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UAC Members To Present at Walk 21 Conference

This year's International Walk21 Conference is being hosted by Metro Vancouver from October 3 to 5. The conference's metropolitan focus involves municipalities in the region, health authorities, TransLink, the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University, as well as the regional government. The

conference will focus on best practices for urban design, transportation mobility, and health promotion.

Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee (UAC) Vice Chair **Heather McCain** will be presenting a conference session on the evolution of the pedestrian, as well as a 'walkshop' tour through downtown Vancouver focused on inclusive and accessible streetscapes. As well, UAC member **Richard Marion** will be presenting a walking tour on behalf of the Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians BC Affiliate, demonstrating alternate techniques to experience the environment for people who are blind, partially sighted, or deaf/blind. People interested in attending the conference are able to register online at <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/walk21vancouver.asp>.

For those unable to attend the conference, there is also a pre-conference workshop open to the

public on October 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This workshop will examine school and youth focused transportation. The pre-conference workshop is an opportunity to meet practitioners and supporters of Active and Safe Routes to School, and address important and emerging topics in the field including transportation demand management; programs and strategies for rural schools and communities; and road safety in Canada and around the world. To register for the pre-conference workshop, visit <http://www.hastebc.org/walk21-active-and-safe-routes-school-pre-conference-workshop>.

Community Consultation for 2012 Plans

As the TransLink 2012 Supplemental Plan and Outlook is developed, TransLink is looking for your feedback on which funding sources should support the service enhancements, which will be made throughout the region over the next few years. Join us at one of the remaining two in-person community consultation sessions to ask questions, participate in round-table discussions and fill out our questionnaire. Each session will begin with an open house (6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.) followed by a presentation and discussion (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.). The sessions are as follows:

September 14, 2011
Guildford Recreation Centre,
Multi-purpose Room
15105 105 Avenue
Surrey
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

September 15, 2011
Evergreen Cultural Centre,
Studio A
1205 Pinetree Way
Coquitlam
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

To view the 2012 Supplemental Plan and Outlook, visit:
<http://www.translink.ca/en/Be-Part-of-the-Plan/Plans/10-Year-Transportation-Plan/2012-Supplemental-Plan.aspx>

For more information about the 2012 Supplemental Plan (titled “Moving Forward”) as well as other ways you can get involved and have your say, visit our 10 Year Plan webpage at: <http://www.translink.ca/en/Be-Part-of-the-Plan/Plans/10-Year-Transportation-Plan.aspx>

Final Call to apply to Serve on the 2012 Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee

The Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee is accepting applications from persons interested in serving a three year term on the Committee beginning January 2012.

The application form can be found online at:

http://www.translink.ca/~media/documents/rider_info/access%20transit/uc%202012%20application%20form.ashx

Please submit your application to sarah.chung@translink.ca no later than September 30, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee and the application process, please contact:

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Accessible Bus Stops in Metro Vancouver

In August 2011, the total percentage of accessible bus stops in Metro Vancouver was 59.2%. A detailed comparison of the accessible bus stops for the month of August 2010 and August 2011 is outlined below.

	Active Stops 2011	% Accessible August 2010	% Accessible August 2011
Belcarra/Anmore	28	30.8%	28.6%
Bowen Island	1	100.0%	100.0%
Burnaby	944	45.2%	49.8%
Coquitlam	536	43.7%	46.3%

Delta/TFN	532	43.2%	46.2%
Langley - City	118	71.8%	71.2%
Langley - Township	340	57.4%	63.8%
Maple Ridge	306	35.3%	43.5%
New Westminister	259	67.6%	71.4%
North Vancouver - City	166	69.3%	74.7%
N. Vancouver - District	430	49.2%	50.0%
Pitt Meadows	52	52.9%	53.8%
Port Coquitlam	229	21.6%	27.9%
Port Moody	163	38.7%	41.7%
Richmond	711	54.6%	56.4%
Surrey	1328	70.2%	71.4%
Vancouver/UBC	1949	68.8%	70.4%
West Vancouver	4	60.0%	75.0%
White Rock	107	38.5%	39.3%
Total	8203	56.5%	59.2%

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.

Station Construction Guides Available during Faregate Construction

Starting in September, TransLink staff will be on hand to assist all passengers to navigate through the faregate construction zones of SkyTrain Stations. These staff, called Station Construction Guides, can be identified by their bright yellow and green vests with the SkyTrain logo on them in conjunction with navy blue pants and white shirts.

The guides are available to help all passengers, including those who use the VIP service. They are currently located at Broadway-Commercial and Granville stations, and will later be at Waterfront, Joyce-Collingwood, Edmonds and Surrey Central as construction progresses.

For the most up-to-date information on the Faregate Project and service impacts, please visit TransLink OnTrack online at <http://www.translink.ca/en/Be-Part-of-the-Plan/Projects/OnTrack.aspx>.

Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee will be held on September 15, 2011.

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