

Late-evening maintenance work in SkyTrain's Dunsmuir Tunnel

For two weeks in July, SkyTrain will start the first stage of work in the Dunsmuir Tunnel in downtown Vancouver, addressing water seepage and related drainage issues in the 77-year old structure.

The lower level of the tunnel (the eastbound track) will close early to allow work crews in at 10 p.m., with more work planned for fall.

The following service changes are in effect Monday to Friday, July 13 to July 24, from about 9:45 p.m. to the end of the service day:

All trains from the east will terminate at Stadium Station. A single train shuttle will run every 12 minutes between Stadium and Waterfront, stopping at Granville and Burrard in both directions.

All passengers must change trains at Stadium Station. Passengers can expect a two to 10 minute wait at Stadium, depending on arrival time and travel direction.

EXCEPTIONS On **Wed July 22** there will be no work due to the HSBC Celebration of Light. SkyTrain will run full rush-hour service in the evening to accommodate fireworks spectators

On **Friday July 24**, maintenance will start 90 minutes later due to the B.C. Lions game at B.C. Place. SkyTrain will provide frequent extra service for Lions fans, as usual; shuttle operation will start at 11:15 p.m.

SkyTrain staff will be on hand at affected stations for directions and assistance. We thank you for your patience as we keep our system in good repair for your overall service.

BACK ISSUES

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

1988 July was a big month for Langley residents in 1988—it marked the debut of B.C. Transit service in the Langley area.

"Welcome Aboard, Langley!" shouted the headline from the July 15, 1988 *Buzzer*. The issue provided detailed descriptions and maps of the five new routes launching on July 25, 1988: the 501, 502, 506, 507, and 511.

"The new Langley service will be fully integrated with the rest of the Vancouver Regional Transit System," wrote the *Buzzer*. "Transfers issued on Langley buses will be valid on SkyTrain and SeaBus, and on other bus routes, including those served by West Vancouver Blue Buses."

And we still have the same fare structure, where you can buy just one fare and ride between any of the cities in the region.

It's actually an unusual structure most regions—in other places, people buy new tickets from a different system when they travel to another city on transit!



The Buzzer logo from 1988.

The Buzzer's contest corner!

JUNE FARECARD WINNER We had 966 entries in the contest and Trisha D. was the winner! The answer: the sidewalks on the Golden Ears Bridge are two metres wide.

WIN A FREE FARECARD! It will be for 1, 2, or 3 zones, based on where the winner travels. Email 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 old is the Dunsmuir Tunnel, the SkyTrain tunnel under downtown Vancouver? (Hint: it's in this issue!)

Enter by **Aug. 10 at 9am**; we'll draw a name from all eligible entries if more than one is right. See who won in the **Aug. 14** issue!

PRIVACY POLICY This section is to tell you that we don't use your personal info for anything but the contest, and we delete all contest entry emails 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.*

Caribbean Days SeaBus service

The Trinidad & Tobago Cultural Society of BC hosts its annual Caribbean Days Festival on the July 25-26 weekend. Join the fun at North Vancouver's Waterfront Park! For Caribbean Days, SeaBus runs the following extra service:



JULY 25 15-min service, starting 10:15 a.m. from Lonsdale Quay until 12:31 a.m., then every 30 min. **Final sailing from Waterfront:** 1:22 a.m.

JULY 26 15-min service, starting 10:15 a.m. from Lonsdale Quay until 9 p.m., then every 30 min. **Final sailing from Waterfront:** 11:20 p.m.

On weekends, a one-zone fare lets you travel in all zones all day. On Sundays, if you have an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass, you can also take either five children, or one adult and four children, on transit with you for free.

COMING EVENTS

✓ **Falconry show**, July 12, 11am-4pm, at Terra Nova Rural Park, 2431 Westminster Hwy. Free! Experience falconry demonstrations at 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm. Majestic raptors will also be on view for photographs and close-up encounters. Expert falconers from Pacific Northwest Raptors will answer questions about the birds and share their knowledge of this ancient sport. Parking is limited. Info: www.richmond.ca/begreen or (604) 718-6188.

✓ See fine vintage vehicles at the 10th annual **Royal City Show and Shine** along Columbia Street in downtown New Westminster. Sun July 12, 10am to 5pm, with a new vintage bike category this year. Judging takes place at 3pm outside Brooklyn Pub, 250 Columbia Street. Bike cruisers can meet up for a ride at Patterson Station at noon. Info: vancruisers.ca/calendar/royal-city-show-n-shine or bryn@vancruisers.ca.

