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Evergreen Line Construction Begins

The Government of Canada, the government of British Columbia and TransLink recently announced the names and construction schedule for the new Evergreen Line stations. The Evergreen Line will be an extension off of the existing Millennium Line at Lougheed Town Centre Station.

Staff worked with Port Moody, Coquitlam and Douglas College to set final station names that reflect

the historical and future significance of the local neighbourhoods served. The station names chosen are:

- Lougheed Town Centre Station
- Burquitlam Station
- Moody Centre Station
- Inlet Centre Station
- Coquitlam Central Station
- Lincoln Station
- Lafarge Lake-Douglas Station

The proposed schedule for each station is listed below:

Lougheed Station - Burnaby

The bus loops and pedestrian walkways will be moved beginning **Spring 2013**. Station renovations and guideway construction will start in **Summer 2013**.

Burquitlam Station - Coquitlam

Guideway construction and utility relocation work will begin in **Spring 2013**. Station construction is expected to begin in **2014**.

North tunnel portal - Port Moody

Construction has begun in the north tunnel portal area to prepare for tunnel boring. Construction of the tunnel underneath the Barnet Highway will begin in **Spring 2013**. Work will be completed in stages, shifting Barnet Highway traffic west at View Street to keep all lanes open for traffic. The tunnel boring is scheduled to begin in **March 2014**.

Moody Centre Station - Port Moody

Demolition, utility work and changes to the park-and-ride and bus loop are underway. Construction on the guideway will begin in **Summer 2013**.

Inlet Centre Station - Port Moody

Utility relocations will start in **Spring 2013** followed by set up of construction staging areas for station and guideway construction.

Coquitlam Central Station - Coquitlam

Changes to the existing bus loop will begin **Summer 2013**. Station construction is expected to start this winter and guideway construction in **2014**.

Lincoln Station - Coquitlam

Utility work will begin this summer and station and guideway construction will begin **Fall 2013**.

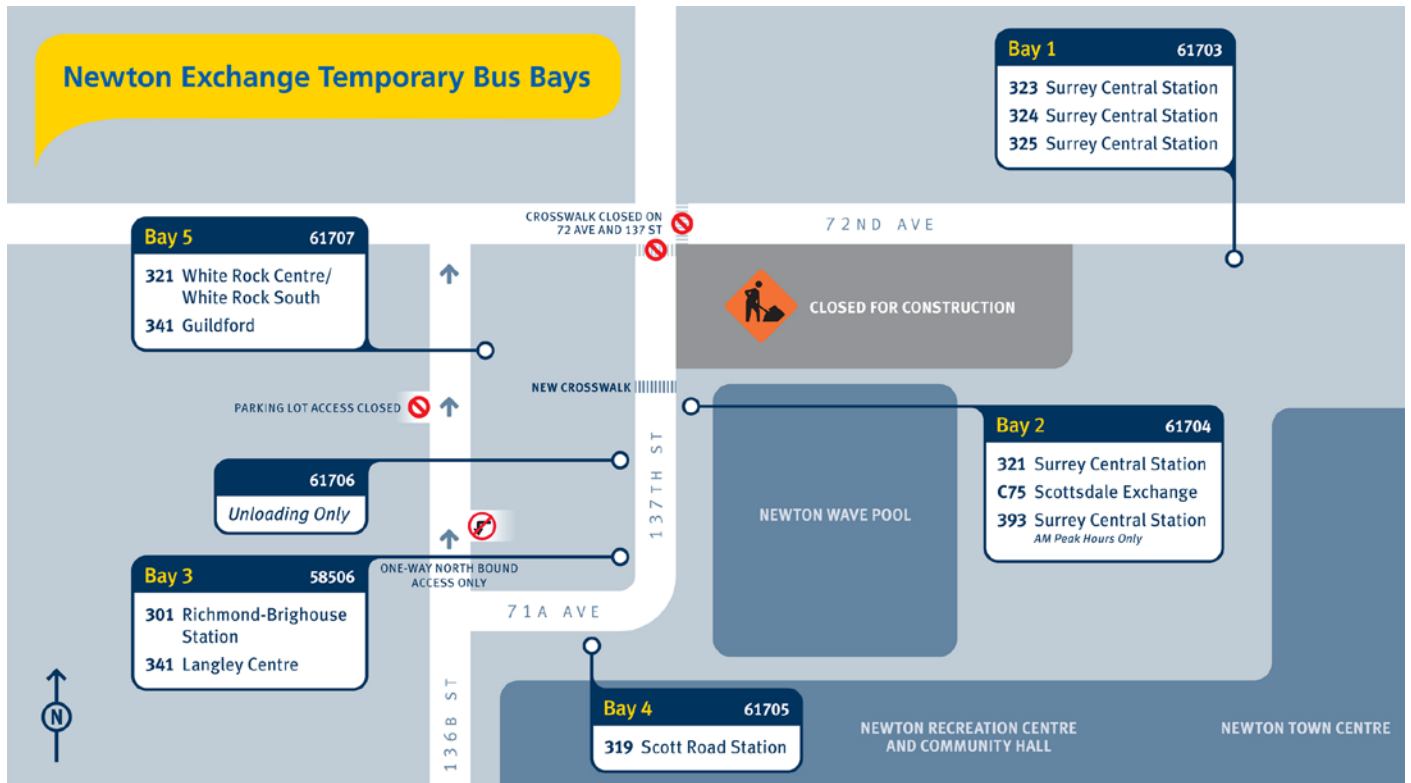
Lafarge Lake - Douglas Station - Coquitlam

