

It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere

Metrotown Station: June 17-28 inclusive, the 'up' service for maintenance.

Elevator/Escalator Maintenance

Please note the following escalators will be out of service for maintenance.

Updated notices in stations, future issues of The Buzz and details on the TransLink website at: www.translink.bc.ca

We suggest you allow an extra 10 to 15 minutes for your trip, although every effort will be made to minimize delays and inconvenience. Please watch the platform destination signs, listen to announcements and follow directions provided by our staff. We would like to thank you for your patience. Please watch for updated notices in stations, future issues of The Buzz and details on the TransLink website at:

Please note: Passengers travelling to/from the Millennium line may be required to change trains at Columbia. Please read the platform destination signs and listen for onboard train announcements for direction.

Work continues in the downtown tunnel to replace sections of the running rail between Waterfront and Burrard on these dates. Passengers may experience the following:

Passengers travelling from the east may be required to change trains at Stadium Station to continue to Granville, Burrard and Waterfront Stations. Service frequency to and from Granville, Burrard and Waterfront will be limited (approximately every 12 minutes), therefore please allow an extra 10 to 15 minutes when travelling through the area.

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For more info on Bike Month events and links to other cycling related sites, contact www.best.bc.ca/ bikemonth or 604-669-2860.

Sunday, June 30th - Central Valley Greenway Ride - B-1. For more info: www.trek.ubc.ca

Saturday, June 22nd - UBC Bike Ride for Kids - Community Bikes and the UBC Bike Co-op.

Charity Bike Drop - Drop off your unwanted bikes between 10 am and 4 pm at the MEC roof-top parking lot at 130 West Broadway. All bikes will be donated to Covenant House, Ray Cam Community Centre, Our Community Bikes and the UBC Bike Co-op.

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SkyTrain Weekend Track Maintenance, June 15/16, 22/23

COMING EVENTS

Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival presents Twelfth Night and Henry V in repertory on the Mainstage and Cymbeline on the Douglas College Studio Stage. Twelfth Night previews June 14, opens June 15 and runs to Sept 22. Henry V previews June 25-26, opens June 27 and runs to Sept 21. Cymbeline previews July 9-10, opens July 11 and runs to Sept 1. Info/tickets: 604-739-0559 • Metro Theatre closes its 39th season with Neil Simon's comedy Broadway Bound. 2 for 1 preview June 14, then Wed-Sat 'til July 6. Curtain 8 pm. Rsv: 266-7191 • Tosland Antique Show, June 14-15 at Abbotsford Exhibition Park, 32470 Haida Drive, Gate 2. Adm \$4. Seniors 1/2 price Fri, 11-4. • Positive Thinkers Toastmasters Club can help you master the art of public speaking, Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 pm, BC Hydro Building, 333 Dunsmuir, 2nd floor. Debbie, 604-876-3542 • Emerging or established writers seeking solitude in which to work during the summer months can now apply for up to four weeks' free residence at an isolated, sparsely furnished cabin with typewriter (no hydro) on Quesnel Lake. For an application, phone the Federation of BC Writers at 604-683-2057, email merrill@bcwriters.com or visit the Fed website www.bcwriters.com 4 The First Annual Burnaby Lake Antiques and Collectibles Fair (over 30,000 sq ft), June 30-July 1, 10 am-5 pm at the Bill Copeland-Burnaby Lake Sports Centre, 3676 Kensington Ave at Sprout. Adm \$5. (under 12 free) Great food - ample free parking • North Vancouver Community Players 50th Anniversary Celebrations June 22. Comedian Dave Broadfoot, who started his career with the Players at the age of 21, and Joy Metcalfe, a long time member in the early days, will deliver the opening speeches. Anne Marsh, chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee, would like to hear from anyone whose life has been enhanced by being a member in the early years. Call her at 604-980-5552 or e-mail: annemarsh@shaw.ca • National Aboriginal Day, June 21. Vancouver Central Library, 350 West Georgia, will host an event/exhibit featuring traditional aboriginal music, dance and art, June 21 at noon. • The National Action Committee on the Status of Women, BC Region, presents: Women's Rights are Human Rights, a panel discussion about how the BC Provincial Government cuts are impacting women's lives. Friday, June 14 at 7:00 pm. Doors open 6:30. IWA Hall, 2842 Commercial Drive. Adm by donation. A reception with light refreshments will follow. Info: (604) 736-3346 or e-mail nacbc@vcn.bc.ca

