

Contest corner: Win a FareCard!

LAST ISSUE'S FARECARD WINNER We had 938 correct entries in our last contest, and **Aktar Ali** won the FareCard for knowing the Buzzer is 97 years old! **Ha Nguyen** won our May 10, 2013 contest for knowing that TransLink owns and is responsible for five bridges in Metro Vancouver.

WIN A FREE FARECARD! For 1, 2 or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email thebuzzer@translink.ca with the subject line "Contest", and tell us your answer, your full name, your phone number and where you got the Buzzer (include your bus route number). Make sure to include everything—entries missing required info are **not** entered to win! One entry per person please.

When does summer transit service take effect?
(Hint: It's in this issue!)

Enter by **July 19 at 9 a.m.** We'll draw a name from all correct entries: the winner will be notified by phone shortly after the draw.

PRIVACY POLICY We use your personal info only for the contest, and we delete all entries after we pick a winner. Here's the long version: Your personal information is 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 questions regarding this collection to the Buzzer Editor at TransLink, #400 – 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC, V3L 0E7 or thebuzzer@translink.ca.

BACK ISSUES

The Buzzer has been published for over 96 years, and in this section, we mine the back issues for history treats. Huzzah!

1937 The May 7, 1937 Buzzer highlighted the advantages of riding the bus for your next summer vacation.

If you would like a vacation that is different from the average holiday, one that offers new and exciting experience and pleasures, plan to travel by bus. The beauty spots of the continent are all on bus routes, and low vacation fares make bus travel both economical and pleasant. Phone Seymour 7131 and ask for Travel bureau. Experts will be pleased to make suggestions or take care of details of your trip.

The Buzzer was also abuzz about the upcoming coronation of King George VI!

Vancouver listeners should start in now to catch a little sleep because they should remain glued to their radio sets from 1.15 a.m. on May 12 onward. With the Coronation proceedings on the air and the parades in New Westminster throughout the day, there will be a full round of pleasure, and it will be many a day before another such eventful day is celebrated in Canada.



The May 7, 1937 Buzzer cover!

Compass card is coming!

Compass is the durable, reloadable, electronic fare card that works everywhere on transit in Metro Vancouver. When Compass arrives in late 2013, the easy-to-use card will replace all our current passes and tickets. Compass Cards can be loaded with the fare product of your choosing, or you can add stored value and pay as you go. For your convenience, you'll be able to add products or stored value to your card at Compass vending machines, online, by phone, or at a customer service centre. Visit translink.ca/compasscard for more information!



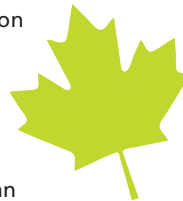
Help us plan our region

TransLink is looking for your feedback on how we can rethink transportation in Metro Vancouver to reach the needs of the region. By 2045, Metro Vancouver is expected to welcome one million additional residents and three million more passenger trips every day. Learn more and fill out the online questionnaire at translink.ca/rts.

Canada Day service

On **Monday, July 1, 2013** all transit will run on a Sunday schedule. West Coast Express, like the AirCare Inspection Centres, will not be in operation.

A Sunday schedule means you can ride multiple zones on a single fare ticket. As well, on Sundays and holidays, if you have an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass you can take five children, or one adult and four children, on transit with you for free.



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COMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Carnaval Del Sol.** The biggest Latin American festival in BC will take place on Granville Street, July 6. Find music, artistic performances of various forms, delicious traditional food, activities for children, unique arts and crafts and much more to entertain the whole family. More info: www.carnavaldelsol.com or 604.566.0999.
- ✓ **Rotary Club's Bike-A-Thon.** The annual fund raising event in support of the deaf and hard of hearing in BC will celebrate its 29th anniversary on July 14. Visit rotaryvancouver.org/BikeAThon2 to register and make pledges online.
- ✓ **The Sins of the City.** Vancouver Police Museum is offering a seasonal walking tour every Wednesday, 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The tour takes a look at historical misconduct in the Downtown East Side. \$20 for adults, \$16 for students and seniors. Call 604.665.3346 with 24 hour advance registration.
- ✓ **Global Relay Gastown Grand Prix.** Watch North America's top cyclists race wheel-to-wheel on Gastown's thrilling 1.2 km course. Women's race 30 laps. Men's race 50 laps. Action starts 5:45 p.m. on July 10. More info: www.globalrelaygpp.org or 604.646.3564.
- ✓ **Kitsilano Showboat.** From June 24 to August 17, there will be fabulous free shows next to Kits Pool every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 7-9 p.m. More info: www.kitsilanoshowboat.com.
- ✓ **26th Annual Canada Day at Canada Place.** Come down to Canada Place on July 1 to enjoy a parade, fireworks, and free live performances, exhibits and displays. More info: www.canadaplace.ca/canadaday or 604.689.1889.
- ✓ **Exotic Reptile Show.** The West Coast Society for the Protection and Conservation of Reptiles will be at the Richmond Nature Park with a hands-on show of exotic reptiles on Saturday and Sunday, July 6 and 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More info: www.richmond.ca/parks/parks/naturepark/events.htm or 604.718.6188.
- ✓ **Toastmasters Meeting.** Come and join us every Monday from 6:45 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. at the Salsa Speakers Club. Have an evening of fun and entertainment where learning public speaking skills takes center stage in a supportive environment.
- ✓ **Volkswalks.** Local Volkssport club is hosting non-competitive 5K/10K walks in Cambie area of Richmond on Saturday, July 6; Central Park in Burnaby on Sunday, July 14; and Richmond Centre area on Saturday, July 27. Free for new participants. More info: <http://members.shaw.ca/VVVclub> or 604.682.8390.

