

## Thanks for the art on Main!

And thanks to Maggie P of Vancouver for emailing the Buzzer (at thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca) with the following kind words!

*I just read The Buzzer (Jan. 23, 2009 issue) and wanted to say thanks to TransLink for the art on Main programme! When I saw the afghan pattern on the bus side and back last month, I assumed it was a just more advertising, but I was delighted when I realized it was art!*

*Such a delight to see a bus covered in not-advertising at a time when nearly everything is plastered with ads to the point where the eyes automatically move quickly away from the image.*

*Thank you so much for this playful and unexpected display.*



## Champ of the call centre!

A pat on the back for Bob H, Coast Mountain Bus Company's Customer Relations Work Leader.

Bob, a 28 year employee, placed second in the American Public Transportation Association 2009 Call Centre Challenge National Competition.

The challenge recognizes those who excel in providing top customer service within public transportation call centres. The competition was open to call centre personnel in North America.

Last year, Sandra Tobin from Coast Mountain also placed second in this competition. Yeah Bob!



Congratulations to Bob H, Customer Relations Work Leader!

## Cambie construction ends with a free concert

Join us at lower Cambie Village, between 6th Ave and Broadway, on Saturday, Apr. 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., as we celebrate the completion of Canada Line construction and the re-opening of Cambie Street!

There's lots of free street-side stuff planned, like a video game tent, product sampling and giveaways, and entertaining activities for the entire family.

The event will also feature a free concert by 54-40 at 3:30 p.m. outside the Best Buy at 6th and Cambie!

We'll continue celebrating at the Official Cambie All Access After-Party at Original Joe's (2525 Cambie Street) which will feature lots of great dinner and drink specials and live music!

For more, visit [shoptheline.ca](http://shoptheline.ca) or [bestbuy.ca/cambieallaccess](http://bestbuy.ca/cambieallaccess).

## COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Bonsor Complex-Seniors Day Trips.** April day trips for those 55+. Call 604-439-5510 for information.
- ✓ **Vancouver Women's Musical Society** presents *Winter Harp*, Apr. 15, 11am, Unitarian Church, 49 & Oak. Advance tickets 604-535-2041
- ✓ **Betty Huff Theatre** presents the musical *Willy Wonka Jr.* Apr. 20-23, 7pm. \$6 at door. 10355 Huntley Ave, Surrey. Info 604-585-3104
- ✓ **Mature Women's Network** (women 40+) presents guest speaker Amy Clausen of Emily Carr University of Art and Design on "Finding your Creative Inspiration" with courses, art galleries and local upcoming arts events. Apr. 25, 12:30pm registration, 1-3pm program and social. \$4 includes refreshments, door prizes. Bring & buy small used items and books. 411 Dunsmuir. Info 604-681-3986.
- ✓ **Law Week 2009** takes place from Apr. 16-26. The free **Vancouver Law Day Open House** takes place Apr. 25, Vancouver Public Library, 350 W Georgia St., 10am to 2:30pm. Events include law classes, displays, Dial-A-Lawyer, mock trials for students - a public speaking contest and outreach program, citizenship ceremonies, and a public forum featuring senior representatives of the Justice System.
- ✓ **Kwacha Group** presents the **Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary Society's Spring Fund Raiser**, featuring vintage linens, lace, table clothes and other treasures. Apr. 24, 10am to 3pm and Apr. 25, 9am to 1pm. Corner of Buena Vista and Centre St., White Rock. Free.
- ✓ **St. Philip's Anglican Church Fall Rummage Sale.** Apr. 25, 9am to 1pm, 3737 West 27 Ave. Vancouver.
- ✓ **P.M. Christian Women Social Club Luncheon**, Apr. 25, 11:30am, Happy Valley Restaurant, 3432 E. Broadway, Vancouver, \$12/person. Invite a friend. Reservations required. Call 604-939-7291.
- ✓ **Shadbolt Centre for the Arts - Ensembles' Musical Concert**, Apr. 26, 2pm. String, wind and vocal student ensembles Free, 6450 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby. More info: Robi Bater at 604-205-3011
- ✓ **Local Volkssport Club 10K walks:** May 2, Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park; May 9, Ladner; May 16, Shaughnessy and May 24, Horseshoe Bay. New participants free. Info, Verni at 604-682-8390.
- ✓ **Port Moody Ecological Society Fingerling Festival**, May 2, 11am-3pm Noons Creek Hatchery & arena, 300 loco Rd., Port Moody. Release 35,000 young chum salmon so they can begin their ocean journey. Musical performances, crafts, 45+ displays, raffle and more. Free. Info 604-469-9106, [cynthiavg@shaw.ca](mailto:cynthiavg@shaw.ca), [www.noonscreek.org](http://www.noonscreek.org)
- ✓ **New Westminster Horticultural Society Plant Sale.** For sale - thousands of popular and unusual plants from the gardens of members and friends. May 3, 10am-4pm, Glenbrook Middle School, 701 Park Cr, New Westminster. Info [www.newwesthortsociety.org](http://www.newwesthortsociety.org)

Send your community events to [thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca](mailto:thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca)

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## BACK ISSUES

*Back Issues* is a new section that mines past issues of *The Buzzer* for nuggets of transit history. Huzzah!