June 22 - Annual Strawberry Tea for Fair Haven United Church Homes in Burnaby, 1:30-3:30, 7557 Sussex Ave, Adm \$3

June 29 - Annual Strawberry Tea for Fair Haven United Church Homes in Vancouver, 1:30-3:30, 2720 East 48th Ave, Adm \$3

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Rack & Ride with TransLink

More HandyDart service approved for 2002

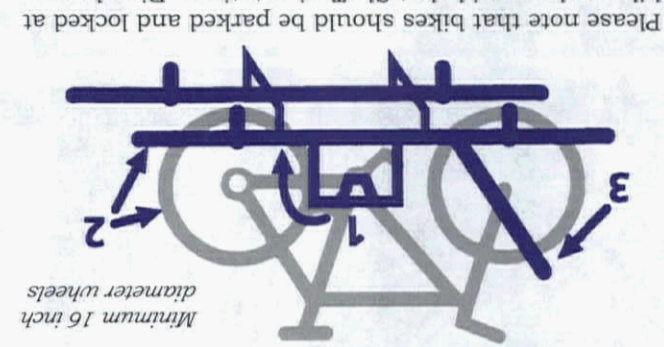
HandyDART service is planned and funded by TransLink, but delivered by seven regional contractors, holding eight contracts. The HandyDART service carried over one million passengers in 2001, but it is over subscribed and many trip demands go unmet. In order to meet the growing demand for this service, 12,000 additional hours of service have been approved effective April 1, 2002, an increase of 3%. For more details on additional service in your community, call your local HandyDART office.

June is Bike Month Important Reminder - Bikes are not allowed on SkyTrain

Transit riders with bicycles can board SeaBus, West Coast Express and buses equipped with bike racks, but we would like to remind you that bicycles are not permitted on SkyTrain at any time. Although this policy is currently under review, bicycles are specifically prohibited under the terms of the B.C. Railway Safety Act. TransLink is obliged to enforce this regulation. We thank you for your compliance and cooperation.

B.C. Special Olympics Information Evenings

B.C. Special Olympics is a year-round organization that provides training and competitive opportunities for people with mental disabilities. Numerous summer and winter sports are available to athletes with a variety of abilities and interests. Activities that can enhance their lives through positive experiences and personal achievement. Athletes, parents, caregivers, volunteers, potential coaches and interested corporations can learn about B.C. Special Olympics and how they can best help on a long or short-term basis. There's a free special information meeting on the first Thursday of each month, 7-9 pm at B.C. Hydro, 333 Dunsmuir at Homer.



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Remove child carriers, panniers and other jugs before the bus arrives

- always return the rack upright when it is empty
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stop on a bike rack route.

Loading and unloading your bicycle is easy at any bus

Please note that bikes should be parked and locked at bike racks provided at SkyTrain stations. Bicycles locked to fences, signs, etc. will be removed by TransLink staff and placed in the Lost & Found.

Bike lockers are available for rent at:

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For locker rental information, call: TransLink at (604) 453-4500

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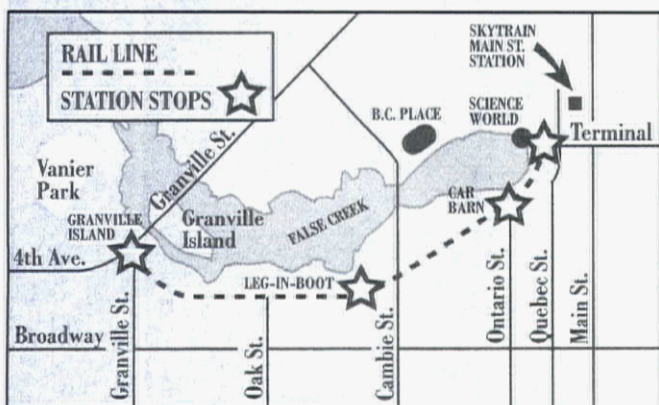
Past meets present



Climb aboard Vancouver transit history – the Downtown Historic Railway now runs from Science World (Main Street SkyTrain station) to the edge of Granville Island. Ride one of two vintage B.C. Electric interurbans on your way to the sights, smells and tastes of the Granville Island Public Market. Car 1231 was built in 1912 by the St. Louis Car Company in Missouri, and operated on the Burnaby Lake and Central Park lines between Vancouver and New Westminster. Car 1207 was built in 1905 in B.C. Electric's own New Westminster shops, and ran regularly between Vancouver and Steveston. Both cars served faithfully until the last day of service on Feb. 28, 1958.

