

## POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

# FAST TRAX

## TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Students, save your energy for your studies. The roads to higher education are more efficient than ever.

The Fast Trax Guide with information on routes serving your college or university and how they connect with the rest of the system, are available free on campus.

### UNLIMITED TRAVEL WITH A ONE-ZONE FareCard

1. Make tracks to your student union for a Fast Trax Transit Strip for your student I.D.
2. Purchase a one-zone monthly FareCard (yellow) for \$50.
3. Show both when you board - and ride one, two or three zones, anytime, for a one-zone fare.

## SkyTrain 'FOURS' TO RETURN IN EARLY OCTOBER

Regular SkyTrain riders know that we have been operating six-car trains on weekdays since the middle of May, following several significant service disruptions caused by a problem in the train control computer system. While we were correcting the problem, six-car trains allowed us to reduce the number of trains and still keep the same number of cars in service. This has resulted, however, in longer waits between trains and a less efficient operation.

A solution to the computer problem has now been designed and is undergoing final testing. When results are in, we expect to resume four-car, daytime operation in early October.

Four-car and two-car trains will operate in the evenings and on Sundays, depending on passenger demand. This will mean a return to standard mid-day and evening frequencies - a train every 5 minutes right through to the last trip. This is far superior to frequencies offered by most rapid transit systems on this continent, including many of the larger ones.

During rush hours we will be back to 26 four-car trains (104 out of our 114 car fleet) and an average time between trains of two and a half minutes.

SkyTrain staff will continue to monitor loads at all times of the day and will make adjustments and improvements where necessary to give you the best, most efficient service possible.

## GoCards for grades 8-12

A GoCard Transit Strip transforms an ordinary student card into a GoCard which will identify you as someone eligible to travel on the Vancouver Regional Transit System for a Concession fare.

To be eligible for a GoCard you must:

- live within the transit service area.
- be aged 14 to 19 (inclusive) or be in grade 8 at the start of the school year.
- attend classes full time at a public or private school - grades 8 to 12 (inclusive).

GoCards are issued automatically to all students who attend a school photography session. The Cards are distributed approximately two weeks later.

### IN THE MEANTIME

Students with 1989/90 GoCards who are still attending secondary school can use them until October 31, 1990.

New Grade 8 students will be able to pay Concession fares without a GoCard until October 31, 1990. Students should advise the driver of their age, grade and school when boarding. If any difficulties are encountered they are requested to pay the adult fare, then note the time of travel, bus number and operator number and call BC Transit operations at 264-5266 with this information.

Older students who have lost their GoCards should go immediately to:

#### Photo Ident

3640 Vanness Avenue, Vancouver  
(near Joyce SkyTrain Station)

Phone 434-1321

Hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary. A GoCard application form (available at the school office) signed by a school official, proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and a \$5 fee are required.

### IF THE SCHOOL PHOTO SESSION IS MISSED

Students may go to Photo Ident (address and other requirements above) or attend a GoCard photography session provided by Apple Photographic Services, in a mobile unit at locations throughout Greater Vancouver, October 27 to December 1. Watch for details in future Buzzers.

