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RELEASE: MORE BUS SERVICE AND NEW SCHEDULES TO START SEPTEMBER 8

VICTORIA – Starting September 8, BC Transit customers in the Victoria Regional Transit System will see a five per cent increase in service and updated schedules for the new school year.

BC Transit will add 40,200 more hours of service to the regional transit system, made possible through provincial and municipal funding announced earlier this year. The expansion will be introduced in two phases – September and January 2010.



Mayor Christopher Causton, Chair of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission says, “The additional funding has allowed us to respond and meet the demand for more transit in various parts of the community.”

Of the scheduled changes, customers will start using the new transit exchange on Station Avenue in Langford, and Gordon Head in Saanich will be serviced by two new routes, the **#12 UVic/University Heights** and the **#13 UVic/Cadboro Bay**.

Furthermore, **#4 UVic/Downtown**, **#14 Vic General/UVic**, and **#26 Dockyard/UVic** will receive extra trips to address capacity issues on the popular routes, and Saturday service will begin for the William Head Institute and Pearson College in Colwood via **#54 Metchosin**.

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The **#50 Langford/Downtown** will be streamlined, travelling along Jacklin Road instead of through the residential streets of Dunford and Carlow.

Due to low ridership, the limited-service **#76 Saanichton Exchange/Keating Cross Road/Royal Oak Exchange/Downtown**, will be eliminated.

Additional changes to the bus schedule have also been made to improve timing and route efficiency.

For a list of the new bus schedules and detailed information on the expanded service, visit www.bctransit.com, call 250-382-6161, or pick up a Rider's Guide.

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