

Take the Challenge and win!

The provincial government, ICBC and Autoplan brokers are challenging BC communities to help reduce crashes - and win prizes.

Communities are trying to reduce the number of crashes involving their residents during the Community Crash Reduction Challenge, May 5 to 27.

Registered communities can compete to win a Road Safety Grant of up to \$35,000.

Individuals can get involved too. Help bring down the crash rate in your community by driving, cycling and walking safely. Or take public transit. TransLink offers many options for commuters that help reduce traffic congestion and can save you time and money.

The top 5 locations for crashes in the Lower Mainland are:

1. Highway 1 and Willingdon Ave.
2. Knight Street Bridge
3. Port Mann Bridge
4. Knight St. & Knight St. Bridge & Marine Drive
5. Alex Fraser Bridge

Pledge to drive safely on the Official Challenge Website at www.icbc.com and you can enter to win travel vouchers, cash and other exciting prizes. The contest closes on May 27. For more information on the Community Crash Reduction Challenge, visit www.icbc.com

COMING EVENTS

Birding in Richmond, May 15 & June 19, 9 to 10 am. Join a naturalist at Terra Nova West parking lot at 9 am. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Suitable for novices 13 plus, Free ✓ Marble and wood figurative sculptures by Valeri Sokolovski at Surrey Art Gallery 'til June 13. ✓ The Federation of Canadian Artists presents its Juried Group Art Show at the Surrey Arts Centre 'til May 31, 88 Ave at King George Hwy in Bear Creek Park. Adm free ✓ Does public speaking stress you out? Positive Thinkers Toastmasters can help you master the art with opportunities to practise, learn and have fun. Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, BC Hydro Building, 333 Dunsmuir St. Call Debbie at 604-876-3542 ✓ The H.R.MacMillan Space Centre hosts The Canadian National Marsville Program, a cross-curricular program where students use a Mars theme to work on subject areas in science, math, technology, communications, humanities and social sciences. ✓ 21st Century Antiques Fair with 150 tables and booths of 19th & 20th Century antiques and collectibles. Sunday, June 6, 10 am to 3 pm. Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive at 16th Ave. Vancouver. Adm \$3. Free parking. Cafe & snack bar ✓ Ladies Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion Spring Tea, 3249 Kingsway, Vancouver. Sat, May 29, 12:30 to 3 pm. \$3. Baking, crafts, games & fun ✓ June 3, Thrift Shop closing-for-summer sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10 am to 2 pm. Clothing, housewares, books, toys, etc. ✓ Sale of Pottery made by potters of the West End Pottery Studio, May 22 & 23, West End Community Centre, 870 Denman St, 10 am to 4 pm ✓ Rediscover three of Vancouver's best attractions with the Explore Pass. - The H.R.MacMillan Space Centre, The Vancouver Museum and the Vancouver Maritime Museum. All are located in Vanier Park, minutes from the downtown core. Valid from May 1 to October 31, 2004, the Explore Pass gives you one admission to each of the three attractions at one low price. The Explore Pass can be purchased from Tourism Vancouver, the Vancouver Trolley and any of the Vanier Park attractions for \$25 (adult) and \$20 (youths & seniors) inc.GST ✓ Take the challenge to make our roads safer. 'Til May 27, the provincial government, ICBC and Autoplan brokers are challenging BC residents to drive, walk and cycle safely in the Community Crash Reduction Challenge. Compete for road safety grants of up to \$35,000. Go to www.icbc.com for full details on how to take part in the Challenge ✓ Join a naturalist for a walk along "Pilgrim's Way" and view the Fraser Valley from the Bluffs at Westminster Abbey on Thursday, May 20 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm Participants will also enjoy a tour of Westminster Abbey, a Benedictine monastery. Please wear long pants, visitors may not enter the church in shorts. Bus leaves Nature Park at 9:30 am. Bring binoculars or camera and dress for the weather. Fee: \$20 per person incl. transportation. Pre-registration required. Phone 604-276-4300 ✓ Sponsored by Global Television, The Quest For Origins launches in Vancouver at the H.R.MacMillan Space Centre on Sat, May 22 and will be shown weekends and holidays at 1 pm 'til June 30. Entry to the Star Theatre is included with a general admission ticket to the Space Centre ✓ A two-year Recreation Diploma Program at Langara College will allow graduates to work in leading recreation programs, manage recreation facilities, organize special events, run a small recreation business, contract services or related activities. Four stream options include: Leadership, Facilities, Service Delivery and Enterprise. Recruitment for September now underway. Info: Vince Kreiser, Phone (604) 323-5276, or www.langara.bc.ca/hprec

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Ride Transit... Get a Clean Air Day Button between May 26 and 31 & You could be a winner!

