Proposed Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority

Public Meetings

The proposed new Authority would operate and administer transit and transportation in Greater Vancouver, and would be able to raise revenue in a variety of ways. Before the GVRD board makes a decision, your input would be welcomed at any of the public meetings being held throughout the region.

Evenings from 6:00 to 9:30

January 7	North Shore Winter Club
	1325 East Keith Road, North Vancouver
January 8	City of Port Moody
	City Hall, 100 Newport Drive, Port Moody
January 13	Roundhouse Community Centre
	181 Roundhouse Mews, Vancouver
January 20	Justice Institute
	715 McBride Boulevard, New Westminster
January 21	Richmond Inn
	7551 Westminster Hwy, Richmond
January 28	Langley Senior Resource Centre
	20605 - 51B Avenue, Langley

Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 12:30

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January 10	Old Library
	11973 Haney Place, Maple Ridge
January 17	Pinewood Leisure Centre
	11777 Pinewood Drive, North Delta

Citizens and delegations who wish to present their ideas to the GVRD Transportation and Strategic Planning Committee at these meetings, should call 432-6203 in advance to guarantee a five-minute presentation time. Others are welcome to make a presentation if time permits. The committee would appreciate receiving written submissions in advance.

The meetings are open to everyone. Registration is not required. If you cannot attend a meeting you are still invited to send your ideas to the committee.

For more information, visit the GVRD web site: http://www.gvrd.bc.ca/archive/planning/pr/ tranpln.html

COMING EVENTS

The Community Arts Council of Vancouver presents Craft Works by 75 of B.C.'s finest artisans, 'til Dec 23 at 837 Davie St. Tues-Sun: 11-6. Thursdays 'til 9 V With a younger audience in mind, the Vancouver Opera Ensemble, a quartet of Vancouver Opera's gifted young singers, will perform in a spirited 45-minute touring production of Engelbert Humperdinck's fairy tale opera Hansel and Gretel, Dec 15 to 19 at 7 pm and Dec 20 at 2 pm, Vancouver East Cultural Centre. Tx \$9. Children \$7 ✔ The New Westminster Public Library, 716 6th Ave, invites you to its Family Christmas Afternoon., Dec 14. At 2 pm, Lord Tweedsmuir School Choir will sing. At 2:45, The Colours of Christmas, a program with puppet stories and a craft for ages 3 and up. Refreshments. ✔ Equador Cultural Club of B.C. presents a Latin Concert and Dance, with the live music of Kanatan Aski, Dec 20, 7 pm at 1607 East Hastings. Tx and info: 294-6531 (Spanish) or 431-0080. All proceeds to charity ✓ Vancouver TheatreSports League presents the comedy favourite, The X-Mas Files, Arts Club Revue Theatre, Granville Island 'til Jan 3. Tx at Arts Club Box Office, 687-1644 V Annual family brunch with Santa, Dec 13, 10:30-1, Confederation Centre, 4585 Albert St, Bby. \$7.75, under 12 \$5.25 ✔ First Impressions Theatre & Shadbolt Centre for the Arts present A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, Wed-Sat 'til Dec 20 at 8 pm. Tx \$13/\$12. 205-3000 V Chantelope youth vocal ensemble presents Can't Buy Me Love, a concert of festive and seasonal music at Mount Seymour United, North Van, Dec 20, 8 pm. Tx \$12/\$10. Rsv: 922-2513 V Christmas at Canada Place, a Vancouver tradition, runs 'til Jan 4 and raises funds for local children's charities. Treat yourself to a ride on the indoor miniature train, which will take you on a tour of the holiday windows featuring over 200 animated characters, the decorated Avenue of Trees and festive Aisle of Wreaths. Enter to win a trip for four to San Diego. Adm \$4, Seniors \$2. Children \$1. (Under 5 free). Closed Dec 25. Closes Dec 24 & 31 at 4 pm. V Recent work by Vancouver artist Susan Viccars is being shown in the Teck Gallery, SFU at Harbour Centre, 'til Jan 16 / Early Music Vancouver presents The Florentine Trecento. Landini and other composers of the late Middle Ages, presented by Medieval Strings, Jan 22, 8 pm, Metropolitan Tabernacle, 189 West 11th Ave at Columbia. Pre-concert intro at 7:15 Info: 732-1610 / Magee Annual Christmas Concerts, Dec 17 & 18 at 8 pm, Magee Auditorium, 1975 West 49th. Tx \$5. Rsv: 263-2321

Dec 13 - Bazaar, Hungarian Re- Dec 20 - Gift Gala and Raffle to 10-5. Food, baking, prizes.

form Church, 728 Kingsway, Van, support the BC Persons with Aids Society, 7-10 pm, 10th & Trutch