### ODDS & ENDS

Wednesday Noon Hour Series at the School of Music Recital Hall presents Walter Prossnitz, piano, on Sept 26. Adm \$2 Info: 228-3113 ● Bridge - Hand Play Techniques course at the West End Community Centre for 10 weeks, beginning Sept 26, 7-9 pm. \$45. Investment Ideas for Women begins Oct 2, 7-9 pm. \$15. Info: 689-0571 ● Papyrus to Pulp: the history and techniques of ancient papermaking, Oct 4, 7:30-9 pm. One of the fall Pages of Time series at Surrey Museum, 176th & 60th Ave, Cloverdale. Info: 574-5744 ● Petroglyphs of Gabriola, a bus tour organized by UBC to view Indian rock carvings, Sept 29. Info: 222-5238 ● Presentation House Theatre presents Loot, Wed-Sat 'til Oct 13. Tx \$12. Students/seniors \$9. 986-1351 ● Stop the Presses, a new dinner show opening Sept 21 at Metro Centre Hotel, Burnaby. Info: 433-7233 ● Metro Theatre presents Brighton Beach Memoirs, Wed-Sat 'til Oct 6. Info: 266-7191 ● 15 years of photographic work by Jo Ann Callis, Presentation House Gallery 'til Oct 14 ● Sunday afternoon films at Kerrisdale Seniors' Centre. Sept 23 - Driving Miss Daisy. Free to members ● Marpole - Oakridge Community Centre offers many fall programs for children and teens. Drawing, jazz, ballet, gym, sports, etc 327-8371 ● The UBC School of Music Distinguished Artists series begins Oct 13 with London-based Arditti String Quartet. Series tickets available. Info: 228-3113 ● Health Watch presents the 4th Annual Health Fair, Edmonds Community Centre, Oct 4, 10 am - 2 pm ● Science World weekend activity workshops for 6-12 year olds. Opportunities for hands-on experimentation under the guidance of Science World teachers. Info: 687-7832 ● The Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC, presents Arthur Miller's A View from the Bridge, Mon-Sat 'til Sept 29. \$10/\$7. ● The Vancouver International Film Festival, Sept 28-Oct 14. The Archival Series, "Missing Modern Masterpieces" is a series of up to 10 key international films not seen before in Vancouver. ● Magee's Annual Car Wash-A-Thon at 20 locations, Sept 22, 9 am to 3:30 pm. ● The Children's Theatre Series returns to the James Cowan Theatre on Sept 22, 1 pm, with "The Little Mermaid" (Movie-83 min.) Info: 291-6864 ● VCC Continuing Education Division offers courses in drawing, painting, calligraphy, sculpture and decorative painting. Langara Campus, beginning week of Sept 24. Info: 324-5322 ● An illustrated talk on the history and development of Meccano sets, Burnaby Village Museum, Sept 27, 7:30-9. Pre-registration required: 293-6500 ● Vancouver International Writers Festival preview event - a rare public appearance of Alice Munro, Sept 29, 2 pm, Arts Club Theatre. Tx info: 681-8400 ● Celebration of Nature at Campbell Valley Regional Park, Sept 22/23, celebrates Langley's heritage. Dozens of activities for all ages. Info: 432-6350 ● The Osteoporosis Society of B.C. presents a free lecture on Bone Metabolism, Sept 26, 7 pm, 806 West 10th Ave. Parking \$1. Info: 731-4997, Mon/Wed/Fri, 8:30-4:30 ● An exhibit of work by two artists, Colleen Cosgrove and Brenda Cross, North Vancouver City Hall Gallery 'til Oct 11 ● An exhibition of paintings by members of the Royal City Art Society, Art Centre Gallery, Queens Park, New Westminster, Oct 2-28 ● B.C.'s oldest library, New Westminster Public Library, celebrates its 125th birthday with birthday cake, displays and entertainment on Sunday, Sept 30, 1 to 5 pm.

*It's always silly to give advice, but good advice is absolutely fatal.*

Oscar Wilde

### COMING EVENTS

Sept 22 - Flea Market, Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre, 990 Oak St., 10:00-2:00. Adm .50.  
Sept 27-30 - B.C. Hydro's Renovation '90, PNE Showmart & Food Buildings. 100 B.C. companies show the proper use of home improvement products as they relate to the Power Smart energy conservation program. Adm \$3/\$2.  
Sept 29 - Country Fair, St. Stephen's United, 7025 Granville, 10:30-3:00.  
Sept 29 - Bazaar, Dania Home, 4279 Norland Ave, Burnaby. 11:00-5:00.

Sept 29 - Thrift Sale, Oakridge Lutheran, 585 West 41st Ave. 9-11 am.  
Sept 29 - Flea Market & Bake Sale, South Hill United, 645 East 47th. 9:00-2:00. Tables \$5. Info: 325-3949.  
Sept 30 - Vancouver Rhododendron Soc. sale of members' plants, Clay's Nursery, 3666-224th St., Langley. 1:00-4:00 pm.  
Oct 3 - Bazaar & Tea, Legion Manor, 505 Sixth Ave, at 6th St, New West. 2-4 pm. \$2 adm includes afternoon tea.  
Oct 4 - Thrift Shop Sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10:30-2:30. Clothing, housewares, books, etc.  
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# The Buzzer

Nearly three quarters of a million automobiles are driven in the Lower Mainland daily. Suburban commuting by car uses eight times more energy than transit and creates about 15 times as much pollution.

