

Taxis Obtain Approval to Access Olympic Only Lanes to Pick Up and Drop Off Persons with Mobility Issues

The Olympic Transportation Lanes are reserved for use only by Olympic accredited vehicles. However, the City of Vancouver and TransLink (through the Access Transit Secretariat) were able to negotiate so that taxis may be permitted to use Olympic Lanes, or temporary no stopping zones, to drop off or pick up persons with disabilities and seniors with mobility issues in front of medical buildings. This is of particular benefit to customers with medical appointments along the Broadway corridor and near St Paul's Hospital. If requested, the taxi must prove that the passenger used a HandyCard or Taxi Saver voucher.

HandyDART vehicles are also able to use Olympic Transportation Lanes. People with disabilities and seniors with mobility issues are encouraged to plan ahead and use the conventional transit system or HandyDART buses. More information about Handy DART is available at:

<http://www.translink.ca/en/Rider-Info/HandyDART.aspx>

Olympics in Motion

Many TransLink staff have volunteered to be part of the Olympic experience by trading in their 'day jobs' and becoming transit information experts in front of SkyTrain stations and transit hubs throughout Metro Vancouver. Tourists and regular transit users will be able to spot the TransLink and Coast

Mountain Bus volunteers dressed in bright blue. The volunteers offer transit and area related information from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 a.m.

TransLink has also set up a communication management centre. Staff in the communications centre keep the system moving through up-to-date alerts via social media and communication technology at SkyTrain stations. Information regarding travel conditions, wait times and best travel options is relayed to the media and transit users as it becomes known.

If you require any information while planning your travel during the games visit: <http://travelsmart2010.ca> or call TransLink's Customer Information Line 604 953 3333

Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee will be held on April 15th, 2010.

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:
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