

Surrey SkyTrain extension now being tested

With SkyTrain passenger service to three new stations scheduled to commence in the spring of 1994, electrical power rails have been energised and tests are being conducted.

Warning:

The public is cautioned not to trespass on to the guideway. The power rails carry high voltage electricity and SkyTrain cars may start and move in either direction at any time, without warning. Anti-trespass fences are in place; warning signs are posted and all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent accidental intrusion on to the guideway.

The extension runs for 4.3 kilometres from Scott Road Station to the terminus at King George Highway, with stations at 108th Avenue and Surrey Recreational Centre (Surrey Centre) along the route.

Timetable adjustment: 404 Richmond Exchange/ Ladner Exchange

Please note that the following #404 trips continue to Ladner Exchange: On Saturdays, the trip leaving the Airport at 6:04 pm, Richmond Exchange at 6:22 pm and Steveston Highway at Five Road at 6:34 pm, arrives at Ladner Exchange at 6:43 pm. On Sundays and holidays, the trip leaving the Airport at 6:05 pm, Richmond Exchange at 6:22 pm and Steveston Highway at Five Road at 6:35 pm, arrives at Ladner Exchange at 6:43 pm.

Taxidermist: a doorman who stuffs people into cabs.

#236 and #404 seasonal services end October 11

The part of the #404 route that was extended from Ladner Exchange to Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal for spring and summer, will be discontinued.

The #640 will, of course, continue to provide service every 60 minutes to and from the ferry terminal.

The #236 will cease operating between Grouse Mountain and Lonsdale Quay.

Camel salesman to customer: "One lump or two?"



Accessible routes now more accessible

Until now on the Vancouver Regional Transit System's 70 accessible routes, accessible transit service has been offered only on the specified number of trips indicated in the timetable.

Now, passengers requiring lift assistance on any of these routes may request service from any lift-equipped bus at any accessible stop at any time. Lift-equipped buses and accessible stops show the international wheelchair symbol.

BC Transit now operates 279 lift-equipped buses in the region, and is pursuing a policy that all new buses be lift-equipped. SkyTrain and SeaBus are fully accessible, and handyDART offers custom transit for people with special needs.

Sunday service on Thanksgiving Day

All BC Transit services: Bus (including West Vancouver Blue Bus), SeaBus and SkyTrain; will operate Sunday and holiday service on Monday, October 11.

From Scott Road Station, the first and last SkyTrains will leave at 8:15 am and 11:45 pm.

From Waterfront Station, the first and last SkyTrains will leave at 8:50 am and 12:15 am.

From North Vancouver, the first and last SeaBuses will leave at 8:02 am and 11:02 pm.

From Vancouver, the first and last SeaBuses will leave at 8:16 am and 11:16 pm.

Single zone fares apply system-wide on holidays. A DayPass or any valid FareCard will allow unrestricted travel.

He is a born executive -- his father owns the business

GVRD Parks offers fall programs and events throughout the region

For instance, on Oct 15 at Campbell Valley Park there's a workshop for anyone eight years or older on how to talk to the animals, \$6/person. On Oct 16 at Deas Island Park there's a children's (ages 6-8) nature program on animal stalking techniques. \$5/person. On Oct 17 an expert will lead you through a fascinating exploration of edible and poisonous mushrooms at Pacific Spirit Park. \$13/person.

For a Fall Guide to programs and events in all 17 regional parks, call GVRD Parks at 432-6359, Monday to Friday, except holidays, between 8 am and 4 pm.

