

Concession fares for Grades 8 to 12 students with GoCards

Who is eligible for a GoCard?

High school students who:

- live within the school service area
- are 14 to 19 years old (inclusive) or are in Grade 8 at the start of the school year.
- attend classes full time in a public or private school, from Grade 8 to 12 (inclusive).

GoCards entitle eligible students to Concession fares on TransLink. The student must carry and be able to show his/her GoCard or pay the adult fare.

Getting a GoCard

A GoCard strip transforms an ordinary student I.D. card into a GoCard. The necessary photograph will be taken at an in-school photography session and the card will be issued approximately two weeks later. There is no charge for GoCards issued as a result of these in-school sessions - so make sure you don't miss yours.

In the meantime...

students with 1999/00 GoCards who are still attending secondary schools can use them until October 31, 2000. If a GoCard has been lost over the summer it should be replaced immediately by calling the school.

New Grade 8 students can pay a Concession fare without a valid GoCard until October 31, 2000. These students should inform the driver of their age, grade and school when boarding. If they encounter any problem, they are advised to pay the adult fare, note the time of travel and the bus number, and call Customer Relations at 540-3040.

If you miss the school photo session...

you will pay a fee to have a GoCard produced*. You may go to the Artona Group Inc., 353 West 7th Ave, Vancouver. Phone 872-7272, or to Mountain West Studios, 1073 Roosevelt Crescent, North Vancouver. Phone 980-8551. Appointments are recommended. The Artona Group hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Saturday. Mountain West Studio hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

GoCard photography sessions will also be provided by

Apple Photographic Services, October-December in a mobile unit that travels to locations throughout Greater Vancouver. Watch for details of dates and places.

*Students going to Artona Group, Mountain West Studios or Apple Photographic Services must have a GoCard application form (available at school offices) signed by a school official, proof of age (birth certificate, passport or CareCard) and an \$8 fee. A GoCard will be issued immediately.

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 the misuse of a GoCard is obtaining transportation by fraud--a criminal offence. A student leaving the school system must return his/her GoCard to the school principal.

Post-secondary students can have unlimited travel with a one-zone FareCard

With a Fast Trax Transit Strip attached to their student I.D.'s, post secondary students can travel throughout the system anytime on a regularly-priced adult one-zone monthly FareCard. The strip is available at student unions at eligible post-secondary institutions. Both I.D. and FareCard must be shown when boarding and when requested.

Take Back the Night: Women only are invited to a demonstration at Vancouver Art Gallery, Georgia & Howe, Saturday, September 16 at 7:30 pm to Demand Safety for Women on our streets and in public places. Free childcare provided - sign language interpretation - partially accessible. For more information call Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter at 872-8212. website: rapereliefshelter.bc.ca

BCSPA presents Walkathon 2000, Sept 10 at Brocton Oval, 9-11 am. Attractions include Musical Chairs with the SPCA Dogs, Kids vs. Dogs Competition, Doggie Behaviour Clinic. Info: 709-4652

