

## Morning bus riders move to the front of the line on Lougheed Hwy.

Westbound passengers travelling through Pitt Meadows on the Lougheed Highway can look forward to faster trips, thanks to a new bus lane now partially in service. The 1.5 kilometre stretch from Harris Road to Pallot Creek is the first section of a 2.9 kilometre bus lane that is expected to save BC Transit and private commuter bus passengers as much as five minutes during the morning rush hour. Completion of the remaining section of the lane from Pallot Creek to Dewdney Trunk Road is scheduled for the Spring of 1994.

The bus lane enables buses to "queue-jump", bypassing heavy traffic and re-entering the main road ahead of other vehicles. When completed, the Lougheed Highway bus lane will terminate at Dewdney Trunk Road where a special bus-activated priority signal will allow buses to proceed through the intersection before other vehicles.

BC Transit's 701 Vancouver service (701 Coquitlam Centre during off-peak hours) uses the bus lane every 15 minutes during the morning rush hours and every 30 minutes for the rest of the service day. Ridership will be monitored to see if increased frequency is warranted.

BC Transit Chair Eric Denhoff says this new lane is one of 22 special transit priority measures (bus lanes, signals, access ramps) now in service in the Lower Mainland: BC Transit customers can look forward to more; another 15 transit priority projects are at the planning, design or construction stage.

*"Politicians have strained their ingenuity to discover new sources of public income."*  
Socrates. 468-399 B.C.

## New timetable revisions

Please note the following revisions on the new timetables, dated December 13, 1993.

In the **Surrey, North Delta, White Rock & Langley** timetable, the 351 Crescent Beach trip leaving Burrard Station at 5:03 pm, Monday to Friday, will not be wheelchair accessible.

In the **Richmond & South Delta** timetable, the 407 Gilbert trip shown leaving Burrard Station at 1:38 pm, Monday to Friday, will leave at 1:58 pm. The other trip times are correct.

## Complements of the season: prepaid fares and transit



Prepaid fares go hand in hand with Bus/SkyTrain/SeaBus services to provide the ultimate in merry Christmas shopping and, of course, a safe ride home when you've been to a party.

Enjoy boarding without having to look for the exact fare or line up at a ticket machine, and think about the possible savings. In addition to getting you to and from work, any valid FareCard is good for unlimited travel throughout the system during non-peak hours and it's transferable to another member of the family or a friend. On books of ten FareSaver tickets you'll save from \$1.25 to \$2. For \$4.50 a DayPass gets you one day's unlimited travel throughout the system from 9:30 am weekdays and all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Scratch & Ride DayPasses can be purchased in advance at your nearby FareDealer. People who qualify for Concession\* fares can purchase a FareCard offering unlimited travel at any time for only \$31.

\*Children 5-13, Secondary students 14-19 with GoCard, Seniors 65+ with proof of age, and HandyPass holders.

### There's a FareDealer nearby

Transit passes and tickets are sold at 7-Elevens, Safeways, Ticketmasters, all Bank of Nova Scotia branches (FareCards only), credit unions, convenience stores, drug stores, etc. where you see the FareDealer sign.

**New Westminster Santa Claus Parade**, Dec 4, 11 am, from top of Columbia, near Pattullo Bridge, to 10th St. near Columbia Square. Columbia Street and New Westminster SkyTrain Stations are on the route.

*When you're in deep water, it's a good idea to keep your mouth shut.*

### 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 station convenience shops 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

