# High school students - don't forget your GoCard!

Time to think about the new school year and your GoCard if you are a student in grade 8 to 12! With a GoCard you are eligible for concession transit fares. You need a new GoCard every year, and schools usually arrange for a photo session so you can get your card at school.

New to grade 8? You get to pay a concession fare without a GoCard until Oct. 31, 2009. When you board transit, provide your name, grade and school name, if you are asked. If there is a problem, please pay the adult fare, note the time of travel and bus number and call TransLink Customer Relations at 604-953-3040.

If you miss your GoCard photo session, you can get your picture taken by the following photographers:

- Artona Group Inc., 353 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, 604-872-7272, Mon. Sat. 9am 5pm.
- Mountain West Studios Ltd., 1073 Roosevelt Crescent, North Vancouver, 604-980-8551, Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 4pm.

Make sure to bring \$11, plus a GoCard application form signed by a school official (available at school offices) and proof of age (birth certificate, passport or CareCard) to the photo session. A GoCard will be issued immediately.

#### **BACK ISSUES**

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

1940 Here's an interesting tidbit from the April 26, 1940 Buzzer.

#### THE SMOOTHEST WAY

There is nothing so smooth as a good steel wheel on a heavy steel rail. That is why the Central Park interurban line provides the smoothest trip to New Westminster. There



are no rough spots and the fare is only 35 cents for the round trip.

Like the other SkyTrain Lines (Expo and Millennium), the new Canada Line will offer a smooth ride for passengers. Funny, what's old is new and what's new is old again. 35 cents doesn't buy much today!

## Metro Vancouver Recycles helps you reduce waste

Since 2007, Metro Vancouver has encouraged people to reduce waste with the Zero Waste Challenge.



To help, they've developed a

tool this year to let you easily find recycling locations in the region.

Metro Vancouver Recycles is a directory of over 1,300 locations to donate, recycle or dispose of unwanted items such as computers, clothing, toys, building materials, furniture and much more.

Check out Metro Vancouver Recycles at: www.metrovancouver.org/ services/solidwaste/Pages/DisposalDatabase.aspx

#### The Buzzer's contest corner!

MAY FARECARD WINNER You'll have to wait until the next issue to find out the winner of the July FareCard contest - the final date for the entries was too late for this publication because we moved the date up by a week! You can still enter the contest in this issue.

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 <u>not</u> be entered to win! One entry per person, please.

What is the travel time to/from Waterfront Station to YVR-Airport Station on the new Canada Line? (Hint: it's in this issue!)

Enter by Mon Aug. 31 at 9am; we'll draw a name from all eligible entries if more than one is right. See who won in the September issue!

PRIVACY POLICY 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.ca.

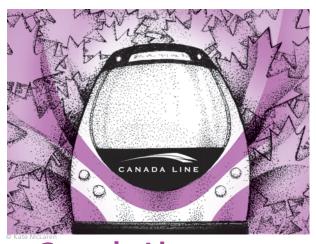
#### **COMING EVENTS**

- 10th Annual Blues & Roots Festival. Deer Lake Park, Aug 9, gates open 12:30pm, show 1:30-10pm. Smokey Robinson, Sharon Jones & The Dap Kings and more. info: www.burnabybluesfestival.com
- Science Fiction Book Discussion Group meeting. Aug 13, 7pm at "The Grind" 4124 Main Street, Vancouver. Discussing The Traveler by John Twelve Hawks. Info: 604-526-5621 or darthbuddy2000@ yahoo.ca
- Bonsor 55+ Summer BBQ on the Bonsor Patio at Bonsor Rec. Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby. Barbeque, games, music and conversation. \$5 Aug 14, 12 noon-3pm. Info: 604-439-5510
- Macbeth at Performance Works Outdoor Stage, 1218 Cartwright Street on Granville Island, runs till Aug 15. Free. Info: 604-669-3410 or www.carouseltheatre.ca
- 21st Annual Vancouver Queer Film Festival. Aug 13–23. Cinemark Tinseltown, Vancity Theatre, Empire Granville 7 and Emily Carr. Tickets: queerfilmfestival.ca and Little Sisters Book and Art Emporium. \$10
- ✓ Join the Renfrew-Collingwood Seniors Society Tuesdays & Fridays, 10am-3pm for fun programs and outings. Friday Bingo at 1pm. Learn more at the Open House on Aug 15, 2-4pm. Treats and entertainment. 2970 East 22 Street. Vancouver. Info: 604-430-1441
- Canadian Alliance of British Pensioners invites you to an information session on the new pension laws, followed by a pension application process workshop. 45+ Free. Aug 22, 2pm at MacDonald-Cartier Room, Poirier Community Centre, 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam. Info: 604-683-3445
- Burnaby Lake Antiques Fair. Antiques and vintage collectables. Drop-in appraisals. Aug 29 & 30. Burnaby Lake Sports Centre, 3676 Kensington Avenue. 10am-5pm. \$6. Info: www.21cpromotions.com
- Outdoor Yoga on the Observation Deck at Canada Place every Wednesday, 5-6pm, till Sept 16. Open to all levels. Free (donations to the Strathcona Community Centre's Food Security for Children appreciated). Bring your mat. Weather permitting!
- ✓ The Terry Fox Run as well as the Terry Fox Works Day and Terry Fox National School Run Day will take place in September in communities all across British Columbia and the rest of Canada. Visit www.terryfoxrun.org for more information.
- ✓ Interested in volunteering as a driver for seniors? If you have your Class Four license, Bonsor Recreation Complex, 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, could use your help with driving and leading day outings to local venues. Info: 604-439-5517

Send your community events to thebuzzer@translink.ca



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### Canada Line opens August 17!

