lines leaves at 8:30 a.m. for a full day on the lovely coastal area in Washington State. This is a beautiful and historically interesting drive with many of the area's place-names given by early explorers. Watch the tidal flow through Deception Pass and see old Coupeville and Fort Casey. Stop at Oak Harbour and Bellingham. Back in Vancouver about 6:30 p.m. Adult fare \$9, child \$4.50.

Oct. 11 - Departure time is 9:00 a.m. for a drive through the Fraser Valley to Sumas, then into Washington and climb Mt. Baker to the 4000-foot level of the huge national park. Then to Bellingham for a two-hour visit. Back in Vancouver around 6:30 p.m. Adult \$6.50, child \$3.25.

For all one-day trips, your ticket is your reservation. Buy it well in advance at the Vancouver Bus Depot to avoid disappointment.

## "SHOPPING TOUR" TO PORTLAND

Enjoy a four-day Pacific Stage Lines holiday through Washington and into Oregon to stay in Portland. Here you are close to the Lloyd Shopping Centre with plenty of opportunity to browse around this great complex stores and see what is new and interesting.

There is plenty to see and do, including a drive along the mighty Columbia River with a visit to huge dams and lunch at Hood River.

Departure is at 8 a.m. on November 11 and return is on the 14th. Single fare is \$119.15; twin each \$96.65. For reservations or more information, call 681-6381.



"Have a really good vacation. I'll keep the bad news until you get back."

## WINTER BUZZER

We are glad to be back on buses. The Buzzer was last published on July 23, and this has been the longest break in the 60 years of publication. It was the result of a labour-management dispute which closed the Hydro printing plant. We apologize to transit riders and organizations which sent us items for inclusion during the past two months. Beginning with the next issue of Oct. 1, we will return to our winter schedule of publishing every second Friday.

## BUS OF A DIFFERENT COLOR (Understanding the 619, 620 & 621)

For those using Scott 619, Hjorth 620 or King George 621 only occasionally, there could be some confusion about these routes out of Vancouver during early a.m., after 6 p.m., and Sunday and holidays. During these periods only, they are operated by the same vehicles as Canada Way 820 - sort of a bus of a different name!

They leave Vancouver as "Canada Way 820" buses, displaying one of three Surrey destinations alongside "Canada Way 820" in the bus sign - namely Scottsdale, Langley or White Rock. They make all local stops from Brentwood to New Westminster (8th at Columbia) where they diverge to the three final destinations along the usual 619, 620 or 621 routes. Transfers are best made at 8th/Columbia for the bus displaying the appropriate destination.

On Surrey-to-Vancouver trips, during these specific periods, transferring is not necessary. They originate as either 619, 620 or 621 buses and converge at New Westminster. From here, the signs are simply changed to Canada Way 820 and the same vehicle operates on the common route to downtown Vancouver. Please remember that the above applies only to early a.m., after 6 p.m., and Sunday and holidays.

During other times (rush hours and mid-day Monday thru Saturday) 619, 620 and 621 buses operate as separate vehicles in both directions (and displaying 619, 620 or 621 signs).

Our sincere apologies to those who have not noticed or understood this matter completely from previous communication materials such as Buzzers and Bulletins. It was planned in this manner to provide significantly improved service in the 820 route, while at the same time offering faster service on the 619, 620 and 621 routes during times of heavy ridership. And that's a horse of a different color.

## NEW REGULATION FOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Life for bus-riding students and for bus operators will henceforth be a little simpler up to 6 p.m. on school days. They will be required to show their school certificate only at the request of the bus operator or a transit supervisor.

However, students must be in possession of a valid school certificate to travel at the student fare at all times. After 6 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays, students must show their certificate to the operator when paying a student fare.

Last year's certificates expired September 15. The new (1977) certificate is green.

## REMINDER ON SUNDAY & HOLIDAY PASSES

Some transit operators are noting that a few 50¢ pass-holders are mistakenly trying to use it beyond its limit of the south arm of the Fraser River. Riders intending to ride into the Surrey and South Delta areas may tender it to the operator, along with \$1.00, for the \$1.50 pass which is valid on the entire transit system.

Buses operating only north of the south arm will issue only 50¢ passes. However, if you board a bus that is bound for the southern extremities, in the downtown area, operators will issue \$1.50 passes. Children's Sunday & Holiday Passes are one-half price. Happy touring.