## COMING EVENTS

The Vancouver Chamber Choir performs Handel's Messiah at the Orpheum Dec 10/11 at 8 pm. Tx at TicketMaster: 280-3311 • Headlines Theatre presents interactive theatre with no play, no actors: The Creative Audience Prepares for the Holidays, Dec 8-18 at 8 pm. Secret Space Theatre, 4603 Main. Info: 251-2006 • The Archaeological Society of B.C. meets Dec 8, 8 pm, Vancouver Museum. Subject: Okinawan 'Castles' and their stories • The Federation Gallery's Juried Winter Exhibition & Sale with framed works up to 24"x30". 1241 Cartwright, Granville Island, 'til Dec 24. • Nicola Cavendish's latest comedy, Blowin' on Bowen, opens Dec 8, 8 pm at the Arts Club, Granville Island. Tx: 687-5315 • Dunbar Community Assoc 2nd Annual Toy Drive. Drop off a new unwrapped toy by Dec 20 at 4747 Dunbar. • The Conservatory presents The Laundry, a "black, bitter, bitchy, belligerent fairy tale," at Studio J, 152 W. Hastings, Wed-Sun 'til Dec 12. Tx: 669-0939 • A reunion of the people who attended the Vernon Army Cadet Camp since 1949, and their families, is planned for July 22-24, 1994. Call 268-9977 • Breakfast with Santa, Dec 11, 10-11:30 am at Marpole-Oakridge C.C., 59th & Oak. Info: 327-8371 • Angelus Novus/Shifting Ground, the latest choreography by Lola MacLaughlin premieres Dec 9-11 at the Firehall Arts Centre • The National Down Syndrome Conference "Opening Doors" will be held at the Hotel Vancouver, March 3-5. Information: 599-6009 or 590-4565 • The Karen Jamieson Dance Company presents Tales of Descent, Dec 12/13, 8 pm, Firehall Arts Centre. 689-0926 • First Impressions Theatre presents Jacob Two-Two Meets The Hooded Fang by Mordecai Richler. Dec 15-23 at James Cowan Theatre, Bby. Tx \$12/\$10. 291-6864 • Woodward's 15 Christmas window displays can be seen this year in the Vancouver Trade & Convention Centre, Dec 8-27 • The work of ARTSWEST art club can be seen at New Westminster Library Gallery 'til Dec 31 • North Van Community Players present Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Fri/Sat/Sun, Dec 3-19, Hendry Hall. Tx \$4/\$2. 983-2633 • Annual Christmas Craftworks by 70 B.C. artisans at Community Arts Council. Tues-Sat 'til Dec 23, 11-6, 837 Davie • West Coast Music's first concert of the season features music for flute, clarinet and piano, Dec 5, 7:30 pm, Unitarian Church, 49th & Oak. \$12/\$8 • Artrageous '93 Goes Western at Performance Works, Granville Island, Dec 5 from 7:32 pm. \$36 per person (Tax receipt for \$25) Sponsored by Jewish Festival of the Arts. Tx 266-0245

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Dec 3/4/5 - Xmas Crafts, 624 Poirier St, Coquitlam, Fri 5-9, Sat/Sun 10-4. Adults \$1 for Children's Hospital  
Dec 3/4/5 - Crafts from Gulf Islands, 3102 Main, 5-9/10-9/10-3. Adults \$2  
Dec 3/4/5 - Xmas Pottery Sale, West End C.C., 870 Denman. 6-9/9-4/10-4  
Dec 4 - Bazaar/Rummage Sale, Ideal Mini School, 855 W. 59th, 10:00-2:00 Crafts, silent auction, bake sale, etc.  
Dec 4 - Xmas Lunch/Bazaar, St. Augustine's, 8680 Hudson. Crafts, etc.  
Dec 4 - Holly Bazaar, St. Helen's, 8th & Trimble, 11-2. Crafts, tea, raffles  
Dec 4 - Lunch/Bazaar, Dogwood Crt No.3, O of A, Collingwood United Hall, 41st & Joyce, 11:30-1:30  
Dec 4 - Xmas Crafts, South Van Neigh-

bourhood House, 6470 Victoria Dr. 10-3. Baking, plants, raffles  
Dec 4/5 - Xmas Crafts, N. Delta Rec Centre, 11415-84th Ave. 10-5/10-4  
Dec 5 - Xmas Bazaar, Ladies Aux to R.C.L., 3679 W. Broadway, 3-4:30. Crafts, bake table, raffles, etc. Tea \$3  
Dec 9 - Thrift Shop Sale, St. Stephen's 9887 Cameron, Bby. 1-3 & 7-9 pm.  
Dec 10 - Xmas Bazaar, Lord Tennyson School, 1936 West 10th, 1-8 pm Music, crafts, food, silent auction.  
Dec 11 - Sugar Plum Tea & Crafts, St. John's, 13th & Chesterfield, N.V. 1-3  
Dec 17/18/19 - Craft Fair, 224 Dewdney Trunk, Maple Ridge. Free adm

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## Winter Service Updates

Effective December 13

Changing customer demands have created the need for service adjustments which can make a real difference for our customers this winter.