COMING EVENTS

This year, AIDS Walk 2000 takes place on Sunday, Sept 24, starting at 11 am. Walkers can choose from a 2km or 10 km route around Stanley Park. Enjoy a full day of live entertainment, music and fun. For a pledge sheet and info call 915-9255 ✓ The City of Coquitlam, in conjunction with the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society and the Burke Mountain Naturalists, invites you to Treefest 2000. Sun, Sept 17, 11-4 at the Riverview Arboretum, 500 Lougheed Hwy in Coquitlam. Tree tours at 11 am, noon, 1, 2 and 3 pm. Musicians featured throughout the site. See artists at work. Tours of Finnie's Garden featuring a blackberry tea. Craft activities for children. Info: 933-6114 ✓ Walk 2000 and Official Opening of Trans Canada Trail. On Sept 9, join members of two local Volkssport clubs in walking 5km, 10km, 15km or 20km along the Trans Canada Trail. Start at the TCT Pavilion on Granville Island (at west end of Alder Bay) between 9 am and 1 pm, and finish by 3 pm. Freewill donation. Info: Verni at 682-8390 ✓ Oliviero Olivieri, an international photographer, explores the Art of Photojournalism. Sept 14, 7-9 pm, Surrey Arts Centre. The cost is \$18 and seating is limited to 25. Call 501-5100 and refer to course #52018 ✓ North Shore Numismatic Society 26th Annual Fair. Swap, buy and sell coins and paper money at North Shore Rec Centre, Lonsdale & 23rd, 10 am to 5 pm, Sept 9 & 10. Adm free. Info: 294-2086 ✓ Aquarian Productions and the Surrey Arts Centre Theatre present *Grease*, a 50's Rock'n'Roll Musical, Aug 9-13 & 15-19 at 8 pm. Tx at the box office, \$15/\$13. 501-5566 ✓ Richmond Gymnastics Association is now accepting applications for its Fall Artistic Gymnastic Program. A wide variety of classes are offered for both boys and girls from age 18 months to adult. In addition, a new combined Dance/Gymnastic Program will be introduced. For information and registration please call 278-3514 ✓ Vancouver Amateur Netball is accepting registrations for teams of all ages (Youth & Adult). Teams are located throughout the Lower Mainland. Call 283-1820 for details.

Sept 8/9 - Thrift Sale, Unitarian Church, 949 West 49th Ave at Oak. Fri 6-9, Sat 10-11
Sept 9 - Thrift Sale, West Point Grey United, 4595 West 8th at Tolmie, 10-2
Sept 10 - Flea Mkt, Croation Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Dr. 10 am-3 pm. Adm \$2.
Sept 11 - Canadian Herb Society invites you to hear Wendy Holm M.Sc. P.Ag. speak on *Canada/Cuba - Farmer to Farmer Project*, at VanDusen Gardens, 5251 Oak St Vancouver V6M 4H1. Adm \$10. Rsv: Call Pearl at 266-2280 or Audrey at 224-0457.

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 TransLink 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: 953-3333. West Vancouver 985-7777, or call Talking Yellow Pages: 299-9000, #2233. ON THE WEB: www.translink.bc.ca

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MORE SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

Fall service improvements, effective September 4

These are in addition to the improvements listed in the August 18 issue of The Buzzer

#1 Beach/Waterfront Station

#50 Waterfront Station/False Creek S.

These routes will be extended to a new terminus on eastbound Keefer Street, farside of Taylor Street. This will bring bus service closer to the new developments around International Village.

#3 Main/Downtown

#20 Victoria/Downtown

Evening service until about 9:00 pm will be increased to every 8-12 minutes.

#17 Oak/Downtown

Northbound morning peak service will be increased by adding a trip that will arrive downtown between 8:30 and 9:00 am.

#99 B-Line

Late night service between UBC and Broadway Station, from approximately 9:30 pm to the end of service, will be increased to every 15 minutes.

#100 New Westminster/Airport

#404 Ladner Exchange/Airport

Morning peak service will be increased by adding earlier trips scheduled to arrive at Vancouver International Airport before 5:50 am. Because the new Airport Station will not be ready until early October, connections with the 98 B-Line will be made on street.

Airport connections: the #98 B-Line from Vancouver will follow the regular route across Arthur Laing Bridge, go west on Miller Road to a stop at Alymer (across from Park & Fly lot). **Returning to Vancouver, the 98 B-Line** will loop around to Miller Road and leave from the eastbound stop. Then follow the regular route.

#104 Annacis Island/22nd St Station

Northbound morning peak service will be increased by adding a trip from Annacis Island between 7:30 and 8:45 am to serve Port Royal.

#123 New Westminster Stn/Burrard Stn

Northbound morning peak service leaving New Westminster Station between 7:30 and 8:45 am will be increased to every 10-12 minutes.