Submit your community events at
translink.ca/buzzerevents

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THE
BUZZER

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Summer transit service starts on June 24

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Summer transit service starts Monday June 24

Four times a year in April, June, September and December, TransLink updates its bus service schedules to match seasonal demand and make efficient use of our fleet.

All the changes listed below take effect on June 24, 2013 except where noted otherwise. Some changes are **SEASONAL**, **PERMANENT**, **TEMPORARY** or noted otherwise.

This list is accurate as of our publish date! See translink.ca/servicechanges or call Transit Information at 604-953-3333 for corrections or further assistance.

4 Powell/Downtown TEMPORARY

Construction on Powell Street means the 4 will now operate via Clark St. and Hastings St until summer 2014. Service via Powell St. is discontinued.

4 UBC/Downtown TEMPORARY

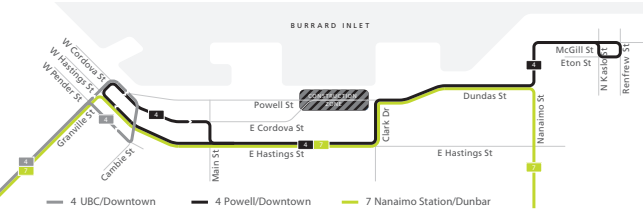
Construction on Powell Street downtown trips will continue to operate between UBC and Waterfront Station only until summer 2014 as follows:

- » Customers travelling further east from Waterfront Station, need to transfer from 4 Downtown to 4 Powell at the stop located on the south side of Cordova Street at Seymour Street.
- » Customers travelling further west from Waterfront Station need to transfer from the 4 Downtown to the 4 UBC at the stop located on the South side of Cordova Street at Seymour Street.

Shuttle service will operate approximately every 15 minutes and a little less frequently in the evenings.

5 Robson/Downtown SEASONAL N6 West End/Downtown SEASONAL

Summer events taking place at Robson Square require the closure of the roadway. The 5 Robson/Downtown and N6 West End/Downtown will detour at the 800 Block Robson Street from June 24 to Labour Day (September 2, 2013).



Reroutes for the 4 and 7, owing to construction on Powell Street at Clark Drive.

- 4 UBC/Downtown **SEASONAL**
- 6 Davie/Downtown **SEASONAL**
- 7 Nanaimo/Dunbar **SEASONAL**
- 10 Granville/Downtown **SEASONAL**
- 14 UBC/Hastings/Downtown **SEASONAL**
- 16 Arbutus/29th Avenue Station **SEASONAL**
- 20 Victoria/Downtown **SEASONAL**
- 50 Waterfront Station/False Creek South **SEASONAL**

Granville Mall will be closed on summer weekends owing to the City of Vancouver's Viva Vancouver program, meaning weekend reroutes for all routes using this street. The detours will take place all day Saturday, Sunday and holidays beginning the week of June 24 to Labour Day (September 2, 2013), using Seymour Street northbound and Howe Street southbound. The diagram on the right describes the summer changes.

7 Nanaimo/Dunbar TEMPORARY

Construction on Powell Street prompts the following changes until summer 2014:

- » 7 Nanaimo will detour eastbound via Hastings Street using existing stops between Granville Street and Clark Drive, then go north along Clark to Powell, then continue on the regular route to Nanaimo Station.
- » 7 Dunbar will operate on the regular route to Powell Street at Clark Drive, then detour along Clark Drive to Hastings Street using existing stops between Clark Drive and Granville Street, then continue along the regular route from Granville Street to Dunbar Loop.