✓ **Langara College's Recreation Leadership Diploma Program** will be holding an open house on Wed July 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the College in room B029h. The event is for potential students interested in joining the program in Sept. 2009. Graduates of this two-year program design and manage quality recreation programs and/or facilities. For further information on the program please contact Vince Kreiser at (604) 323-5276 or visit www.langara.bc.ca/recreation

✓ **Burnaby Potters' Guild** presents their free summer "show and sale," Sat July 18 to Sun July 19, 10am to 5pm, Capitol Hill Hall, 361 South Howard Street, Burnaby. Light refreshments served. VISA, cheque and cash accepted. Info: Gloria at 604-986-2566.

✓ **Local Volkssport club** is hosting the following 10K walks: Central Park (Burnaby) on Sunday, July 12; Richmond Centre area on Saturday, August 1; and Terra Nova (Richmond) on Sunday, August 9. Free for new participants. Info: Verni at 604-682-8390.

✓ The 36th annual **Chariot Festival of India** takes place at Second Beach on Sun Aug 9, 11:30am to 1pm. Free family-friendly event with yoga, puppet theatre, face painting, food, a parade along Beach Ave, and more. Info: chariotfestivalofindia.com.

✓ **Bonsor Recreation Complex** presents **dances for those 55+**, Tuesdays from 7:30-10:30pm and Thursdays from 7:30-10:30pm. \$5 members; \$6 non-members. Light refreshment served and each dance has a live band. Info: 604-439-5510.

✓ **Camp Artaban**, a nonprofit children's summer camp, offers camp programs for children all summer: sailing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, volleyball, climbing walls, crafts, camp fires, music and games. Info: www.campartaban.com.

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Take a summer getaway without driving your car!

Sunny days are here again, and to celebrate, here's some summer destinations you can reach without needing a car!

Remember, on weekends, a one-zone fare can take you to any of these destinations. As well, on a Sunday or holiday, those with an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass can take either five children, or one adult and four children on transit for free.

By the way, many of these items were suggested by readers at the Buzzer blog (buzzer.translink.ca). Thanks a million, guys!

Deer Lake, Burnaby

Suggested by Reva

Deer Lake in Burnaby is a happy little spot. Walk the boardwalks and trails around the lake, rent canoes and rowboats, go fishing, or have a picnic on the beach. It's so quiet and pretty it's hard to believe it's barely a 15 minute drive from Metrotown.

HOW TO GET THERE Take the 144 SFU from Metrotown Station, get off at Canada Way & Sperling, walk a couple blocks south, and you're there! Or try the 110 from Metrotown and get off at Burnaby City Hall -- the lake is to the southeast. To bike to the park, you can use the Deer Lake Parkway, an off-road path. (See the cycling map at burnaby.ca for more info on trails.)

Steveston Village, Richmond

Steveston Village is a historic fishing village that's still an active fishing port. Stroll its boardwalks and visit coffeeshops and quaint stores along the way. You can also fly kites at Garry Point Park, take a whale watching trip, or see the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, a National Historic Site that houses a fishing museum.



Boats at Steveston Village in Richmond.

HOW TO GET THERE From Richmond Centre, transfer to the 401, 402, 407 or 410 at the bus loop. To bike partway from north of Richmond, take your bike on the 98 B-Line to Richmond Centre, ride west on Granville Ave and then south on Railway Ave to Moncton St. You'll be just east of the heart of Steveston.

Crescent Beach and Blackie Spit, White Rock

Suggested by Dan B

Crescent Beach has a lovely sandy beach, a protected swimming area, and birdwatching at Blackie Spit, one of the best birdwatching spots in Canada. And you can have dinner at one of the restaurants near the main strip. It's out of the way just enough to make you feel like you've gone somewhere different!

HOW TO GET THERE Grab the 351 at Burrard Station (it also stops along Howe and Granville as it heads south) and ride until you reach Crescent Beach at the end of the line.

Point Roberts, Washington

Suggested by Cow

Point Roberts is an American town that just happens to be at the south edge of Tsawwassen. (It was stranded in Canada after an 1846 treaty gave the British everything above the 49th parallel.) The town of 1,300 has lovely beaches for picnics and fishing. Lighthouse Park also has fantastic whale watching—three pods of Orca whales swim by during the summer.

HOW TO GET THERE Take the 601 to 2nd Ave and 54th Street in Tsawwassen. Head south on 56th Street past Diefenbaker Park, and you'll reach the Border Station on Tye Drive, entering American land in Point Roberts. **Remember your passport!**

For more summer destinations, go to the TransLink website, click Rider Info, and select Destinations to Discover from the dropdown menu. You can also plan cycling routes to summer destinations at www.cyclevancouver.ubc.ca.

