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CHANGES TO PARK & RIDE SERVICE AND FARE STRUCTURE FOR COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL AND COMMUTER TRANSIT

COWICHAN VALLEY, B.C. – New fares in the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System are in effect on Thursday, July 1, 2010. The Cowichan Valley Regional District approved the introduction of the new fare structure on April 14, 2010.

Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System:

Effective July 1, conventional and handyDART cash fares increase by 25 cents. Conventional adult fares increase from \$1.75 to \$2.00 and handyDART fares increase from \$2.00 to \$2.25, with tickets and monthly passes adjusted accordingly (Table A).

Cowichan Valley Commuter:

The two-zone fare structure is eliminated effective July 1 in favour of a single-zone cash fare of \$7.00 (Table B).

In an effort to provide a quicker commute for customers, the Cowichan Valley Commuter will no longer serve the Hutchinson Road Park & Ride effective September 7, 2010. After September 7, the lot will remain open as a Rideshare lot. Transit customers are welcome to park their cars and carpool to the nearest Park & Ride location of Frayne Road or Valley View.

Funding of the local transit system is cost-shared between the Cowichan Valley Regional District and BC Transit. Funding of the Commuter service is cost-shared between the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, Cowichan Valley Regional District and BC Transit.

More information on the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System can be found at www.bctransit.com.

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Table A: Tariff Structure, Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System

Fares	Cash Fares	10 Tickets	Monthly Pass	Day Pass
Adult	\$2.00	\$16.00	\$48.00	\$4.00
Senior/Student	\$1.75	\$13.50	\$36.00	\$3.25
Child, 4 and under	Free			
College Semester	\$112.00			

Effective July 1, 2010

Table B: Tariff Structure, Cowichan Valley Commuter

One-Zone Fare Structure	
Cash Fare	\$7.00
10 Tickets	\$63.00
Monthly pass	\$165.00
Monthly South Island Pass	\$200.00

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