Road and ground improvements will start this summer followed by guideway construction. Station construction is expected to begin in **Fall 2013**.

Upgrades coming to Newton Exchange

TransLink is beginning to implement improvements to Newton Exchange this month. The upgrades will enhance passenger safety, security and access, as well as increase efficiency for bus services. This means better lighting, seating, wayfinding signage and accessible features at the bus stops.

The improvements will also accommodate the new B-Line service from King George SkyTrain Station to White Rock. Completion of construction is anticipated to be in the summer months.



As a result of construction, bus stops at Newton Exchange will be moving. The bus bay assignments are as follows

Bay 1 - 323 Surrey Central Station; **324** Surrey Central Station; **325** Surrey Central Station

Bay 2 – 321 Surrey Central Station; **C75** Scottsdale Exchange; **393** Surrey Central Station

Bay 3 – 301 Richmond-Brighouse Station; **341** Langley Centre

Bay 4 – 319 Scott Road Station

Bay 5 – 321 White Rock Centre/White Rock South; **341** Guildford

For more information on locating your bus stop at the updated exchange, contact Customer Information at **604.953.3333**.

Accessible Bus Stops in Metro Vancouver

In February 2013, the total percentage of accessible bus stops in Metro Vancouver was 66.2%. A detailed comparison of the accessible bus stops for the month of February 2012 and February 2013 is outlined below.

	Active Stops 2013	% Accessible February 2012	% Accessible February 2013
Belcarra/Anmore	28	37.0%	39.3%
Bowen Island*	1	100.0%	100.0%
Burnaby	954	52.6%	56.2%
Coquitlam	546	47.3%	55.5%
Delta/TFN	540	49.3%	49.6%
Langley - City	121	71.2%	69.4%
Langley - Township	354	65.3%	68.4%
Maple Ridge	306	43.8%	51.3%
New Westminister	264	76.6%	81.1%
North Vancouver - City	168	78.2%	85.1%
N. Vancouver - District	433	56.3%	57.0%
Pitt Meadows	52	52.9%	55.8%
Port Coquitlam	229	37.4%	42.4%
Port Moody	163	43.6%	55.8%
Richmond	715	58.6%	60.4%
Surrey	1356	72.8%	74.7%
Vancouver/UBC	1945	78.7%	80.4%
West Vancouver**	7	80.0%	57.1%
White Rock	105	44.3%	43.8%
Total	8287	63.2%	66.2%

*There is only 1 bus stop with CS plates on Bowen Island. Other bus stops on Bowen Island are 'Flagstops'.

****CMBC only maintains the 7 bus stops that are currently at the Park Royal area. Other bus stops are maintained by the District of West Vancouver and are excluded from this table.**

In February 2013, the SeaBus provided 326 wheelchair and scooter trips.

Please call **604.953.3333** or check www.translink.ca to find out if the bus stop you are intending to go to is accessible.

Faregate Installation and SkyTrain Improvements Continue

Faregate installation continues on the Expo and Millennium Lines this month; each week different stations will receive faregates. Work to install the gates occurs Sunday through Thursday, starting in the evening and ending before start of service the following morning.

As we move into April, the following stations will undergo installation:

Date	Station
April 8-9	Gateway Station
April 10-11	Commercial-Broadway Station

As the installation schedule may change, check out OnTrack at <http://www.translink.ca/en/Plans-and-Projects/OnTrack.aspx> for more information, or to find out about current escalator and elevator closures.

Work is expected to resume on the Power Rail Replacement project beginning in mid-April 2013.

Thirty-four kilometres of original power rail on the Expo Line, which supplies SkyTrain vehicles with power, is being replaced. Power rail will be replaced in the track sections between Nanaimo and Scott Road Stations. The full project is expected to take up to 15 months to complete.

Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee will be held on April 18, 2013.

Please forward these updates on to others within your organizations or to other individuals who may find them of interest.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the status of the Access Transit project, please contact: access.transit@translink.ca