80 per cent of air pollutants come from so-called mobile sources. While mobile sources include buses, trucks, trains, ships and planes as well as cars, three quarters of mobile pollutants (two thirds of all pollutants) come from passenger cars.

In the Lower Mainland, over one third of a billion kilograms of air pollutants are spewed into the atmosphere every year by commuter automobiles. That works out to approximately 500 kilograms per auto per year.



## CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The "Go-Green" campaign to encourage the use of transit and carpools on the Lower Mainland was officially launched on September 17th. The 10-week campaign, designed to reduce pollution and traffic congestion, is jointly funded by BC Transit, the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, Environment Canada and the Greater Vancouver Regional District. The campaign focuses on public awareness, education and employer implementation programs. "We're hoping that this campaign will have a long term impact by suggesting alternatives to combat air pollution and congestion," said the Hon. Rita Johnston, Minister of Transportation and Highways and minister responsible for BC Transit. "We're trying to stimulate interest in the issue, bring fresh ideas out into the open and, ultimately, change travel habits."

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Articles, radio and television broadcasts, advertisements, and a phone-in number will be used to encourage the use of transit and carpools.

Corporations are being encouraged to display transit maps and schedules, consider a shared-cost program for employee transit fares, and adopt flex-time systems which allow employees to arrive and leave the workplace according to transit schedules.

### BC Transit's "TOP" program

While Go Green aims to discourage use of single occupant vehicles and encourage greater use of public transit and private carpools, TOP (Transit Options Program) will provide the means for making transit the greenest option of all.

TOP is a monthly transit pass program available to commuters through their employers. TOP passes, carried in corporate identity sleeves, will work like regular monthly FareCards and be available for 1, 2 or 3-zone travel. Employers may offer TOP to their employees as a full or partial employment benefit, a payroll deduction, or a cash purchase.

"About 85 per cent of companies in the Lower Mainland provide fully or partially subsidized employee parking. Ultimately we would like to see similar numbers offering subsidized transit", said Mayor Lanskaill, Chairman of the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission, which approved the issue of the new passes. TOP passes will be available mid-October for the month of November.

## 5 More Accessible Transit Routes Oct 1st

With lift-equipped buses entering service on five additional routes, October 1st, accessible service will be available on these 16 routes:

- 1 Gastown/Beach
- 22 Knight/Macdonald
- 25 Brentwood/Blanca/UBC
- 41 Joyce Station/UBC
- 49 Metrotown/Dunbar/UBC
- 50 Gastown/False Creek
- 106 New Westminster/Metrotown
- 112 New Westminster/Edmondson
- 120 New Westminster/Vancouver
- 135 SFU/Kootenay Loop
- 144 SFU/Metrotown
- 145 Lougheed Mall/SFU
- 147 Coquitlam Centre/New West.
- 148 Ioco/New Westminster
- 154 Lougheed Mall/22nd St. Station
- 155 Coquitlam Rec Ctr/22nd St. Stn

### Apply for a HandyPass

Anyone with a disability may apply for a BC Transit HandyPass. This is a photo-identity card that entitles the registered user to Concession fares throughout the system.

During the phase in of lift-equipped bus service, all passengers with a valid HandyPass are entitled to travel free on accessible bus routes, SkyTrain and SeaBus. Apply now by calling 264-5000, local 5101

**Free Fare with HandyPass until December 31, 1990**

## MAJOR TRANSIT EXPANSION PLANNED FOR 1991

The Vancouver Regional Transit System is planning a 10 per cent increase in transit service next year to cope with growing demands for public transit. For example, ridership and fare revenues for the first four months of this fiscal year are up an estimated 10 per cent over the same period last year, bringing total daily ridership to more than 400,000.

Commission chairman Mayor Don Lanskaill said: "As more and more people leave their cars at home and take the sensible, green alternative, we must ensure that the service on the street meets their needs."

The expansion proposal is contained in the Transit Commission's draft Annual Service Plan for next year. The Plan, approved in principle at the Commission's September meeting, will see 53 additional buses in service during rush hours in the Vancouver Regional Transit System, 18 of which will be articulated SuperBuses. 16 new SkyTrain cars are also scheduled to begin arriving next year. 301,600 additional service hours will be operated (on an annual basis).