#131 Edmonds Station/Kootenay Loop

Northbound evening peak service leaving Edmonds Station between 5:30 and 6:30 pm will be increased to every 20 minutes.

#133 SFU/Metrotown Station

Morning peak departure times will be adjusted slightly.

#246 Lonsdale Quay/Highland/Vancouver

Westbound morning peak service will be increased by adding an earlier trip to Marine and Garden, where there will be a timed connection with service scheduled to arrive downtown before 6:30 am.

#247 Upper Capilano/Vancouver

The afternoon peak routing will be changed in the Upper Capilano area to simplify the route and improve bus operations. Westbound buses will travel along Clements Avenue instead of Montroyal Blvd.

#43 Joyce Station/UBC Express

This new limited-stop express service will connect SkyTrain (Joyce Station) and central Vancouver with UBC during the morning and evening peak periods, Monday to Friday, with frequencies up to every 15 minutes and every 30 minutes in the midday. Trips will operate primarily with articulated buses and stop for pick-up and drop-off at transfer points on 41 st Ave. Future improvements will be developed as ridership increases.



FUNDING:
EXPLORING ALL
THE OPTIONS

Open Houses

6:00-9:00 pm

Pick the date and location that suits you best, look at the information available on funding options for the Strategic Transportation Plan and feel free to discuss it with a TransLink representative. We look forward to your feedback.

Thursday, September 7 Vancouver

Vancouver Public Library
350 West Georgia

Tuesday, September 12 Richmond

Richmond Inn
7551 Westminster Hwy

Wednesday, September 13 Ridge Meadows

Ramada Inn Pitt Meadows
19267 Lougheed Hwy
Pitt Meadows

Thursday, September 14 Delta

Delta Town and Country
6005 Hwy 17 at Hwy 99
Delta

Tuesday, September 19 Surrey

Days Hotel Surrey Centre
9850 King George Hwy
(King George & Fraser)
Surrey

Wednesday, September 20 Tri-Cities

Coquitlam City Hall
3000 Guildford Way
Coquitlam

Thursday, September 21 Burnaby/New Westminster

Elks Community Hall
6884 Jubilee at Imperial
Burnaby

Tuesday, September 26 Langley

Newlands Golf & Country Club
21025-48th Avenue
Langley

Wednesday, September 27 Vancouver

Italian Cultural Centre
3075 Slocan Street
Vancouver

Thursday, September 28 North Shore

District of North Vancouver
City Hall
355 West Queens Avenue

Tuesday, October 3 White Rock/South Surrey

Centennial Park, Pavillion Hall
14600 North Bluff Road
White Rock

Small Vehicle. Big Benefit. Introducing the Burnaby Heights Community Shuttle

Starting this September 4th we're making a small but significant change to the transit service in Burnaby Heights - it's called Community Shuttle. It's a small vehicle that delivers big benefits.

With extremely low ridership levels on the #139 route and the planned introduction of traffic calming measures that preclude the use of full-size buses in Burnaby Heights, Translink concluded that the Community Shuttle, introduced in the Strategic Transportation Plan was the answer.

To provide shuttle service in the Burnaby Heights area, TransLink has reached an agreement with Bonny's Taxi Ltd. They will replace the conventional #139 bus service with a vehicle that has room for eight passengers, including two wheelchair-accessible positions. They will maintain existing levels of service while providing greater flexibility and accessibility and reducing operating costs.

For instance, during the daytime, Burnaby Heights Community Shuttle will operate on a set schedule, but in the evening customers can ask the driver to deviate off the route to deliver them to their homes.

The regular TransLink transit fare system applies.

Monday, September 4 Labour Day

SkyTrain, SeaBus and Coast Mountain Bus services will operate on Sunday schedules.

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

From Waterfront Station, the first and last SkyTrains will leave at 7:50 am and 12:15 am.

From Lonsdale Quay, 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.

Why is abbreviation such a long word?