**1954** We don't know when the last one was held, but Vancouver's very first meat fair was back in February 1954. Check out this story from the Feb. 19, 1954 Buzzer, describing all the fair's delights...

### MEAT FAIR

*Vancouver's first Meat Fair gets underway next Monday in the Peter Pan Ballroom, 1636 West Broadway. Four sessions are scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m., both on Monday and Tuesday.*

*The speakers will outline the processing, inspecting, grading and marketing of meat, and its nutrition values and versatility as a food.*

*A side of beef will be used to illustrate the various cuts and Miss Bea Millar and Miss Diane Newcomb of the B.C. Electric Home Service Centre have been chosen to demonstrate how best to cook various meats.*

*The Fair is sponsored by local retail stores, meat-packing companies, and the Canadian Association of Consumers. A big turnout is expected and cuts of meat will be given away as door prizes.*

*Better get there early!*



Miss Bea Millar and Miss Diane Newcomb, as they were in 1954.

## Good Friday & Easter Monday service

**DON'T FORGET** the Easter weekend holiday service!

On **Good Friday (Apr. 10)**, transit runs on holiday service and you pay a single-zone fare to travel in all zones all day. **Easter Monday** we're back to regular service and fares.

## Happy 10th Birthday TransLink!

My, how time flies when you're having fun! TransLink turns a happy 10 years old on April 1. Since 1999, we've accomplished a lot and are proud to boast about it!

- » We bought a third SeaBus, 108 SkyTrain cars, nine West Coast Express cars, 1,500 new or replacement buses and expanded service
- » We will open the Canada Line early
- » Our ridership has increased by almost one-third
- » SkyTrain carried a billion passengers
- » We built the Golden Ears Bridge
- » AirCare tests reduced 180,000+ tonnes of vehicle emissions



To read about more stuff, click on 'Projects' at [www.translink.bc.ca](http://www.translink.bc.ca).

## The Buzzer's contest corner!

**MARCH ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER** You'll have to wait until next issue to find out the winner of the March FareCard contest—the final date for entries was mistakenly written as Apr. 9, so we have to honour that date. But no matter, there's still a contest in this issue to enter!

**WIN A FREE FARECARD!** It will be for 1, 2, or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. E-mail [thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca](mailto:thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca) with the answer to the question below, your full name, daytime phone number, and where you got the *Buzzer* (include the route number if you got it on a bus). Make sure you include everything—entries missing any of this info will not be entered to win! One entry per person, please.



**How many tonnes of vehicle emissions has AirCare testing reduced in the last 10 years? (Hint: it's in this issue!)**

Enter by **Monday May 4 at 9 a.m.**; we'll draw a name from all eligible entries if more than one is right. See who won in the **May 8** issue!

**PRIVACY POLICY** We don't use your personal information for anything but the contest, and we delete all contest entry e-mails after we pick a winner. Here's the long version though: *Your personal information is being collected, pursuant to section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, solely for the purpose of administering this contest; it will be destroyed upon the determination of a contest winner. Please direct any questions regarding this collection to the Buzzer Editor at TransLink, 1600-4720 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4N2, or thebuzzer@translink.bc.ca.*

Win a free FareCard!



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## Better bus service starts April 20

### In this issue...

- » All the details of the April 20 bus service improvements
- » How to get to the Sun Run on transit
- » ...and more!

# Better bus service starts Apr. 20

Bus service is getting better on Apr. 20. All over Metro Vancouver we'll be making improvements to bus routes and services for the summer. Read on to find out what bus services will be improved in your area!

## VANCOUVER, BURNABY & NEW WESTMINSTER

**4 UBC/Powell**  
**9 Granville/Alma/Boundary/Broadway Station**  
**25 UBC/Brentwood Station**  
**28 Joyce Station/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University**  
**41 Joyce Station/Crown/UBC**  
**43 Joyce Station/UBC**  
**44 UBC/Downtown**  
**49 Metrotown Station/Dunbar Loop/UBC**  
**84 VCC – Clark Station/UBC**  
**99 B-Line Broadway Station/UBC**  
**143 SFU/Coquitlam Station**  
**144 SFU/Metrotown Station**  
**145 Production Way/SFU**  
**480 UBC/Richmond**

Service on these routes will be adjusted to reflect lower summer ridership.

