

Vancity U-PASS December service changes

• 17 Downtown/UBC/Oak

Due to removal of trolley wires near Cambie Bridge (to permit construction of Canda Line), the 17 will be temporarily rerouted westbound on Broadway to Granville St. and Seymour St. to maintain service to/from downtown. The downtown routing of the 17 is also changing to travel north along Seymour to Robson, west along Robson, then south on Howe.

• 41 Joyce Station/Crown or UBC

Improved service in weekday rush hours; 10-minute service extended until 9 p.m. weekdays

• 49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop or UBC

Improved (12 minute) service Sundays and holidays

• 84 UBC/VCC-Clark Station

Improved (10 minute) service during weekday afternoon rush hours

• 135 Burrard Station/SFU

Improved (5 minute) service during weekday rush hours.



The Vancity U-Pass gives UBC and SFU students unlimited access to bus, SeaBus and SkyTrain and discounts on West Coast Express. U-Pass offers service equivalent to a 3-zone pass for much less.

DELTA/SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

• 321 Surrey Central Station/Newton Exchange / White Rock Centre/White Rock South

Improved (20-minute) service between Newton Exchange and White Rock Centre, Mon. to Fri 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; improved (10 minute) service between Newton Exchange and Surrey Central Station, Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Service between White Rock Centre and King George Highway at 11th Ave. will now share with the new 375 route.

• 354 White Rock Centre/Vancouver

Additional northbound trip weekdays, departing at 7:18 a.m.

• 375 White Rock South/Guildford

This new route links White Rock Centre/South Surrey and Guildford/North Surrey, hourly seven days a week along 152 St., with extension to 11th Ave via 16th Ave and King George that replaces the 321 service on this segment during the operating hours of the 375.

• 502 Surrey Central Station/Langley Centre/Aldergrove/ Brookwood

Improved service (every 10 minutes westbound, 12 minutes eastbound) weekday morning rush hours; 10 minute service eastbound weekdays 4 to 6 p.m. between Surrey Central Station and Langley Centre

• 640 Scott Road Station/Ladner Exchange

Minor re-routing near Tilbury Industrial Park for all "via Industrial" trips (weekday morning and afternoon peak periods) to avoid traffic congestion

• C74 Fraser Heights/Guildford/Surrey Central Station

Improved (30 minute) service midday weekdays and weekend/holiday afternoons with an hourly extension to Surrey Central Station

MAPLE RIDGE/PITT MEADOWS

• 791 Haney Place/Braid Station

This new limited-stop route provides a more direct link between Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows and SkyTrain. Some customers travelling to/from Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam will also benefit from this new service. Initially, the 791 will provide service every 30 minutes during weekday rush hours only.

• C47 Alouette/Haney Place

Revised schedule times for trips operating to Yennadon Loop to better match Alouette River Campus student travel patterns.

TRI-CITIES

• 169 Coquitlam Station/Braid Station

Improved (30 minute) Sunday / holiday service

• 791 Haney Place/Braid Station

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• C28 Port Moody Station/Coquitlam Station

Improved (15 minute) service during rush hours

• N9 Coquitlam Station/Downtown

The eastbound N9 will now enter the bus loops at Gilmore, Sperling and Production Way Stations, improving customer safety and convenience.

Christmas and Boxing Day – service schedule changes

TransLink and its bus operating subsidiary, Coast Mountain Bus Company, are introducing special Christmas Day and Boxing Day schedules on many routes to reflect the actual demand for service on those days. On these days, a number of routes will operate on the standard Sunday/holiday schedule, and other routes will run more or less frequently. For a full list of Christmas Day and Boxing Day service schedules, watch for the Dec. 22 issue of The Buzzer. You can also visit www.translink.bc.ca or call Customer Information at 604-953-3333.

BUZZER

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More bus service improvements coming Dec. 18

Since TransLink's inception seven years ago, 2006 has been one of the busiest for service improvements. With help from public input into seven area transit plans, created for the various communities of the Greater Vancouver region, more bus and Community Shuttle improvements take effect Dec. 18 and more SeaBus sailings begin Jan. 1, 2007. Look inside for details.

Please note: All regular bus routes are listed first, followed by Community Shuttle [C] and then NightBus [N] routes. For complete service change details and route schedules, visit www.translink.bc.ca, or call Customer Information at 604-953-3333.

New service changes and bus re-routings effective Dec. 18

VANCOUVER/BURNABY/NEW WESTMINSTER

• 17 Downtown/UBC/Oak

Trolley wires near Cambie Bridge have been removed to permit construction of Canada Line. The 17 will use Granville Bridge to enter/leave downtown. Downtown area routing is also changing. The 17 will travel north along Seymour to Robson, west along Robson and then south on Howe. This rerouting is expected to stay in place for two years.