COMING EVENTS

Discover the meaning behind the masks of the First Peoples of the Northwest Coast, as you see a mask being made from cedar. Oct 17, 1:30-3:00 at Surrey Museum, 6022 - 176th St. • Pacific Bluegrass & Heritage Society presents a Jam/Workshop with Sue Malcolm, Oct 18, 7:30 at the ANZA Club, 3 West 8th. Phone Sue (322-1421) to pre-register • Get some of the latest information on exercise techniques, injury prevention, healthy diet, etc at an Aerobics Clinic, Oct 23, 9 am-1 pm, Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre, 59th & Oak. Info: 327-8371 • Metro Theatre presents George Furth's American comedy, The Supporting Cast, Wed-Sat 'til Oct 30. Tx: phone 266-7191 • Fend Players/Station Street Arts Centre present Open Couple, a comedy about open marriage. It will premiere in English Oct 14, in Cantonese Oct 21, in French Oct 28, in German Nov 4, and in Italian Nov 11. Tx: 688-3312 • Kensington Community Centre's youth program needs donations of equipment for pool, air hockey, football, bumper pool, etc. Phone Trevor Hansen at 327-9401 • Tom Konyves will read from his works at the Vancouver Public Library's "City Poets" series, Oct 26, 7:30 pm, Central Library • Arts Edge, a series devoted to all aspects of the arts will premiere Oct 18 at 8 pm on the Knowledge Network. Artists and arts organizations are invited to provide information on coming events, exhibits, etc. Fax: 431-3387 • Oct 15-24 is Science & Technology Week at North Vancouver City Library. Check out a science book. Pre-register for a science program. Sunday movies for the family begin Oct 17 at 2 pm • Burnaby Multicultural Society Fun-D-Raising Evening of Dance & Entertainment, Oct 9, Bonsor Rec Centre, 6550 Bonsor (behind Metrotown). 7:00-1:00. Tx: \$10. 299-4804. \$12 at door. • Early Music Vancouver presents The Consort of Musicke: Music from the early Italian and English Baroque, Oct 23, 8 pm, Metropolitan Tabernacle, 189 West 11th. \$20/\$15. 732-1610 • Vancouver International Writers Festival - Fifty-plus authors will take part - Oct 20-24 at three theatres on Granville Island. Tx at bookstores & 687-1644 • Volunteer Grandparents Society of B.C. 20th Anniversary Benefit Tea Dance with Dal Richards Orchestra, Hyatt Regency, Oct 17, 4:00-6:00. \$15 per person. Tx: 280-2801 • New Westminster Public Library offers a monthly travel show. Oct 13, 7:30 pm, see a tour of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Wheelchair accessible. • Women In View fundraiser presents jazz star Dee Daniels, Sat, Oct 16, 8 pm at Vancouver East Cultural Centre. Tx \$30/\$20. Includes dessert. 685-6684

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET THERE BY TRANSIT

TIMETABLES are available free of charge at public libraries, city and municipal halls, community centres and the BC Transit Lost Property Office at Stadium Station. **TRANSIT GUIDES** offer a map, a listing of all routes, and fare information. They're available at 7-Eleven, SkyTrain smokeshops and most FareDealers for a small charge. **THE YELLOW PAGES** show a route map, a list of bus routes and fare information.

INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE: 261-5100. West Vancouver 985-7777

Oct 13 - Tea. Ladies Aux., A.N. & A.F. Recreation Centre, 624 Poirier, 10:00-4:00. Adults \$1
Oct 15/16 - Thrift Sale, Ryerson United, 2195 W. 45th. Fri 7-9. Sat 10-12. Clothing, housewares, books, etc
Oct 16 - Flea Market, Champlain His Rec, 3350 Maquinna Drive, 10:00-2:00. Adm 50¢ Tables \$8. 437-9115
Oct 16/17 - Craft Sale, Coquitlam

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Shuttle to Discovery is a chance to see how science plays a big part in your life

Saturday, October 16, 10:00-4:00

Shuttle by Bus and SkyTrain to six locations throughout the city for you and your family to experience science and technology first-hand...through hands-on activities and demonstrations. It's all part of part of B.C.'s fifth annual Science & Technology Week. (See page 2)



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SkyTrain in to Stadium Station where BC Transit representatives will provide the answers to why SkyTrains are able to whiz from Surrey to Vancouver without a driver on board, how SkyTrain's Linear Induction Motor works and what chopper controls do on trolley buses. You'll see Ballard's hydrogen cell bus, the futuristic ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle), and in the **Transit Museum**, an impressive operating model of an interurban streetcar line. The creators of the model will be on hand to answer questions about the large, fast interurbans that played a major role in the development of the Lower Mainland. Bring a stamped envelope with you when you walk over to **Canada Post on Georgia**. You'll see how modern technology is used to sort your mail...

Cross the street to the **CBC studios at Georgia & Hamilton** for a behind-the-scenes-look at radio and TV production. You'll visit the sound effects room and see how digital editing is done in a split second.

In the **CBC Cafeteria**, BC Hydro invites you to play the PowerSmart computer game in a friendly competition. A science teacher will be on hand to help kids use interactive displays about electricity and magnets....

Walk over to the **BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum at BC Place (Gate A)** where experts from S.F.U. will help you get started on rowing machines, stationary bikes and treadmills. Then have your baseball pitch measured by special sports technology....

A few blocks back along Beatty Street to Stadium Station and a short SkyTrain ride will take you to Main Street Science World Station, where **Science World** will present the Big Science Show at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm in a big tent on the grounds. The show includes such favourites as the 45-gallon

drum that's crushed by air and the 817-nail bed of nails. The improvisational theatre group Rock, Paper, Scissors will perform at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm....

