

Millennium Line celebrates five year anniversary with growing ridership

The SkyTrain Millennium Line will soon celebrate its fifth anniversary. Since the line opened in 2002, ridership has steadily grown and has increased by 55 per cent since 2003.



On an average weekday, about 70,000 passengers travel this section of our SkyTrain system between Sapperton and VCC-Clark.

This includes nearly 7,000 trips made to or from the Surrey section of the Expo Line, and

another 14,000 to or from New Westminster and South Burnaby stations, confirming that the rapid transit system serves many suburb-to-suburb trips and not only commutes to downtown.

Much of the growth in TransLink's Employer Pass Program, where employees purchase monthly transit passes on a payroll deduction plan, has been to destinations along the Millennium Line.

Major residential and commercial developments have also been drawn to areas near Millennium Line stations in Burnaby around Gilmore, Brentwood, Holdom and Production Way stations and in New Westminster at the old brewery site. These developments will result in even more passengers on the line.

The delivery of 34 new SkyTrain cars in 2009 will help to accommodate continued ridership growth on both the Millennium and Expo Lines.

Further ridership increases will come when the Evergreen LRT Line connecting the Lougheed and Coquitlam Town Centres is completed.

Show operator your proof of payment when boarding a bus



Customers are expected to show the Operator any ticket or pass that is not placed into the farebox for validation or verification. This applies to all buses across the

system, including the 99 B-Line 3-door articulated bus, when boarding through the front door.

Remember to retain the proof of payment provided when paying a cash fare. Customers are also reminded that they must produce valid proof of payment when requested by Fare Enforcement members or risk a fine of \$173.

Transit schedule for B.C. Day – Aug 6

All transit services will operate on Sunday/holiday schedule for B.C. Day – Aug 6.

SkyTrain

First train from King George: 7:08 a.m.

First train from Lougheed: 7:15 a.m.

First train from Waterfront: 7:50 a.m.

Last train from Waterfront: 12:15 a.m.

SeaBus

From Lonsdale Quay: 8:02 a.m. to 11:02 p.m.

From Waterfront: 8:16 a.m. to 11:16 p.m.

SeaBus will run every 15 minutes during mid-day; every 30 minutes early morning and evening.

West Coast Express No service.

Bus and Community Shuttles

See Sunday timetables, at www.translink.bc.ca

Fares: Single-zone fares for B.C. Day (all transit)

COMING EVENTS

2007 HSBC Celebration of Light grand finale, Sat., Aug. 4, English Bay, 10 p.m., rain or shine, remember to take your garbage home with you, for event info visit www.celebration-of-light.com ✓ Richard Koops and his Koop deVilles is hosting a Roots & Rock-a-Billy music jam every Sunday in August at the Royal Canadian Legion, 6th and Commercial Drive, Vancouver from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., free admission, open to everyone (19 and older), enjoy the music, dance, musicians invited to bring an instrument and join in the fun. ✓ Vancouver's 34th Chariot Festival, Aug. 12, 11:30 a.m., parade of three chariots starts under Granville St. Bridge on Beach Ave., parade travels from Beach Ave. to Second Beach where events will include live music, childrens activity centre, vegetarian feast, for info www.vanchariotfestival.com ✓ Blueberry sale and Llama walk for all ages, Richmond Nature Park, 11851 Westminster Hwy., Sunday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., admission by donation, enjoy old-fashioned blueberry tea and more, then meet four-legged guests up close on leisurely stroll along forest trail, plus Bats – Creatures of the Night, 6+ years, Sat., Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m., \$3, bats are among nature's most fascinating animals, naturalist Dale Minchin will talk about conservation and survival of world's only flying mammal, includes short walk around pond in search of park's resident bats ✓ 3rd Annual Movies Under the Stars, Sat., Aug. 18, free admission, Station Tower, 108 and West Walley Ring Road, entertainment and games from around the world, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Send information for Coming Events to thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca

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PNE Special buses make it easy to get to the fair

This year's Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is on from Aug. 18 to Sept. 3 and TransLink is once again offering many Special buses to help get you to the fair. If you're interested in learning about the most convenient way to get to the PNE, without the hassles and cost of parking and gasoline, look inside for a list of transit routes and schedules.

