

1993/94 Annual Service Plan Public Meetings

BC Transit would like your input into the 1993/94 Annual Service Plan which identifies transit service improvements proposed for the 1993/94 fiscal year. To ensure that the plan accurately reflects the needs of the communities served by BC Transit, we are holding two public meetings as listed below.

Wednesday, October 7 from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Newton Public Library
14245 - 56th Avenue, Surrey

Thursday, October 8 from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Robson Square Conference Centre - Room 2
800 Robson Square, Vancouver

Following the meetings, BC Transit will prepare a draft of the Annual Service Plan for consideration by the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission at its November 1992 meeting.

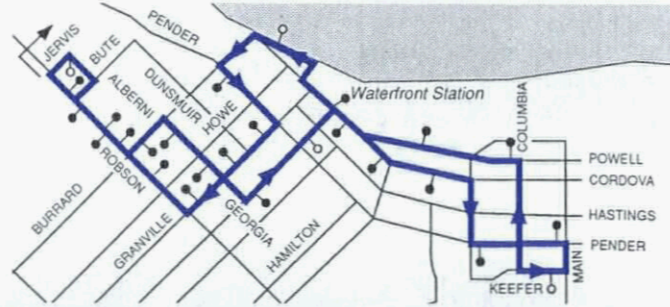
Nostalgia isn't what it used to be

"Blue Bus" Timetable adjustment 257 Vancouver Express

Please note that the #257 Saturday, Sunday and Holiday timetable shows two trips leaving Horseshoe Bay at 8:55 am. The second 8:55 am should read 10:55 am.

What more can you expect when one seventh of your life is spent on Monday?

Downtown FreeBus service begins October 1



At the initiative of the Downtown Vancouver Association, an experimental free passenger bus will do a circuit of Downtown Vancouver once every 45 minutes commencing October 1.

The bus, following a route from Robson Street through Downtown and Gastown to Chinatown and back, will operate daily, from 11:30 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday (to 8:30 pm Thursday) and from noon to 5 pm on Sundays and holidays.

The Downtown Vancouver Association is coordinating the service in partnership with the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, the Robson Street Business Association, the Chinatown Merchants Association, and the Gastown Business Improvement Society.

The D.V.A. says the service, provided by a BC Transit Orion bus with a painted "FreeBus" sign on its sides, will serve three markets - suburbanites who come Downtown to shop, Downtown workers, and tourists. It is hoped the service will become a Downtown fixture year-round.

October is Power Smart month

Some of the events planned:

- **Power Smart Night.** At 8 pm, Wednesday October 21, BC Hydro will ask all its customers to turn off all unnecessary lights. Last year, over half of all households in B.C. participated.
- **Retail promotions.** Special Power Smart Month promotions of energy-efficient products are planned by major retail chains. Watch for B.C. Hydro's "Buy Smart and Win" contest at participating retailers.
- **Building a conservation ethic.** Hydro will provide Power Smart resource kits for B.C. primary grade teachers. For Power Smart information call 293-7777.

By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.

ODDS & ENDS

The Vancouver Chamber Choir and the Vancouver Chorale begin the season with a concert of sacred music, Oct 2, 8 pm, Ryerson United Church. Tx 280-3311. Info: 738-6822 • The Arts Club Theatre presents the new mystery comedy "The Ends of the Earth" by Morris Panych, one of Canada's foremost avant-garde playwrights. Talk back with Morris Panych after the show on Sept 27. Tx 687-1644 • The Community Arts Council Gallery of Vancouver, 837 Davie, presents the Malaspina Printmakers Society's 17th Annual Members Show. Lithography, photography, silkscreen, monoprints, collagraphs, Sept 29-Oct 17. Reception: Oct 1, 7-9 pm. • Vancouver International Film Festival will be presenting over 220 films from 40 countries, Oct 2-18. Free programs available at theatres, libraries and usual outlets. Advance tickets on sale across from the Ridge and at the Pacific Cinematheque. Info: 685-0260 • Vancouver YWCA 14th Annual Single Mothers' Conference, Oct 16/17, 580 Burrard. Workshops include: Women on their own, Homesharing as a housing alternative, and Stress management. Fee \$35. Pre-registration required. 683-2531 • West End Community Centre, 870 Denman, cooking workshop: Grilling for Fall, Sept 29, 6:30-9:00. \$23. 689-0571 • Edmonds Community Centre for the Retired 6th Annual Health Fair, Oct 8, 10:00-2:00. Exhibits, entertainment, demonstrations, door prizes, etc. Free adm • Burnaby Writers' Society's Fall Reading Series begins Sept 27, 1:30 pm, Burnaby Art Gallery. Readings by Vancouver poet and short story writer Sue Nevill and poets Clélie Rich and Mark Hemmingson. Adm free. Info: 435-6500 • The North Vancouver Community Players begin a new season with an English comedy, How the Other Half Loves, Sept 25-Oct 10, 8 pm. Hendry Hall Theatre, 815 11th St. East. Tx \$10/\$8. 983-2633. Visa, MasterCard • Vancouver New Music presents the legendary London Jazz Composers' Orchestra, Oct 3 & 4, 8 pm, at Vancouver East Cultural Centre. Tx \$20/\$15. 682-0706 • Physical comedy, Asian style comes to the Vancouver East Cultural Centre Oct 17-18 when the Chung Ying Theatre Company mounts Fools, Fools, Fools! as part of Festival Hong Kong '92. Tx \$6. Children \$3. 254-9578 • The Historic Stewart Farmhouse offers farmhouse tours Wed-Fri, 10:00-2:00, and Sat-Sun, noon-4:00. Barn tours are offered Wed, 10:00-2:00 and Sun noon-4 pm. Elgin Heritage Park, 13723 Crescent Road, Surrey • The GVRD Parks Dept has planned more than 60 fall programs. For instance, there's a Barn Owl workshop Oct 15 at Campbell Valley and Oct 23 at Tynehead, while Tailed Frogs are the subject Nov 1 at Lynn Headwaters. Pre-registration is required: 432-6359. Brochures are available from all Regional Parks, libraries and from the 6th floor, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby. • Jay Ingram, host of CBC Radio's "Quirks and Quarks" for 12 years will read from his new book Talk, Talk, Talk at the Vancouver Public Library, 750 Burrard, Sept 28, 7:30 pm • Concert of instrumental masterworks in celebration of the life of Wolfgang Gerson. Chamber music by Beethoven and Brahms featured. Unitarian Church, 49th & Oak, Oct 4, 8 pm. Adm free but donations welcomed. • Studio 58, Langara Campus, begins its 27th season with the Canadian premiere of Mad Forest by Caryl Churchill, Tues-Sun, Oct 3-18. Previews Oct 1 & 2.