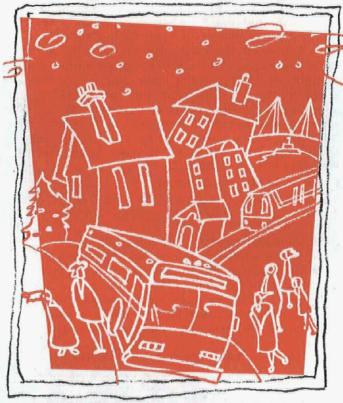
FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET THERE BY TRANSIT

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 ROUTE MAP AND GUIDES offer a map, a listing of all routes, and fare information. They're available at Safeways, 7-Elevens, 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: 521-0400. West Vancouver 985-7777, or call Talking Yellow Pages: 299-9000, #2233

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All of us at BC Transit wish you a very happy holiday season and good fortune in the New Year

Win two tickets to a busload of laughs... The Number 14



The Number 14 is a "Busload of laughs - Don't miss it" said the *Vancouver Province* about this hilarious smash hit comedy which is making a scheduled stop at the Gateway Theatre in Richmond, February 12 to 28, enroute to Broadway, New York.

Last weekend's reviewer in Victoria's *Times Colonist* saw it three times and says "it is a wonderful mixture of mime, clowning and acrobatics...it is unremittingly sharp and fresh. Fans of Mr. Bean will enjoy this - so will children". Enter our contest and the first 15 correct entries drawn on February 2 will each win a pair of tickets (30 tickets in all) for a special performance on February 11. To enter, simply tell us: *How you would get to the Gateway Theatre*, 6500 Gilbert Road, by transit? Mail, fax or e-mail your answer (one per person please) to: BC Transit Marketing, 13401-108th Ave, Surrey, B.C., V3T 5T4. Fax: 540-3455. e-mail: si locke@bctransit.com

Don't take the keys

This holiday season take advantage of BC Transit's force of professional bus drivers and SeaBus/Skytrain operating staff who are at your service to the wee hours of the morning. If you are going to a social event at which you may be drinking, play it safe for yourself, for anyone who would be a passenger and for other road users.

Pre-plan your trip home and don't take the keys.

Granville Island Market will be closed December 25, 26 & January 1

The #51 service will not operate on these days. On December 24 and 31, the Market will close early, at 4 pm, and the last bus will leave Granville Island at 4:20 pm.

Sunday & holiday route change, effective December 15 100 Airport/22nd St Station/ New Westminster St Station

To ensure that buses can provide service on schedule, every second eastbound bus from noon to 6:30 pm, Sundays and holidays only, will be short-turned at 22nd Street Station.

Customers who wish to travel beyond 22nd Street Station may use SkyTrain to New Westminster Station or the #154 or #155 service to 6 Ave and 12 St.

99 B-Line schedule adjustments

To improve schedule efficiency, the times of most weekday trips have been adjusted. When boarding, please pick up a new yellow B-Line timetable which lists Monday-Friday trip times. The Saturday schedule has not changed.

New eastbound stops 123 New Westminster Station 135 SFU 136 Montecito (peak service only)

To eliminate any confusion passengers might have about where they can board on eastbound trips between Seymour and Kootenay Loop, a series of stops has been specially designated. They are located east of Seymour, east of Homer, west of Abbott, east of Carrall, east of Main, east of Nanaimo, east of Renfrew, east of Windermere, east of Cassiar and east of Kootenay. Westbound passengers will continue to alight at the regular stops.

136 Montecito/Kootenay Loop

The off-peak schedule has been revised so that connections can be made with the #134 Lougheed Mall/Brentwood Mall in both directions.

Anyone who thinks Christmas doesn't last all year doesn't have a charge card

#162/#164 services

Please note that the new services to Hyde Creek Recreation Centre mentioned in Winter Service Change newspaper ads will not commence December 15. Further information will be provided when available.

Sunday service on December 25/26

On December 25 and 26 all transit services will operate on Sunday schedules.

From King George Station the first and last trains will leave at 7:08 am and 11:38 pm.
From Waterfront Station the first and last trains

will leave at 7:50 am and 12:15 am.

On Boxing Day, SkyTrain will provide additional daytime service to meet the needs of shoppers.

200th Street bus stop cancellation

Effective December 1, the northbound stop on 200th Street at Willowbrook Drive, has been cancelled until further notice because of a safety problem associated with the left turn from Willowbrook on to northbound 200th Street.

Passengers are advised to board at the newly installed eastbound stop on Willowbrook Drive (in front of the Hudson Bay Company), or at the stop on 200th Street, north of 64th Ave.

Buses with yellow and brown markings will be serving some Surrey routes

Some of the the Flyer buses purchased from Washington state to ease our vehicle shortage until new buses arrive, have gone into service in Surrey.

They have been thoroughly reconditioned mechanically but have not been repainted, except to add the BC Transit logo.

So if you happen to see a bus with yellow and brown stripes approaching your stop...yes, it's one of ours.