

# Major suburban bus improvements Aug. 18

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The 154 and 155 will operate into downtown Vancouver during rush hours while the 151 and 152 will operate into downtown rush hours and non-rush hours.

The new 151 Laurentian route will provide service to a new area along Laurentian, a greater level of service on Brunette and replaces, along with the 152 Austin, the portion of the 933 Lougheed route west of Lougheed Mall to downtown Vancouver. They further provide new service through the Mathewson/Dartmoor areas. The 152 Austin also will service the Pitt River Road area between Lougheed and Shaughnessy.

#### HALF-HOURLY SERVICE

The 151 and 152 services will operate on a 30-minute frequency weekdays and Saturdays to 7 p.m. Evenings, Sundays and holidays the service is hourly. Additional service will be added during the rush hours if required.

The 151 route operates westbound as the 163 Prairie from Cedar and Chelsea to McAllister and Shaughnessy and then as the 151 via McAllister, Mary Hill, Wilson, Kingsway, Westwood, Lougheed Highway, Dewdney Trunk Road, Norman, Ranch Park, Spuraway, Como Lake, Schoolhouse, Winslow Loop and beyond via Winslow, Poirier, Austin Avenue, Laurentian, Brunette, Lougheed Highway and Austin to Lougheed Mall. Beyond Lougheed Mall it runs via Austin, Lougheed Highway, Willingdon, Hastings, Burrard, Helmcken, Hornby to its terminus on Hornby and Nelson.

Eastbound, the 151 Laurentian leaves its terminus on Hornby and Nelson, and travels via Hornby, Smithe, Burrard, Hastings, then beyond to Shaughnessy and McAllister via the aforementioned reverse route. Beyond, to Wellington and Greenmount the route changes back to 164.

# AUSTIN ROUTE

The 152 Austin route westbound operates from Wellington and Greenmount to Shaughnessy and McAllister as the 164 Coast Meridian. From there, the 151 operates via Shaughnessy, Pitt River Road, Lougheed Highway, local roads to Cape Horn Ave., Mathewson Road, Dartmoor, Hickey, Austin Ave., Blue Mountain, Rochester, Guilby and Austin to Lougheed Mall. From there, it runs on Austin, Lougheed, Willingdon, Hastings, Burrard, Helmcken and Hornby to Nelson.

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Eastbound, the 152 travels from Nelson along Hornby to Smithe, Burrard, Hastings and the above route in reverse to Shaughnessy and McAllister, where it becomes a 163 to Cedar Drive and Chelsea.

This means passengers from the Wellington and Gremount areas catch the 152 westbound but must use the reastbound from Vancouver, except after 7 p.m. and Sundays and holidays when they catch the 152 eastbound. Passengers from Cedar Drive and Chelsea will catch the 151 westbound and the 152 eastbound, except after 7 p.m. and Sundays and holidays when they catch the 151 eastbound.

The 154 Mundy and 155 Como Lake services will route to Lougheed Mall at all times and provide through service to downtown Vancouver during rush hours. The 154 incorporates the former 186 Foster route which will cease to exist, while the 155 incorporates the former 183 Marmont, which will also be discontinued.

#### DIRECT SHOPPING SERVICE

The southern portion of this route has been changed beyond Braid and Columbia to provide a direct service to shopping areas of New Westminster. There will be a connection at Braid and Columbia for passengers destined southbound on Columbia Street.

The 154 Mundy will combine with the 155 Como Lake route to provide a 15-minute frequency from Maillardville to New Westminster. Both routes will operate every 30 minutes weekdays and Saturdays until 7 p.m. and every 60 minutes evenings, Sundays and holidays. Additional service during rush hours will be added if required.

The 154 Mundy will operate from Lougheed Mall via Austin Ave., North Road, Cottonwood, Blue Mountain, Foster and Schoolhouse to the Winslow Loop. Beyond there, it runs via Winslow, Poirier, Foster, Hillcrest, Austin, Mundy, Cape Horn Ave., Brunette, Braid, 8th Ave., 2nd Street, 6th Ave., 8th Street, Columbia, Begbie and Front to 8th Street near Columbia.

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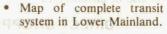
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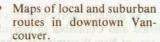
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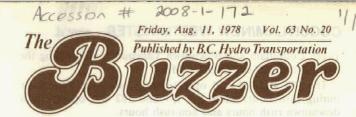


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#### **ODDS & ENDS**

A Welcome Wagon Bridal Shower is to be held for all Brides-to-be on Aug 16 at the Skystage, Richmond. Contact 278-2390 for your personal invitation. . . . 3 & 4 year olds can enjoy Playschool and French at the same time. To register your child in the Burnaby French Language Playschool for Sept or for further details call 980-8436 or 294-2543. . South Vancouver Family Place, 1875 S E Marine, 325-5213, is now open for Coffee Drop In, 10 am to noon, Monday thru Friday. Parents & children welcome. . . Single men are invited to join the Singles Square Dance Club. Come and meet other people and enjoy a pleasant social pastime by calling 298-9871, 985-2040 or 434-1736. . St. Peters, 336 Agnes & Blackwood, New West, holds Drop Inn every Wednesday from 1-4 pm for senior citizens, free of charge. They are also having a Gigantic Rummage Sale, Dontenwill Hall, Aug 26 from 9 am-2 pm. . . A free course called Debtor's Remedies, sponsored by the Vancouver People's Law School is being held Aug 14-16 from 7:30-9:30 pm at the South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, 6470