COMINGEVENTS

- Sept 26 - Flea Market, Dunbar Hts United, 24th & Collingwood, 10:00-2:00
- Sept 26 - Medieval Fair, St. Mark's Anglican, 2nd & Larch. Entertainment, children's games, food booth, bake sale, beer garden, crafts, gift items.
- Sept 26 - Thrift Sale, Oakridge Lutheran, 585 West 41st, 9:00-11:00 am.
- Sept 26 - Flea Market, Blessed Sacrament Parish, 3050 Heather. 10:00-2:00
- Sept 26/27 - Flower Pizazzle, B.C. Guild of Flower Arrangers, VanDusen Gardens, Oak & 37th, noon-5 pm. Demonstrations at 1, 2, 2:30 and 3:30. Adm \$3
- Oct 2 - Thrift Shop reopens, Collingwood United, 41st & Joyce.
- Oct 3 - Thrift & Rummage Sale, St. George's Anglican, Laurel at W. 14th. 10:00-noon. Clothing, books, linens, toys, household items, etc.
- Oct 3 - Fallfest Rummage Sale, First United, 320 E. Hastings. 10:00-3:00.
- Oct 3 - Fall Fair, St. Stephen's United, 54th & Granville, 10:30-2:30
- Oct 3 - Rummage Fest, Vancouver Opera Guild, Ryerson Memorial Centre, 45th & Yew, 10:00-3:00. Books, records, plants, bakegoods, fashion accessories
- Oct 4 - Vancouver Rhododendron Society sale of members' plants, Clay's Nursery, 3666 224th St, Langley, 1:00-4:00
- Oct 8 - Thrift Shop Sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10:30-2:30. Clothing, housewares, books, etc.

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North and West Vancouver, Surrey, White Rock, Langley, Delta and Tsawwassen routes become accessible October 6

Lift-equipped buses will be introduced on the following routes:



- 211 Seymour/Phibbs Exchange
- 212 Deep Cove/Phibbs Exchange
- 214 Blueridge/Phibbs Exchange
- 215 Indian River/Phibbs Exchange
- 226 St. Patricks/Lonsdale Quay/Pemberton Hts.
- 250 Horseshoe Bay/Vancouver
- 251 Queens/Vancouver
- 252 Inglewood/Vancouver



- 316 Whalley Exchange/Scottsdale Mall
- 320 Langley Centre/Scott Road Station
- 321 White Rock Centre/Scott Road Station
- 324 Whalley Exchange/Newton Exchange
- 326 Guildford/Whalley Exchange
- 335 Fleetwood/Guildford
- 640 Scottsdale Mall/Tsawwassen Ferry

For details on accessible stops and the times of accessible trips, phone 261-5100. Lift-equipped trips are also indicated in timetables, available free of charge at public libraries, city and municipal halls, community centres, information centres, chambers of commerce and BC Transit Lost Property Office at Stadium Station. For West Vancouver information, phone 985-7777

Post-secondary students

can have unlimited travel with a one-zone FareCard

Just get a Fast Trax transit strip for your student I.D. at your student union....purchase a one-zone monthly FareCard for \$50....show both I.D. and FareCard when you board or upon request and travel throughout the system at any time.

GoCards for Grades 8 to 12

A GoCard/Student I.D. identifies the legitimate owner as someone eligible to travel on the Vancouver Regional Transit System for a Concession fare.