B.C. Day transit service



All transit services will run on a Sunday/Holiday schedule for **B.C. Day on Monday, August 3**.

Remember, on a holiday, you only need a single-zone fare to travel in all zones all day.

As well, on a Sunday or holiday, those with an adult FareCard, West Coast Express 28-Day Pass, or Annual Employer Transit Pass can take either five children or one adult and four children on transit with them for free.

NEW STOP FOR THE 430 You can now board or exit the **430 Metrotown Station/Richmond Centre** on Knight Street near East 63rd Ave, north of the Knight Street Bridge. The 430 Metrotown Station heading northbound on Knight will stop north of East 63rd Avenue (#51326). The 430 Richmond Centre going southbound on Knight will stop south of East 63rd (#51317).

Take transit to the HSBC Celebration of Light!

We've scheduled extra service to help you get to and from the HSBC Celebration of Light fireworks festival on **July 22** (Canada), **July 25** (South Africa), **July 29** (U.K.), and **August 1** (China). Here's more on that plus service issues to know about for those nights!

SkyTrain



SkyTrain provides rush hour levels of service on all event nights. Travel early if possible: trains are especially busy from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

To get to English Bay from **Granville Station**, take the **5 Robson** or the **6 Davie** bus on Richards Street, or walk from **Burrard Station**.

After the fireworks, the last train departs Waterfront Station at 1:16 a.m. (Service will be extended if necessary to clear any remaining lineups, but you **must** be at the station before closing time.)

To avoid lineups after the fireworks, buy return tickets in advance at special fareboxes at Burrard and Granville Stations. Available after 7 p.m.; exact fare required; no refunds; valid 'til end of that day's service.

Bear in mind that on Celebration of Light nights, the following SkyTrain rules and procedures are in effect after 10 p.m.

BIKES ON SKYTRAIN Restrictions are in effect due to crowds. Wheelchairs and strollers have priority boarding. No bikes can board after 10 p.m. until crowds have cleared. Cyclists should expect delays of up to 90 minutes.

WATERFRONT STATION After 10 p.m., access the station from **Howe Street only**. There is no SkyTrain access through CP Station on Cordova Street except for disabled passengers needing elevator service to the platform. As well, all **SkyTrain passengers must leave the train at Waterfront Station—no reverse riding is allowed**. Those arriving by SeaBus must also leave Waterfront, and can then access SkyTrain from Howe Street.

BURRARD STATION The westbound platform will be closed after 10 p.m. Customers will be asked to line up as directed by SkyTrain staff.

GRANVILLE STATION The Seymour Street and Granville Mall entrances will close after 10 p.m. You must enter from Dunsmuir Street. An elevator is available for strollers and disabled passengers. **The westbound platform at Granville Station will also be closed.**

Buses



Starting at 6 p.m., there will be more buses to downtown, plus the **5 Robson** and the **6 Davie** will run more frequently to the West End.

After 7:30 p.m., **5 Robson** buses terminate at Robson and Denman, return to downtown via Denman, then travel east on Georgia. **6 Davie** buses turn south onto Thurlow, and terminate near the Vancouver Aquatic Centre at Pacific Avenue.

After 9 p.m., **22 Macdonald/Knight** will use Granville Bridge and 4th Ave., with no service on Cornwall Ave.

Extra buses will help transport customers out of downtown, and buses will wait to meet the last SkyTrain at key major-route locations.

NOTE Due to Canada Line construction on Granville Mall, the **5 Robson** and **6 Davie** routes travel towards the West End on Richards and return along Seymour. **Check bus stop signs—not all routes stop at every location.**

The **C21 Beach** and **C23 Davie** will reroute from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. The C21 will take its regular route to Beach & Hornby, reroute via Hornby and Davie, then return to its regular route. The C23 will do its regular route to Davie & Thurlow, reroute via Thurlow and Pacific, then return to its normal route.

WEST VANCOUVER BLUE BUS Extra bus trips from West Vancouver via Park Royal will be added on event nights. More trips downtown will start at 6:30p.m. Blue Buses will provide return trips from Georgia Street at Denman Street.

SeaBus



SeaBus will run extended service for the extra crowds expected on fireworks nights, and for Caribbean Days in North Vancouver on July 25 and 26.

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West Coast Express



West Coast Express runs regular service on Celebration of Light event days, plus **A SPECIAL FINALE NIGHT TRAIN on August 1**. The special will leave Mission Station at 7 p.m. and arrive at Waterfront Station at 8:15 p.m. The return trip leaves Waterfront at midnight. All valid weekly and 28-day passes will be honoured.