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Changes in TrainBus service to Mission coming in June

A review of the TrainBus service to Mission was conducted by TransLink and the District of Mission to address operating costs and service efficiency. TransLink and the District of Mission looked at ridership, fare revenue and the increased subsidy needed to maintain the current TrainBus schedule. The District of Mission covers the costs associated with the TrainBus operations within the District, which is outside of TransLink's normal service area.

The changes will see a reduction in the number of trips to and from Mission on weekdays and the end of weekend trips between Mission and downtown Vancouver. The changes will take effect on June 20, 2011.

TrainBus has operated since in 1999 with weekday trips to supplement the West Coast Express rail service. Every Monday to Friday, the highway coach buses follow the West Coast Express route, stopping at all stations along the line, with two westbound trips each morning into downtown Vancouver plus two early afternoon and three evening eastbound return trips back to Mission. This schedule gives regular West Coast Express customers more options in the event they head downtown later in the morning, return home earlier than usual or need to stay downtown and miss the last train back to Mission.

In 2008, TrainBus began offering three round trips from Mission on Saturdays and two on Sundays.

The decision to cancel weekend service was based on low additional fare revenue from those trips and the need to focus available funding on TrainBus' main role of supplementing West Coast Express weekday commuter services.

These changes will take effect on June 20, 2011 and will not affect the West Coast Express commuter rail service, which will continue to operate on its regular schedule.

(TrainBus Schedule effective June 20, 2011 follows)

**West Coast Express TrainBus Service Schedule
Effective June 20, 2011**

Mon. - Fri. Westbound		
	<i>TrainBus 1*</i>	<i>TrainBus 2</i>
Mission City	9:27 am Departure Discontinued	10:27 am
Port Haney	9:49 am	10:49 am
Maple Meadows	9:59 am	10:59 am
Pitt Meadows	10:08 am	11:08 am
Port Coquitlam	10:22 am	11:22 am
Coquitlam Central	10:34 am	11:34 am
Port Moody	10:42 am	11:42 am
Waterfront	11:22 am	12:22 pm

Mon. - Fri. Eastbound					
	<i>TrainBus 1*</i>	<i>TrainBus 2</i>	<i>TrainBus 3</i>	<i>TrainBus 4*</i>	<i>TrainBus 5</i>
Waterfront	12:55 pm	1:25 pm	7:00 pm	7:30 pm	8:00 pm
Port Moody	1:29 pm	1:59 pm	7:34 pm	8:04 pm	8:34 pm
Coquitlam Central	1:37 pm	2:07 pm	7:42 pm	8:12 pm	8:42 pm
Port Coquitlam	1:46 pm	2:16 pm	7:51 pm	8:21 pm	8:51 pm
Pitt Meadows	1:57 pm	2:27 pm	8:02 pm	8:32 pm	9:02 pm
Maple Meadows	2:03 pm	2:33 pm	8:08 pm	8:38 pm	9:08 pm
Port Haney	2:13 pm	2:43 pm	8:18 pm	8:48 pm	9:18 pm
Mission City	2:37pm Arrival Discontinued	3:09 pm	8:42 pm	9:12 pm Arrival Discontinued	9:42 pm

* Only the Mission /Port Haney segment of the trip is affected, the rest of the route and stops will operate as before.
West Coast Express TrainBus (Saturday, Sunday and Holidays) No Service

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