209/210 Upper Lynn Valley/Vancouver TEMPORARY

Construction on Powell Street prompts the following changes until summer 2014:

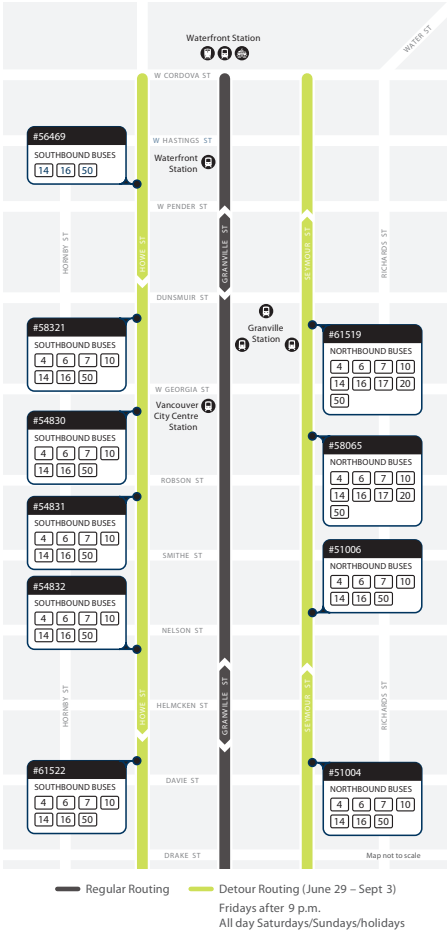
- » 209 Upper Lynn Valley will detour from Homer Street at Pender via Homer, Hastings Street, Clark Drive, then regular route, using existing stops in the detour portion.
- » 209 Vancouver will detour from Powell Street at Clark Drive via Clark, Hastings Street, Howe Street then regular route, using existing stops in the detour portion.
- » 210 Vancouver will detour from Powell Street at Clark Drive via Clark, Hastings Street, Howe Street then regular route, using existing stops in the detour portion.
- » 210 Upper Lynn Valley will detour from Homer Street at Pender via Homer, Hastings Street, Clark Drive, then regular route, using existing stops in the detour portion.

211 Vancouver/Seymour/Phibbs Exchange TEMPORARY

214 Vancouver/Blue Ridge/Phibbs Exchange TEMPORARY

Construction on Powell Street prompts the following changes until summer 2014:

- » 211 Vancouver and 214 Vancouver will detour from Powell Street at Clark Drive via Clark, Hastings Street, Howe Street then regular route, using existing stops in the detour portion.
- » 211 Seymour/Phibbs Exchange and 214 Blue Ridge/Phibbs Exchange will detour from Homer Street at Pender via Homer, Hastings Street, Clark Drive, then regular route, using existing stops in the detour portion.

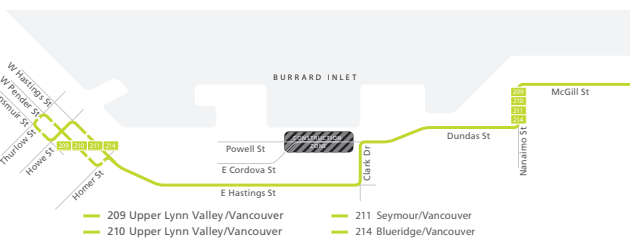


Granville Mall street closures mean weekend reroutes for the 4, 6, 7, 10, 14, 16, 20, and 50.

316 Scottsdale/Surrey Central Station PERMANENT

To improve entering and exiting at Scottsdale Exchange the 316 Surrey Central Station/Scottsdale route will be updated as follows:

- » 316 Surrey Central now enters Scottsdale Exchange via Scott Road then 74 Ave. Bus stops 55042 and 55043 on 122 St and 72 Ave are no longer in use. Please use Bay 2 at Scottsdale Exchange or stop 54794 on 72 Ave at Scott Road.
- » 316 Scottsdale now departs Scottsdale Exchange Bay 2 via Scott Road, 72 Ave, 116 St then regular route to Scott Road Station. Bus stops 54941 and 54942 located on 72 Ave and 122 St are no longer in use. Customers can board this route at Scottsdale Exchange Bay 2, or stop 54865 on 72 Avenue at Scott Road.



Reroutes for the 209, 210, 211 and 214, owing to construction on Powell Street.

Burrard Station Bus Bay Reassignments TEMPORARY

Due to the detour of 5 Robson/Downtown and N6 Downtown bus bay reassignments are as follows:

- » 5 Robson will load at Bay 1
- » 5 Downtown and N6 Downtown will load at Bay 5

SeaBus SEASONAL

Sunday and holidays: from May 19 to Labour Day (September 2, 2013), SeaBus service will increase service to every 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Transit to Celebration of Light

Expect some large crowds for the three nights of the Honda Celebration of Light. This year, United Kingdom (July 27), Canada (July 31) and Thailand (August 3) will compete. Expect rush -hour levels of SkyTrain service, more SeaBus sailings and extra buses to and from downtown before and after the event.



More info at hondacelebrationoflight.com and translink.ca closer to the time of the event. Follow @TransLink and @TransitPolice on Twitter for updates during the events.

How can getting around downtown by bus be better?

The City of Vancouver and TransLink are teaming up to study the downtown Vancouver bus network, developing a shared vision for service over the next five years to match rider demand and the City's transport goals.

Share your feedback online and learn more at:

- » vancouver.ca/downtownbusreview, or
- » translink.ca/downtownbusreview