**17 Oak/Downtown/UBC**  
Two additional westbound Monday–Saturday late-night trips, leaving from Broadway at Granville at 12:44 a.m. and 1:16 a.m.

**20 Victoria/Downtown**  
Weekday trips leaving Harrison Loop northbound at 8:26 and 8:56 a.m. will be extended to Broadway Station.

**125 Patterson Station/BCIT**  
Service will be discontinued after Apr. 17. The 130 route from/to Metrotown Station will continue to provide service between BCIT and SkyTrain.

**155 Braid Station/22nd Street Station**  
30-minute service extended until 12:30 a.m., seven days a week.

## SURREY, DELTA, WHITE ROCK & LANGLEY

**502 Surrey Central Station/Langley Centre/Aldergrove**  
More frequent service during weekday morning and afternoon peak periods; plus, service to/from Aldergrove improves to every 30 minutes, weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and weekends/holidays 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**620 Tsawwassen Ferry/Airport Station**  
Service improves to every 30 minutes, Apr. 20 to Sept. 7, with larger “articulated” buses operating for all trips.

**640 Scott Road Station/Ladner Exchange**  
Service at least every 30 minutes, weekdays 6 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and weekends/holidays 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. As well, all weekday trips will route through the Tilbury Industrial Area.

**C88 Ladner North/Ladner Exchange**  
Responding to customer requests, trips leaving Ladner Exchange at the bottom of the hour (e.g. 8:30 a.m.) will now travel in the counter-clockwise direction. Trips at the top of the hour (e.g. 8:00 a.m.) will maintain their current clockwise direction.

**C89 Boundary Bay/South Delta Exchange**  
Weekend seasonal service to Centennial Beach at Boundary Bay Park Apr. 25 to Sept. 7. (Weekday seasonal service to Centennial Beach starts June 29.)

## RICHMOND & AIRPORT

**480 UBC/Richmond**  
Seasonal service reduction reflects lower student transit demand.

**C98 Kingswood/22nd Street Station**  
Additional weekday trip will leave 22nd Street Station at 6:05 a.m.

## NORTH SHORE

**SeaBus**  
May 24 through Sept. 7, daytime SeaBus service on Sundays/holidays will be increased to every 15 minutes.

**229 Phibbs Exchange/Westlynn/Lynn Valley Centre/Lonsdale Quay**  
Beginning May 24 until Sept. 7, Sunday/holiday afternoon service will operate every 15 minutes.

**239 Park Royal/Lonsdale Quay/Phibbs Exchange/Capilano University**  
Seasonal service reduction reflects lower student transit demand.

**N24 Downtown/Upper Lonsdale**  
Additional Monday to Saturday late-night trip will leave downtown Vancouver (Georgia at Granville) at 2 a.m.

## TRI-CITIES

**150 White Pine Beach/Coquitlam Station**  
Weekend/holiday service to White Pine Beach in Belcarra Regional Park will be reintroduced from Apr. 25 to Sept. 7. Weekday summer service will begin June 15.

## MAPLE RIDGE & PITT MEADOWS

**701 Maple Ridge East/Haney Place/Coquitlam Station**  
Additional Monday to Saturday late-night trip will leave Coquitlam Station at 1:38 a.m., arriving at Haney Place Exchange at 2:08 a.m.

**C48 Thornhill/Haney Place**  
To improve customer service and safety, the eastbound C48 will be re-routed off the Lougheed Highway east of 240 Street. It will now travel via 240 Street, 104 Avenue, Jackson Road, 256 Street, 98 Avenue and 264 Street. The current routing westbound from 268 Street along 100 Avenue, Jackson Road and 104 Avenue will be maintained.

## VANCITY U-PASS (UBC, SFU, LANGARA & CAPILANO)

**4 UBC/Powell**  
**9 Granville/Alma/Boundary/Broadway Station**  
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These routes will be adjusted to reflect lower demand during summer months (Apr. 20 – Sept. 6)

# Take transit to the Sun Run

Hop on transit to get to the Sun Run on Sunday, Apr. 19 at 9 a.m.

The Vancouver Sun Run is the second largest timed

10K in the world and the third largest timed run of any distance run in the world. A record 59,179 Sun Runners celebrated the 24th year of the event in 2008. 2009 promises to be bigger and better than ever!

**SkyTrain** will start 30 minutes early at rush-hour service levels. The first train leaves King George at 6:38 a.m., arriving at Stadium Station by 7:15 a.m. Blue, yellow and green numbers should exit at Burrard; white, purple and red numbers are closer to Granville.

