

Canada Line Station HandyDART Access

All Canada Line Stations have been designed to be 'accessible' and are now in operation. However, for HandyDART customers, there are several stations that do not have a pick up / drop off location (PUDO) due to on-going construction of the city streets surrounding the station or other technical issues. Below is a list of the affected stations:

- Granville Mall roadwork is scheduled to be completed sometime in November, 2009. This impacts both the Waterfront and Vancouver City Centre Stations.
- The PUDO location for the Broadway City Hall Station is in place but has a slope due to the natural terrain. This may make travel with a manual wheelchair or other walking aid more difficult at this location.
- Discussions are ongoing between TransLink and the City of Vancouver regarding the PUDO location for the Oakridge 41st Avenue Station.
- YVR Airport - no access, but it is not necessary for HandyDART operations as passengers arriving or leaving by HandyDART continue to use the YVR shuttle entrance.
- Sea Island Centre - no access - but it is not necessary for HandyDART operations as this is an employment destination and employees using HandyDART would be dropped off or picked up at their employment location.

- The PUDO location for Aberdeen Station is in place but waiting for the curb to be cut away for wheelchair access (end of November 2009).
 - There is a temporary PUDO location at Richmond Brighthouse. A permanent location will be established when the new bus loop is completed in mid-2010 or later.
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New Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain Station Elevator

The new elevator at Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain Station is scheduled to open in late October 2009. The elevator is located at the south side of Platform 3 (former Broadway Station – trains to Waterfront) and replaces the previous elevator located on the north side of Platform 3. The upgrade will increase space on the platform and reduce congestion during peak periods.

The elevator will be accessible from the new entrance to the Station off 10th Avenue, which is designed to improve accessibility, provide an open station visible from both Broadway and 10th, and create an additional exit.

Some key features of the elevator include a 50 % increase in capacity and a 50% increase in speed.

For more information on the renovations which were done at Commercial-Broadway SkyTrain visit the Buzzer Blog:
<http://buzzer.translink.ca/?s=upgrades+at+commercial>

Elevator/Escalator Email Notifications

If you would like to receive email notifications regarding out of service elevators and escalators, please send an email to: Julie.Rogal@translink.ca

Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee will be held on November 4th, 2009.

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: accesstransit@translink.ca