BC Transit continually monitors how effective transit is in providing the best possible service to the greatest number of people with the resources available. Adjustments have also been made to improve transfer connections and the safety of our service. For highlights of the changes in your community see pages 2-5

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

## Don't take the keys

BC Transit's "Designated Drivers" will take you home safely.

## Give your staff LifeSavers

Special LifeSaver transit tickets are available only to employers to give to employees. LifeSavers are good for 90 minutes of travel on bus, SeaBus and SkyTrain from 9:30 am weekdays and all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays until January 15, 1994.

**Information: 264-5032**

The tickets are not intended to be used for commuting, but as a way of ensuring that every employee has access to a safe journey home. Mini-booklets of two tickets are \$3.00.

## Winter service updates, effective December 13

### VANCOUVER AND BURNABY

#### 1 Gastown/Beach

The last trip leaving Waterfront Station will now be at 6:27 pm. Alternative service is available on the #22 along Burrard and on the #8 on Hastings to Davie Street

#### 3 Main/Robson 8 Fraser/Davie

Schedules throughout the day adjusted slightly

#### 4 Powell/UBC

Schedule throughout the day adjusted slightly to provide better service to UBC

#### 7 Nanaimo Station/Dunbar

Mid-morning, weekday schedules will be adjusted slightly

#### 9 Boundary/Alma/UBC

Mid-day Saturday, Sunday and holiday schedules adjusted slightly

#### 19 Metrotown Station/Stanley Park

Because of the volume of traffic on the Stanley Park Causeway, the left turn from Georgia to Chilco Loop will be discontinued and service will be rerouted via Alberni, between Denman and Chilco. From Monday to Friday, trolley buses will not make the entire trip to Stanley Park. Renamed the **19 Downtown**, trolley-buses will loop downtown via Pender, Howe, Dunsmuir, Burrard and Pender. Passengers travelling to Stanley Park should transfer to the **19 Stanley Park** shuttle bus on Pender at Granville. Service to Stanley Park on weekends and holidays will not require this transfer.

#### 25 Brentwood/UBC

Following morning and afternoon peak periods, service frequency will be reduced from 12 to 15 minutes.

#### 31 Broadway Station/UBC

On some morning peak period trips to UBC, passengers will enjoy the more comfortable ride provided by an articulated bus. The last trip from UBC will leave five minutes later, at 6:15 pm.

#### 41 Joyce Station/UBC

Mid-day, Sunday and holiday schedules will be adjusted slightly.

#### 49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop/UBC

Before and after peak periods, service frequency will be reduced from every 10-12 minutes to every 15 minutes.

#### Route Revisions

#### 144 SFU/Metrotown Station

Some morning peak period trips will operate express service from Metrotown to SFU in order to meet the customers' requests for faster service to the university. (See the #133)

#### New Service

#### 133 SFU Express

Leaving Metrotown at 7:47, 8:40 and 9:40 am weekdays, buses will provide local service between Metrotown Station and Canada Way at Kensington Avenue, then express to SFU Transit Exchange with pick-up only at Gagliardi Way and Lougheed Highway.

### NEW WESTMINSTER

#### 100 New Westminster Station/Airport

Evening and Sunday/holiday schedules will be adjusted to provide better connections with the 420/421 at Knight and Marine.

#### 101 Lougheed Mall/Queensboro/Annacis Island

Four AM and four PM peak period trips to Annacis Island will be extended to Eaton Way on the west side of the island. This service supplements the temporary #340 Annacis Island Shuttle which was recently introduced to provide a bus every 30 minutes from 22nd Street Station.

#### 102 Cumberland/New Westminster Station

#### 108 Eighth Ave/New Westminster Station

30 minute evening service will begin one hour earlier at 7 pm

### COQUITLAM - PORT COQUITLAM MAPLE RIDGE - PITT MEADOWS

#### 156 Coquitlam Rec Centre/Lougheed Mall/ New Westminster Station

During the PM peak period, the first trip from New Westminster Station will now depart at 3:42 pm and last trip will now depart at 5:48 pm. Service between New Westminster Station and Lougheed Mall is available on routes #147 and #148.