See back panel for bus proof of payment information.

Bus routes and Specials to the PNE August 18 to September 3

In addition to the regular transit routes and schedules, TransLink offers several daily Special buses right to the Coliseum Loop during the fair.

Going to the PNE from Vancouver

- Catch the #16 PNE Special from 29th Ave. SkyTrain Station, every 15 min. beginning at 9:55 a.m. until 12:10 a.m. (midnight). Bus picks up at all stops along Renfrew Street, including Renfrew SkyTrain station (Millennium Line).

Returning from the PNE

- Last bus leaves Coliseum Loop at 12:10 a.m.

Going to the PNE from North Vancouver

- Catch the #210 PNE Special service from Phibbs Exchange (North Vancouver) every 30 min., beginning at 9:47 a.m.

Returning from the PNE

- Bus leaves Coliseum Loop every 30 min., 10:00 a.m. to 12 midnight.

Going to the PNE from West Vancouver

- Catch the West Vancouver Blue Bus PNE Special from Horseshoe Bay at 8:25 a.m., 9:25 a.m. and 10:25 a.m.
- Specials from 25th and Marine Drive pick up at all stops through to Park Royal Shopping Center at 10:20 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Returning from the PNE

- Buses leave Pacific Coliseum loop at 12:00 p.m., 1:25 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. (Note: All trips between 1:25 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. travel all the way to Horseshoe Bay.)

Please note that if the civic labour dispute is still active at PNE time and there are picket lines on site, buses will not cross the lines but will load and unload passengers on Renfrew Street.



Bus change notice – Richmond No. 3 Rd., Northbound, starting Mon., Aug. 13

Due to Canada Line construction, TransLink buses that normally travel northbound on No. 3 Road, between Cook Road and Lansdowne Road, will be temporarily re-routed beginning Mon., Aug. 13. These changes are expected to remain in effect until late November. The 98 B-Line–Burrard Station, 410 22nd Street Station and N10 Downtown will



be re-routed east along Cook, then north to designated stops along Cooney Road, before heading west on Lansdowne back to No. 3 Road.

The 405 Cambie, 480 UBC and C96 East Cambie will also be re-routed east along Cook and north on Cooney, before turning east on Lansdowne to resume their normal routes. Please note that the 480 UBC is being permanently re-routed to travel eastbound on Lansdowne, instead of Alderbridge Way, also effective Aug. 13.

The 401 One Road and 407 Gilbert buses will be re-routed to turn south from Cook onto No. 3 Road, then west on Granville Avenue and north on Minoru Boulevard, before resuming normal routing west on Westminster Highway.

All stops along these temporary routes will be clearly marked.

Buses that travel southbound on No. 3 Road will remain on their regular routes.

Visit www.translink.bc.ca for more information, including maps of the re-routes. You can also call TransLink Customer Information at 604-953-3333.

More bus improvements will begin in September

Monday, Sept. 3 marks the next round of bus service improvements. Major changes will include:

- A new C70 Community Shuttle service linking Clayton Heights to Cloverdale and Willowbrook
- Conversion of the existing 340 route into two routes — a revised 340 Newton Exchange/Scottsdale/22nd Street Station and a 341 Cloverdale/Newton Exchange/Guildford — with improved service frequency
- Re-routing of the 395 to run along 64 Avenue between 168 Street and 192 Street
- New peak-period routing for the 410 along Fraserwood Way and Westminster Highway, plus more frequent service in peak periods
- More frequent service for the 84 and 106 routes



Watch for more details in the next issue of The Buzzer on Aug. 24. Beginning Aug. 22, complete information, including updated route diagrams and timetables, will be available on www.translink.bc.ca