• 41 Joyce Station/Crown or UBC

Improved service in weekday rush hours; 10 minute service extended until 9 p.m. weekdays

• 49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop or UBC

Improved (12 minute) service Sundays and holidays

• 84 UBC/VCC-Clark Station

Improved (10 minute) service during weekday afternoon rush hours

• 100 Airport Station/22nd Street Station

Improved (30 minute) service Sunday/holidays 6:15 – 9:15 a.m.

• 130 Metrotown Station/Hastings/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano College

Route extended during daytime and early evenings to/from Phibbs Exchange. During morning and afternoon rush hours, route will be further extended to Capilano College. Kootenay Loop is the northern terminus at all other times.

• 135 Burrard Station/SFU

Improved (5 minute) service during weekday rush hours.

• 137 Capitol Hill/Hastings

This route is being discontinued and replaced by a new Community Shuttle, the C2 Capitol Hill/Hastings at Gilmore (see C2 next column).

• 354 White Rock Centre/Vancouver

Additional northbound trip weekdays, departing at 7:18 a.m.

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• 410 22nd Street Station/Railway

Improved morning rush-hour service between 22nd Street Station and Richmond Centre; 4:58 p.m. westbound trip extended to Steveston

• 488 Burrard Station/Garden City

To accommodate Canada Line construction, the 488 will now use Granville Bridge instead of Cambie Bridge to enter/leave downtown Vancouver. The bus will travel along Broadway between Granville Street and Oak Street instead of between Cambie and Oak.

• 492 Burrard Station/Two Road

To accommodate Canada Line construction, the 492 will now use Granville Bridge instead of Cambie Bridge to enter/leave downtown Vancouver. The bus will travel along Broadway between Granville Street and Oak Street instead of between Cambie and Oak.

• C1 Hastings at Gilmore/Kootenay Loop

Service begins approximately 30 minutes earlier each morning.

• C2 Capitol Hill/Hastings at Gilmore

This new Community shuttle route replaces the 137 route, with neighbourhood-friendly vehicles and improved local access to the nearby Burnaby Heights business community.

• C21 Yaletown/Beach/Burrard Station and

• C23 Main Street Station/Davie

Improved evening service, including extended hours of operation.

• N9 Coquitlam Station/Downtown

The eastbound N9 will enter the bus loops at Gilmore, Sperling and Production Way Stations, improving customer safety and convenience.

NORTH SHORE

• SeaBus

Beginning Jan. 1, 2007, there will be one additional SeaBus sailing in each direction Saturdays at 6:17 p.m. (southbound) and 6:31 p.m. (northbound), as well as one additional late night sailing in each direction Mon. to Sat. to provide service to/from the last SkyTrain.

• 130 Metrotown Station/Hastings/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano College

Route extended during the daytime and early evenings to/from Phibbs Exchange. During morning and afternoon rush hours, the route will be further extended to Capilano College. Kootenay Loop is the northern terminus at all other times.

• 230 Upper Lonsdale/Lonsdale Quay

One additional trip in each direction Saturday evening and northbound only Mon-Sat late night to connect customers with the additional SeaBus sailings. (Bus changes effective Dec 18; SeaBus changes effective Jan. 1)

• 239 Park Royal/Lonsdale Quay/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano College

One additional trip in each direction Saturday evening to connect customers with additional SeaBus sailings; one additional eastbound trip plus a westbound extension to Park Royal, Mon. to Sat. late night to provide bus service for customers departing the additional late-night SeaBus sailing. (Bus changes effective Dec. 18; SeaBus changes effective Jan. 1)

RICHMOND

• 100 Airport Station/22 Street Station

Improved (30 minute) service Sunday early mornings

• 405 Cambie/Five Road

Additional weekday northbound trip leaving Riverside at 7:44 p.m.

• 410 22nd Street Station/Railway

Improved morning rush-hour service between 22nd Street Station and Richmond Centre; 4:58 pm westbound trip extended to Steveston

• 424 Airport Station/Airport

All evening service provided by conventional 40-foot buses running every 15 minutes

• 488 Burrard Station/Garden City

To allow construction of the Canada Line rapid transit project, the 488 will now use Granville Bridge instead of Cambie Bridge to enter/leave downtown Vancouver. The bus will travel along Broadway between Granville Street and Oak Street instead of between Cambie and Oak.

• 492 Burrard Station/Two Road

To allow construction of the Canada Line rapid transit project, the 492 will now use Granville Bridge instead of Cambie Bridge to enter/leave downtown Vancouver. The bus will travel along Broadway between Granville Street and Oak Street instead of between Cambie and Oak.

• C95 River Road/Alderbridge/Richmond Centre

This new Community Shuttle route, running Monday to Saturday, provides service twice per hour on a loop serving the City Centre south area (as far north as Alderbridge). Every second trip will extend north to River Road, providing hourly service for that segment of the route.

Dec. 18 bus service improvements

For full details and route schedules, visit www.translink.bc.ca