**West Coast Express** will operate a special Sun Run Express train, leaving Mission City at 7 a.m., arriving at Waterfront at 8:15 a.m. and returning at 1 p.m.

**SeaBus** will also start an hour earlier, leaving Lonsdale Quay at 7:02 a.m. (northbound from Waterfront from 7:16 a.m.). It will run every 15 minutes, reverting to the regular 30-minute Sunday frequency after 2:30 p.m.

Regular Sunday fares are in effect, but on Sundays, an adult monthly FareCard or annual Employer Pass allows group travel of two adults and four children, or one adult and five children. You must all ride the same vehicle and have your pass ready for inspection if needed. You can also pre-pay your return journey as you exit Burrard or Granville Station between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. to avoid ticket machine lineups after the race.

## SUN RUN BUS REROUTES EFFECTIVE 6AM–12PM

**4/7 UBC/Dunbar** Regular route to Pender & Richards, reroute via Richards, Pacific, Granville, Broadway, Burrard, 4th then regular route  
**4/7 Powell/Nanaimo** Regular route to 4th & Burrard, reroute via Burrard, Broadway, Granville then regular route  
**10/16 Granville/Arbutus** Regular route to Hastings & Richards, reroute via Richards, Pacific, Granville, regular route  
**15 Downtown** Regular route to Cambie & Broadway, reroute via

Broadway, Granville, Seymour, Pender then regular route  
**17 Oak** Regular route to Granville & West Cloverleaf, reroute Granville, 10th, Fir, Broadway, Oak then regular route  
**19 Stanley Park** Regular route to Pender & Howe, reroute via Howe, Dunsmuir to temporary terminus on Dunsmuir  
**19 Metrotown** From temporary terminus on Dunsmuir, reroute via Burrard, Pender then regular route  
**22 Knight** Regular route to Cornwall & Burrard then reroute

via Burrard, Broadway, Granville, Seymour, Pender then regular route

**22 Macdonald** Regular route to Pender & Richards then reroute via Richards, Pacific, Granville, Broadway, Burrard, 4th, Macdonald then regular route

**50 False Creek** Regular route to Cordova & Richards then reroute via Richards, Pacific, Granville, Broadway, Willow to terminus

**50 Waterfront** From terminus, reroute via 8th, Oak, Broadway, Granville, Seymour, Cordova, Cambie to temporary terminus on Cambie & Pender then via Pender, Columbia then regular route

**84 VCC** Regular route to 4th & Burrard then reroute via Burrard, Broadway, Kingsway, 10th, Main, 2nd, then regular route

**84 UBC** Regular route to 2nd & Main then reroute via Main, Broadway, Burrard, 4th, then regular route

**98 Vancouver** Regular route to Burrard & Pender then reroute via Pender, Richards, Smithe, Howe then regular route

**135 Downtown** Regular route to Howe & Dunsmuir then reroute via Dunsmuir to temporary terminus Bay 4

**135 SFU** From temporary terminus, reroute via Thurlow, Pender, Burrard, Hastings then regular route  
**240/242 Eastbound** Regular route to Georgia & Pender then reroute via Pender, Richards, Georgia then regular route

**240/242 Westbound** Regular route to Georgia & Seymour then reroute via Seymour, Pender, Georgia then regular route

**351/601 Southbound** Regular route to Pender & Howe then reroute via Pender, Richards, Smithe, Howe then regular route

**C21 Yaletown** From Davie & Denman, reroute via Denman, Robson, Thurlow, Davie, Richards, Drake to temporary terminus Drake & Richards

**C21 Beach** Regular route to Terminal & Main then reroute via Main, Pender, Richards, Davie, Burrard, Robson, Denman, Davie, then regular route

**C23 Davie** From temporary terminus Drake & Richards, reroute via Drake, Seymour, Davie then regular route

**C23 Main** Regular route to Seymour & Davie then reroute via Seymour, Pender, Main, National, then regular route

# Canada Line in LEGO!

You can see two LEGO models of Canada Line Stations at the TELUS World of Science!

LEGO hobbyists built scale models of YVR and King Edward Stations for the exhibit *Wheels, Wings and Waves - A LEGO World of Transportation*, which runs until May 4.

The scale model of the Canada Line YVR - Airport Station was built by the Vancouver LEGO Club, and took 100 hours to build with more than 7,000 pieces.

And King Edward Station was built by Dan Emerson in 50 hours with about 4,000 pieces.

As well, testing on the Canada Line is going so well, it will be opening around Labour Day—about three months early!



Photo by Tim Tosino