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On the 316 - 116 Street route, commuter service will operate via 64 Ave. and 104 Street in both directions between 120 Street and Highway 10. In non-rush hours Monday through Saturday to about 9:30 p.m., every other trip between Scottsdale Mall and downtown Vancouver will route via 120 Street, 64 Ave., 104 Street, Highway 10 and the freeway with a stop at Massey Exchange for connections to Richmond.

#### 322 ROUTE EXTENDED

The 322 Panorama Ridge route, meanwhile, has been extended to incorporate the southerly parts of the 323 route, the principal change being the use of 128 Street rather than Scott Road. Westbound, the service operates from Newton Exchange via 72 Ave., 132 Street, 58 Ave., 136 Street, 56 Ave., Scott, Highway 10, 128 Street, 72 Ave., Scott and 70 Ave. to Scottsdale Mall. Eastbound, it runs from Scottsdale Mall to Newton Exchange via the above route in reverse.

Just as the 620 Hjorth becomes the 320 Hjorth, so does the 619 Scott become the 319 Scott. During non-rush hours M day through Friday and all day Saturday, Sunday holidays, these two routes will terminate at 8th Street and 6th Ave. in New Westminster. Routing from the Patullo Bridge will be via Columbia, 8th Street, Edinburgh, 10th Street, 10th Ave. and 8th Street. Continuing passengers may transfer to the Canada Way or King George services at 8th Street and 6th Ave.

The 621 King George, meanwhile, become the 321 King George and during evenings Monday through Saturday and all day Sunday and holidays, this route will terminate at 8th Street and 6th Ave. in New Westminster.

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And finally, the 640 Valley-to-Sea will operate between Scottsdale Mall and the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal only, with links between Scottsdale Mall, Newton, Whalley and

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# NORTH VANCOUVER

B.C. Hydro Transit's quarterly bus changes Aug. 18 will see a number of improvements for the North Vancouver service. All changes reflect new directions in ridership patterns.

For example, there will be an additional departure of the 229 Westlynn bus from Lynn Village at 7:23 a.m.

There will be two new trips on the 230 Lonsdale service at 7:02 and 7:32 a.m., providing a 15-minute frequency between 6:47 and 7:47 a.m.

The 232 Queens schedule, meanwhile, will also be refined. On the 239 Crosstown service, the 6:32 a.m. departure from Phibbs Exchange will now depart Lonsdale Quay at 6:45 a.m. It leaves Third and St. Davids at 6:39 a.m.

The 6:02 p.m. departure from Lonsdale Quay of the 240 Marine Drive route will be eliminated, as will be the return 6:55 p.m. from downtown Vancouver.

The 246 Highland schedule will be refined and new departure and arrival times detailed in the new timetable. On Saturdays, the first southbound trip of the day will meet the Vancouver-bound 241 bus at Marine and Garden for a connection to downtown.

There are also refinements to the North Shore/UBC schedule. Faster travel to the university will be provided with non-stop service from North Vancouver to UBC on all trips.

# WILLINGDON, DOUGLAS GRANDVIEW RE-ROUTED

Effective Aug. 18, the 30 Willingdon, 31 Douglas and 33 Grandview Highway bus routes will be changed slightly between Kootenay Loop and Brentwood.

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#### **ODDS & ENDS**

A Welcome Wagon Bridal Shower is to be held for all Brides-to-be on Aug 16 at the Skystage, Richmond, Contact 278-2390 for your personal invitation. . . 3 & 4 year olds can enjoy Playschool and French at the same time. To register your child in the Burnaby French Language Playschool for Sept or for further details call 980-8436 or 294-2543. . South Vancouver Family Place, 1875 S E Marine, 325-5213, is now open for Coffee Drop In, 10 am to noon, Monday thru Friday, Parents & children welcome. . . Single men are invited to join the Singles Square Dance Club. Come and meet other people and enjoy a pleasant social pastime by calling 298-9871, 985-2040 or 434-1736. . St. Peters, 336 Agnes & Blackwood, New West, holds Drop Inn every Wednesday from 1-4 pm for senior citizens, free of charge. They are also having a Gigantic Rummage Sale, Dontenwill Hall, Aug 26 from 9 am-2 pm. . . A free course called Debtor's Remedies, sponsored by the Vancouver People's Law School is being held Aug 14-16 from 7:30-9:30 pm at the South Vancouver Neighbourhood House, 6470 toria. Pre-register by phoning 734-1126.

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