Service operates Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays (Canada Day, B.C. Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day) through mid October. Departures from Science World every half hour from 12:30pm to 4:30pm; return from Granville Island 30 minutes later. Round trip fare is \$2, \$1 for children (5-12) and seniors. For information, call 604-665-3903.

The DHR is a project of the City of Vancouver, and is operated by volunteers from the Transit Museum Society, www.trams.bc.ca.



Route #23, #35 & #135 customers: Closure of Chilco Loop, June 17

Effective Monday, June 17, the Chilco Loop will be permanently closed because the Stanley Park Causway has been realigned.

All buses will be routed to the Upper Zoo Loop, close to the Children's Zoo. Service on the road between the Upper Zoo and Chilco Loop will be unchanged. East-bound passengers will also be able to board buses on Georgia Street, nearside Gilford Street.

Detailed information on the Stanley Park S-Curve Project is available at www.city.vancouver.bc.ca

For more information, contact:

Len Dyer, Community Relations Officer
Coast Mountain Bus Company. 604-953-3449
email: len_dyer@translink.bc.ca

Your picture is worth a book of tickets



On Clean Air Day, Wednesday, June 5, Representatives of TransLink and its operating subsidiaries were at Waterfront Station from 6:30 to 9:00 am to thank customers in person. Staff were also at Burrard Street SkyTrain Station from 3:00 to 5:00 pm handing out 3,000 tree seedlings. Teams of TransLink, Coast Mountain Bus Company, SkyTrain and West Coast Express employees also handed out tree seedlings on transit on selected transit vehicles

throughout the region.

In addition, it was announced that a book of complimentary FareSaver tickets would be given to 12 customers who were randomly photographed during the day and who identified their pictures in this issue of The Buzzer.

To claim their tickets, winners should phone Karen Halex at TransLink. Phone 604-453-4615.

Car Sharing may be part of the answer to your transportation needs.

Let's say you're a regular transit rider who doesn't need a car full time but would like to have the use of one occasionally. What if you could find an arrangement that would allow you to share in the purchase and maintenance of a car? Not only would you have your wish but you would save a lot of money; while helping to reduce the number of cars on the roads and their accompanying noise and pollution.

Co-Operative Auto Network (CAN), a not-for-profit cooperative incorporated to foster an environmentally responsible transportation option, has come up with an answer that works for many people. You join a co-op to jointly own vehicles with others. You pay a small monthly administration fee to cover the fixed costs of the cars and when you use one you pay low fees by the hour and by the kilometre. You aren't saddled with the whole debt load and the stress and hassle of car maintenance is handled by the cooperative.

To join, you pay a registration fee of \$20, then \$500 for a 'refundable' share purchase in the co-op.

For those driving more than 3000 kms per year, the monthly administration fee is \$35, the hourly fee is \$1.75 (max. \$21 daily), and the fee per kilometre is 17 cents.

For those driving 1000 to 3000 kms per year, the monthly administration fee is \$12.50, The hourly fee is \$1.75 (max. \$21 daily), and the fee per kilometre is 27 cents.

For those driving less than 1000 km per year, the yearly administration fee is \$60. The hourly fee is \$1.75 (max. \$21 daily), the fee per kilometre is 32 cents.

And how about insurance? The Co-operative purchases

insurance from ICBC under a fleet plan option. The co-op, not the driver, holds the insurance. They carry \$5 million plus Collision and Comprehensive Coverage with \$500 deductible. Plus, they have Directors' Liability Insurance and Corporate Liability Insurance. In an at-fault accident, the member at fault is responsible for the \$500 deductible.

When looking at these costs you should keep in mind that all insurance, fuels, cleaning, maintenance, BCAA membership plus permanent and permit parking are included in the rate plans. Rates are subject to change without notice.

So, how much money can you save by joining? That really hinges on usage.

The typical cost of a vehicle driven in the Lower Mainland is \$0.564 per kilometre or about \$8,000 per year. Or one can consider that a car will cost about \$200 per month to finance and/or purchase, \$100+ per month to insure, \$50 for gas, plus an average of \$50 to maintain. That's \$400 per month without including depreciation, parking and those little or huge surprises. Most CAN members pay an average of \$75 a month for all the car they ever need!

For further information check CAN's website at <http://www.cooperativeauto.net/Q&Aout.htm> Or phone 604-685-1393