Hop on to a 19 Stanley Park bus and ride in comfort to the Stanley Park Loop. **The Vancouver Aquarium** will be showing off the made-in-B.C. Newtsuit outside the Aquarium entrance. Divers can go to a depth of more than 300 metres in this suit without fear of the bends (nitrogen narcosis). The Aquarium will also offer half-price admission to anyone 18 years old or younger.

Shuttle to Discovery Prizes. Enter to win a number of interesting prizes, including Vancouver-made software packages, opportunities to experience a flight simulator ride and a trip in the Eye-on-the-Sky traffic plane.

Thank you for your input at our six recent Open Houses

We asked for your input into the 1994/95 Annual Service Plan which identifies transit service improvements proposed for the upcoming fiscal year, and the Long Range Service Plan which will guide the direction of transit over the next five years. Up to 500 of you responded at each of the Open Houses, held at six major shopping centres throughout the region.

Your ideas were collected through a short survey, informal discussions with staff and in some cases letters were submitted. We will analyse and incorporate the data in the plans to be presented to the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission in November 1993. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

FareSaver winners

A draw was held following each Open House for a book of ten one-zone FareSavers. The winners are: Rochelle McGuinness, *Richmond*; Ron Curties, *Port Moody*; T. Warawko, *North Delta*; Debra Nickerson, *Burnaby*; Wanda Phillips, *New Westminster*; Patricia J. McLean, *North Vancouver*.

Route adjustment: 160 Vancouver

Effective Tuesday, October 12, the #160 trips leaving Coquitlam Centre at 5:05 am and 8:45 am, Monday to Friday, will be routed via the Clarke Street Queue Jumper. This means that all #160, #190 and #701 (Vancouver) trips prior to 9:00 am, Monday to Friday, will use the Clarke Street Queue Jumper.

Detailed Critical Review of least-productive routes

In 1992, the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission requested that BC Transit review the least-productive routes in the Vancouver Regional Transit System. In doing so, the Commission recognized the high cost of providing services and the very low return on subsidies on some routes, particularly in low density and rural areas.

The table below shows the routes that may be modified or discontinued. The proposed changes represent a desire to

ensure that the transit system meets people's needs while remaining cost effective. Rider alerts will be placed on all affected routes. Riders are encouraged to send their comments before October 29, 1993 to: **Critical Route Review, BC Transit, Planning Department, 1110-1200 West 73rd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 6M2.**

Changes affecting these routes could occur as early as April 1994.

Route	Passenger boardings per service hour	Cost per passenger boarding*	Options
Vancouver Regional Transit System Average	59.8	\$1.35	
#42 Spanish Banks/Chancellor	22.4	\$3.70	Discontinue Sunday/holiday service.
#102 Cumberland/New Westminster Station	17.8	\$4.68	Discontinue evening service. Discontinue Sunday & holiday service. Reduce midday service to every 60 minutes.
#132 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop	16.5	\$5.03	Revise route as per North Burnaby Plan.
#139 Burnaby Heights/Kootenay Loop	12.8	\$6.47	Revise route as per North Burnaby Plan
#149 Port Moody North/Coquitlam Centre	18.1	\$4.58	Discontinue route. Reduce number of daily trips.
#162 River Springs/Coquitlam Centre	17.0	\$4.88	Discontinue route and replace with revised #163/ #164 service.
#259 Horseshoe Bay/Lions Bay	15.3	\$5.43	Discontinue route
#311 Scottsdale Mall/Vancouver	14.2	\$5.85	Reduce number of daily trips.
#322 Newton/Panorama/Scottsdale Mall	16.8	\$4.94	Discontinue evening service. Discontinue Sunday/holiday service.
#353 Ocean Park/22nd Street Station	13.4	\$6.19	Discontinue portion of route (White Rock Centre to 22nd Street Station) and replace with improved #390, #321 service. Reduce service frequency.
#410 22nd Street Station/Richmond Exchange	20.1	\$4.13	Set targets for improvement
#506 Aldergrove/Langley Centre	18.3	\$4.54	Defer to Langley Service Review
#702 Haney Place/Pitt Meadows	6.0	\$13.85	Discontinue portion of route (Meadow Ridge to Pitt Meadows). Discontinue Sunday/holiday service. Discontinue evening service.
#705 Haney Place/Meadow Ridge	9.9	\$8.37	Discontinue Sunday/holiday service. Discontinue evening service.
#712 Haney Place/Meadow Ridge	19.3	\$4.31	Set targets for improvement
#721 Ruskin/Haney Place	18.6	\$4.47	Discontinue Sunday/holiday service. Discontinue evening service
#722 Whonnock/Haney Place	5.9	\$14.16	Discontinue route.

*Cost of carrying each passenger on a vehicle. A passenger trip covered by a single fare may consist of several boardings due to transfers to other vehicles