Once again, TransLink is proud to host a customer appreciation event to thank our customers for their positive contribution to air quality in the Greater Vancouver region by riding transit. This year's prize draw is our biggest yet! TransLink staff will distribute 100,000 Clean Air Day buttons across the transit system. Contest rules are found on the card accompanying each button.

Ride transit between May 26 and 31 and get a Clean Air Day button while supplies last. On June 2nd, if you're spotted riding transit and wearing your button, you could be randomly selected by transit staff to win one of hundreds of prizes including a Norco Rocky Mountaineer bike, monthly transit passes, tickets to the Aquarium, Playland, sporting events and more!

**Remember! ...
You've got to ride
to win!**

• TransLink and subsidiary employees are not eligible to win!



Savings by FareCard

	Cost of 20 Reg. Adult Cash Fare	On your monthly commute save
Adult FareCard	Return Trips	
1-Zone \$63	\$80	\$17
2-Zone \$87	\$120	\$33
3-Zone \$120	\$160	\$40

GRADPASS: Two days free travel for grads

Compliments of TransLink, graduating Grade 12 students can enjoy two days of free travel between May 15 and June 30.

"The excellent is new forever" Ralph Waldo Emerson

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New bus stops shed light on transit users and schedules

TransLink has initiated a pilot program to demonstrate new, solar-powered LED (light emitting diode) illuminated bus stops at 17 locations to improve service for bus riders and attract more people to transit.

The new stops - called i-STOP - include lighting for the passenger waiting area and a flashing beacon to notify bus drivers that a passenger is waiting at the stop. Some stops also feature a bus schedule with backlighting for better night time readability. Locations with poor visibility, low lighting levels and/or a high demand for schedule information were selected for the i-STOP pilot.

The i-STOP features highly-visible yellow trim and octagonal poles so that people with visual-impairments can more easily distinguish them from signage poles.

These environmentally-sound, passenger-friendly bus stops are a good initiative to improve customer service, said TransLink chair Doug McCallum. Improving the transit experience will help more people make the decision to use the bus.

The i-STOP bus stops are produced by Carmanah Technologies, a B.C. company and have been installed in 60 transit systems in North America. The units use built-in solar panels to charge batteries that power the LED lights. The LED's use 90 per cent less electricity than regular light bulbs and are rated for 100,000 hours, which translates to over 20 years of normal use. The whole system is maintenance-free and vandal-proof. Under normal usage, the i-STOP will operate for ten days without sunlight and requires only two hours of sunlight to fully recharge. Batteries are replaced every five years and are 97 percent recyclable.

TransLink will monitor customer feedback on the i-STOPS until January 2005. Based on customer response, TransLink will determine whether the i-STOP program is to be expanded to include more areas.



i-STOP

LOCATIONS

- Eastbound 41st Ave farside of Victoria
- Southbound Westbrook Mall 2200 block
- Southbound Willingdon farside of Canada Way
- Westbound Douglas Crescent nearside 203 West Street
- Westbound Marine Drive farside of Gilley Ave
- Phibbs Exchange Bay 10 Northbound Pinetree farside of Lincoln
- Southbound Lonsdale Ave farside of West 15th
- Southbound Scott Rd farside of 70th Ave
- Northbound 150th St farside 107A Ave
- Eastbound 108th Ave farside of 134th St (West Whalley Ring Rd)
- Westbound Ladner Trunk Rd farside of Hwy 17
- Westbound Lougheed Hwy farside of Ottawa St
- Northbound #3 Rd farside of Cook Road
- Joyce Station - Bay 3
- Eastbound Kingsway farside Sussex St.

Making our world accessible to those with disabilities

Can you find the poster on the bus with this message?

Did you know that one person in every sixteen in B.C. has a disability?

For people with disabilities and impaired mobility, barriers to accessibility can be barriers to full participation in community life. Accessible public transportation and designated accessible parking are key components of a welcoming community. You can help make them a reality for many more.

SPARC BC (Social Planning and Research Council) is proud to celebrate its 7th Annual Access Awareness Day on June 5th. In partnership with TransLink and BC Transit, it encourages all BC citizens to help make our world accessible.

SPARC BC's mission is to work with communities in building a just and healthy society for all. Their programs contribute to the goals of fostering the social and economic well being of individuals and communities, including the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities, Research & Consulting Services, and Community development education initiatives.

SPARC BC needs your help and invites you to join them in celebrating Awareness Day in your community. Visit SPARC BC's website www.sparc.bc.ca or contact them at info@sparc.bc.ca or phone 604-718-7733.

SkyTrain Saturday morning track maintenance

Scheduled track maintenance will affect SkyTrain service on Saturday mornings from start of service until approximately 10 am every week until mid-July. Millennium Line passengers change trains at either Columbia or Broadway/Commercial.

Reduced frequency on the Expo Line between Waterfront and King George.

Some additional trains will operate between Waterfront and Metrotown.

Please allow an extra 10 to 15 minutes for your trip, watch for signs, listen for announcements.