#### Check out what's in this issue...

- » Learn about the Canada Line
- » All about Canada Line bus service changes
- » High school students gear up for a new GoCard

Visit the Buzzer blog at buzzer.translink.ca



### Canada Line opens August 17!

We're so excited --- it's finally the day we've been waiting for!

The Canada Line opens on August 17, with a special free day in celebration. For information please visit the Buzzer blog at buzzer. translink.ca.



Enjoy the ride, but remember that until September 7, buses will continue to run on their current routes. Yes, that means for a couple of weeks there will be some duplication of services.

#### **FAST AND FREQUENT SERVICE**

Service runs 21 hours a day, every day. In middays and weekday peak periods, trains leave about every four minutes from Vancouver and eight minutes from Richmond and the airport. After 5:30 a.m., southbound trains from Waterfront alternate between YVR-Airport and Richmond-Brighouse as final destinations.

#### SPACE TO MOVE, ROOM FOR LUGGAGE

Wide aisles between seats and walkway assures smooth passenger flow, plus there's ample room to store your luggage. And air conditioning makes every trip comfortable.

#### SAFE AND SECURE

All Canada Line cars are equipped with a silent alarm and emergency intercom for your safety. Stations are also designed for optimal light and visibility. Transit Police and attendants will be present to assist customers and ensure safe travel.

#### **BIKE-FRIENDLY**

Each train can carry two bikes (one bike per car). Stations are equipped with bike racks and lockers. Cycling and pedestrian lanes are part of the new Canada Line bridge over the Fraser River.

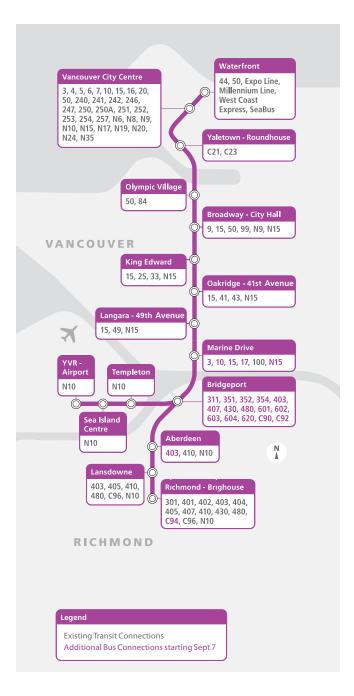
#### **ACCESS FOR EVERYONE**

All Canada Line stations are wheelchair accessible, with provisions for HandyDART. Every train accommodates four wheelchairs.

#### FARES

Standard TransLink fares apply. Tickets and passes are also valid for travel on TransLink buses, SeaBus, and SkyTrain.





# Canada Line bus changes for Sept 7



On September 7, many bus routes will change service to connect with the Canada Line. Here's the changes you can expect:

#### VANCOUVER

- » 3, 10, 15, 17, N15 buses will be extended to Marine Drive Station for all trips except the 3, which will serve the station for all trips during weekday peak periods and for every second trip during all other periods.
- » 10 will run more frequently to benefit customers along the Granville corridor.
- » 15 will run less often as customers can travel on the Canada Line along the Cambie corridor.
- » 17 will no longer serve Marpole Loop.
- » 98 B-Line will be discontinued. Use Canada Line for fastest north-south travel or the 10 for local service along Granville.

#### **RICHMOND**

- » 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 410, 430, 480 buses will run more frequently and provide increased connections to Canada Line.
- » New C94 will connect Richmond-Brighouse Station and Richmond Oval.
- » 98 B-Line, 488, 490, 491, 492, 496 will be discontinued. Use improved local services to connect with Canada Line for travel to Vancouver.
- » 403 will be extended to Aberdeen Station and Bridgeport Station.
- » 407, 430, 480 will include service to Bridgeport Station.
- » C95 will be discontinued.
- » Temporary bus bays for Richmond-Brighouse Station (Richmond Centre) will be reorganized and relocated on nearby streets.

#### AIRPORT/SEA ISLAND

- » Airport Station bus loop will be closed.
- » 424 will be discontinued; use Canada Line to travel to/from the airport.
- » N10 NightBus will continue to serve the airport during overnight hours when Canada Line is not operating.
- » 100 will travel west only as far as Marpole. Customers can transfer to Canada Line at Marine Drive Station to travel to the airport.
- » 620, C90, C92 will travel to Bridgeport Station instead of Airport Station. C92 will operate on Saturdays and will also run more often on weekdays.

#### **SOUTH OF FRASER**

» 311, 351, 352, 354, 601, 602, 603, 604 buses will run more frequently and connect to Canada Line at Bridgeport Station in Richmond instead of travelling to Vancouver.