The largest increases in service are proposed for the areas where population growth is highest: Surrey, Delta, Langley, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam. Existing routes will be expanded and new routes added.

Other proposals include a direct Richmond-New Westminster route, improved service to Horseshoe Bay, a shuttle service on Robson and Davie Streets and expanded rush hour and mid-day service on SkyTrain.

The Plan will be implemented in stages, beginning in April, 1991, following approval of the additional funding by the BC Transit Board of Directors.

### STATION RENAMED Science World-Main Street

Recognizing the fact that approximately 32 per cent of Science World visitors arrive by SkyTrain during the peak tourist season, Main Street Station has been renamed SCIENCE WORLD - MAIN STREET.

Commenting on the change, the Honourable Rita Johnston, minister responsible for transit said, "Science World is a major destination and we felt it appropriate to recognize the contribution they have made to the community. The new name will also make travelling on our system easier for visitors."

Michael Francis, President of the Board of Governors of Science World, said, "We are delighted...our success has been due, in large measure, to the convenient access provided by the Lower Mainland's excellent transit system."

## PAYING A 'FARE' SHARE

A transit system depends on the good will and cooperation of its customers, and we appreciate that most of our patrons pay the correct fare. However, in an operation that depends on more than \$110 million a year from the farebox, even small levels of fare evasion translate to large sums of money, ultimately at the cost of higher fares and additional subsidies.

BC Transit Police support bus operators and SeaBus and SkyTrain attendants by conducting random fare inspections throughout the transit system. Transit staff will be increasing the number of checks on SkyTrain in particular, where a "proof-of-payment" system is in effect. Riders may be requested to show a valid transfer, pass or ticket on board a train or anywhere within the designated Fare Paid Zone areas of the stations. Anyone not in possession of such proof may receive a ticket, issued under the authority of the Solicitor General, and carrying a minimum fine of \$40, payable in Provincial Court. Repeat offenders may be subject to the maximum fine of \$150, as specified in the Regulations pursuant to the BC Transit Act.

Our inspection and enforcement program is designed to help maintain the best service and the lowest possible fares, with a minimum of expense and inconvenience. Thank you for your continued support.

## PITT MEADOWS/MAPLE RIDGE OPEN HOUSES

The Vancouver Regional Transit Commission has approved in principle a request from the Councils of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows to expand the boundaries of the Vancouver Regional Transit System to include their communities. Residents will have an opportunity to discuss the concepts of transit service with planners and provide input at two public meetings in the area.

**PITT MEADOWS**  
Tuesday, September 25  
2:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Pitt Meadows Public Library  
12047 Harris Road.

**MAPLE RIDGE**  
Wednesday, September 26  
2:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Maple Ridge Public Library  
22420 Dewdney Trunk Road.

## TIMETABLE ADJUSTMENTS

### 49 UBC/Metrotown Station

An additional lift-equipped bus trip will leave UBC for Metrotown Station at 5:31 pm, and leave Metrotown Station on the return trip at 6:32 pm, Monday through Friday.

### 120 Vancouver

The #120 leaves New Westminster Station for Vancouver from Bay 10, daily, Monday through Sunday.

### 160 South Port Coquitlam/Vancouver

An additional trip, not shown in the September 3rd timetable, leaves Vancouver at 2:40 pm, Monday through Friday.

### 144 SFU

Please note that the trip leaving Metrotown Station at 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday, terminates at Curtis and Duthie. It does not continue to SFU as indicated in the timetable.

### 236 Pemberton Heights

Between 4:02 and 6:32 p. on Saturdays, buses leave Lonsdale Quay every 30 minutes, not every 60 minutes as shown in the timetable.

The schedule for the 236 Lonsdale Quay/Grouse Mountain service, which operates until October 8, is on page 14, not page 12, of the timetable.

### 311 Scottsdale Mall

The trip leaving Burrard Station at 5:10 pm leaves Marpole at 5:32, not 5:22 pm as shown in the timetable.

### 319 Scott Road Station

The first trip leaving Scottsdale Mall for Scott Road Station, at 5:08 am, Monday through Friday, has been adjusted to leave Scott at 96th Avenue at 5:06 am and arrive at Scott Road Station at 5:13 am.