#### 160 Port Coquitlam Centre/Vancouver

Minor adjustments to schedule times.

#### 701 Maple Ridge E./S.Haney/Coquitlam Centre/Vancouver

Schedule times will be adjusted slightly to improve schedule reliability.

#### 143 Coquitlam Centre/SFU

#### 147 Coquitlam Centre/New Westminster Stn

#### 151 Port Coquitlam Centre/Vancouver

#### 169 Coquitlam Centre/New Westminster Stn

Because of safety concerns, the left turn lane from Lougheed Hwy into the Coquitlam Centre Transit Exchange has been eliminated. Buses will now be rerouted via Lougheed Hwy, Barnet, Mariner Way and the access road to the Exchange.

#### 722 Whonnock/Haney Place

Service will be provided to and from Albion Ferry Terminal.

### SURREY - NORTH DELTA - LANGLEY WHITE ROCK

#### 321 White Rock Centre/Scott Road Station

The last evening trip from White Rock Centre to Newton Exchange, will now leave at 12:22 am, Monday to Saturday, and 11:52 pm on Sunday

#### 340 Cloverdale/Newton Exchange/22nd Street Station

The westbound trip leaving Newton Exchange at 5:33 pm will only operate to Scottsdale Mall instead of 22nd Street Station. 30 minute service from Scottsdale Mall to 22nd Street Station will begin at 5:30 pm. From 22nd Street Station to Scottsdale Mall, 30 minute service will begin at 6:06 pm during the week.

#### 353 Ocean Park/22nd Street Station

The last trip will now leave White Rock Centre at 11:09 pm and Ocean Park at 11:29 pm. Morning and afternoon peak period schedules will also be adjusted slightly.

#### 391 Scott Road Station/Scottsdale Mall

The last trip from Scott Road Station will now leave at 5:54 pm. From Scott Road Station to Scottsdale Mall, alternative service is available on the #319. For service along 116th Avenue, transfer from the #319 at Scott Road & 96th Avenue to the #316

#### Semiahmoo, North Surrey and Holy Cross Secondary School students:

To provide better service for local schools, the **351 Crescent Beach** will leave White Rock Centre at 3:05 pm; the **335 Guildford** will leave 160th St and 96th Ave at 2:55 pm and

the **335 Newton Exchange** will leave 160th St & 88th Ave at 2:50 pm.

### RICHMOND - DELTA

#### 401 One Road/Vancouver

#### 404 Airport/Ladner Exchange

Mid-day, weekday schedules will be adjusted slightly.

#### 420 Bridgeport/Richmond Exchange

#### 421 Cambie/Richmond Exchange

The schedules of buses leaving Knight and Marine on Sundays and holidays will be adjusted to improve connections with the 100 New Westminster Station/Airport.

#### 601 South Delta/Vancouver

The 6:40 pm weekday trip from South Delta Rec Centre will leave five minutes later, at 6:45 pm.

#### 602 Tsawwassen Heights/Vancouver

#### 603 Beach Grove/Vancouver

#### 604 English Bluff/Vancouver

Morning peak-period schedules, Monday to Friday, will be adjusted slightly. Frequent express service, every seven minutes, is available from the South Delta Rec Centre to Vancouver on the #602, #603 and #604

### Operators donate their time to show Christmas lights

BC Transit operator Louis Brier has again organized tours for Riverview and Woodlands residents. On December 12, ten BC Transit bus and six handyDART operators have volunteered to pick up some 450 residents of Riverview at about 5:00 pm and take them on a Christmas lights tour of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam. Hot chocolate will be served along the route.

On December 14, four BC Transit operators will pick up some 150 young people at Woodlands School in four buses and take them on a Christmas lights tour of New Westminster, Burnaby and the east side of Vancouver from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. The cavalcade, escorted by Burnaby and New Westminster police will stop to meet Santa Claus. This will be the 40th annual Christmas lights tour provided by BC Transit operators and their predecessors in Metro Transit, BC Hydro Transit and BC Electric. Congratulations.

When you shoot an arrow of truth dip it in honey Arab proverb