To be eligible for a GoCard a student must:

- live within the transit service area
- be aged 14 to 19 (inclusive) or 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)

If you missed the school photo session

You may go to Photo Ident (See address and other requirements below) or, from October 31 to December 5, attend one of the GoCard photography sessions provided by Apple Photographic Services in a mobile unit. This unit will travel to many locations throughout Greater Vancouver. Watch the Buzzer for details.

In the meantime

Students with 1991/92 GoCards, who are still attending secondary schools, can use them until October 31, 1992. If a GoCard has been lost over the summer it should be replaced immediately by going to:

Photo Ident

3640 Vanness Avenue, Vancouver (near Joyce SkyTrain Stn)
Phone 434-1321

Hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 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.

New Grade 8 students are able to pay Concession fares without GoCards until October 31, 1992. These students should advise the driver of their age, grade and school when boarding. If any difficulties are encountered the student is 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.

STUDENTS...PLEASE REMEMBER

Your GoCard cannot be used by anyone else

If the photograph on a GoCard doesn't match the face of the user, the GoCard will be confiscated. It's important to remember that misuse of a GoCard is obtaining transportation by fraud - a criminal offence.

Students who leave the school system must return their GoCards to their school principal.

Whalley Bus-SkyTrain Integration Plan

The Whalley Bus - SkyTrain Integration Plan is being developed to integrate bus services in North Surrey, North Delta and Langley with the planned SkyTrain extension to the Whalley area, scheduled for completion in early 1994.

The Integration Plan will be developed with input from area residents and transit users. Open House sessions will be held to review and discuss the draft plan and to receive comments and suggestions from the public.

Public Open Houses

You are invited to attend the following Open Houses:

Wednesday, September 30

Surrey Place Mall
9:30 am to 9:00 pm

Thursday, October 1

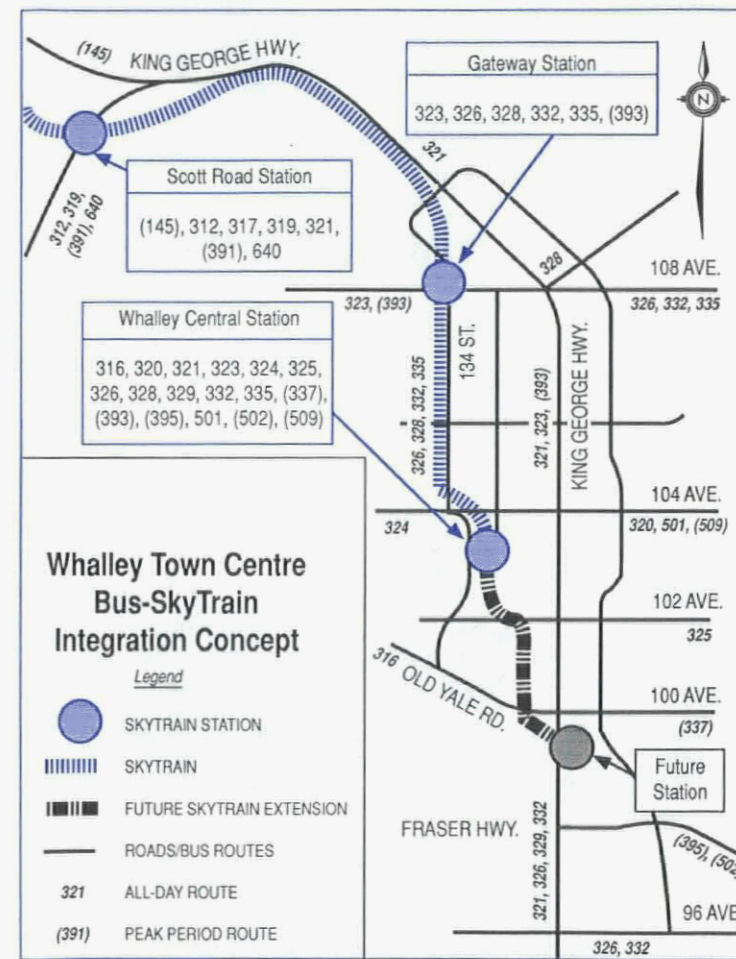
Guildford Town Centre
9:30 am to 9:00 pm

For a brochure detailing preliminary proposals for the Integration Plan, or for further information, please contact:

BC Transit Planning Department
11th Floor - 1200 West 73rd Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V6P 6M2
Telephone 264-5000

SKYTRAIN SUNDAY SERVICE

To accommodate track maintenance, SkyTrain service east of New Westminster is reduced on Sundays (all day and evening) until the end of November. Trains serving Columbia and Scott Road Stations run approximately every 10 minutes instead of the usual 5. Please allow a few extra minutes for your bus connections at these stations. Additional trains operate between Waterfront and New Westminster, so passengers on most of the line should not be affected.



Lower Mainland libraries interLINK

Wherever you live in the Lower Mainland, you can now register with any of the twelve public libraries, with 65 branches from Bowen Island to Boston Bar, and have free access to most materials and services. You may also return materials to any InterLINK library. InterLINK is a service funded by participating libraries and a grant of \$180,000 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing.