# Fort St. John Transit

**RIDER'S GUIDE** 

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## **Welcome Aboard**

#### About Your Transit System

Funding for your local transit system is cost shared between the City of Fort St. John and BC Transit.

Decisions on fares, routes and service levels are made by the local government funding partners based on public feedback and information provided by BC Transit. Buses are operated by PWTransit Ltd.

Operating costs are met by a combination of farebox revenues and joint local and provincial funding.

Your local transit system runs six days a week. Buses serve the City of Fort St. John, Electoral Areas "B" and "C" of the Peace River Regional District and the District of Taylor.

Fixed-route service - scheduled service to major destinations and residential areas.

handyDART - door-to-door, shared service for people who are unable to take the fixed-route service.

#### Contact

Customer Information Umo Customer Service	250·787·9373 877·380·8181 (toll-free) 8 a.m 8 p.m., Mon-Fri 9 a.m 5 p.m., Sat-Sun
Lost and Found handyDART	250·787·9373 250·787·7433
Office hours	8 a.m 5 p.m., Mon-Fri 9 a.m 4 p.m., Sat
Web	www.bctransit.com
Address	10404 – 87th Avenue Fort St. John, BC V1J 5K7

If you have comments about service in general or suggestions for improvements, contact the City of Fort St. John, 10631 - 100th Street, Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5. Ph: 250-787-8150



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Holiday and Sunday Service

No service on Sundays and the following holidays:

- New Year's Day •
- Family Day ٠
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day

Subject to change. Check online at www.bctransit.com for special event service.

## **Paying Your Fare**

#### Go with Umo

It's your choice how to use Umo app or card. Buy passes or load a Cash Balance through the app, online at ca.umopass.com, Umo's customer service line at 877.380.8181, or at a vendor location.

bus pass is valid for the eligible rider on any fixed-route transit service. The pass is non-transferable.

For information on criteria for eligibility, visit www.gov.bc.ca/buspassprogram or call 1.866.866.0800.

### **Riding the Bus Bike Racks**

Most bikes can be accommodated on BC Transit buses. If you're considering travelling by bike and transit, instructions are posted on the bike racks. Before your bus arrives, make sure that saddlebags, antennas, child carriers or any other item that could interfere with the driver's vision are removed from the bike.

Bike racks on community buses can only be used during daylight hours. Bikes block the headlights at night. Visit Rider Info at www.bctransit.com for an instructional video.

#### Fares

Fare products are being updated to support electronic payment options including the Umo Mobility app and reloadable Umo card. Cash and paper tickets and passes will continue to be accepted on board. Umo is currently not applicable to handyDART.

Local Fares	Adult/College**	Concession*
Children 12 and under	Free	Free
Single Ride***	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.75
Tickets (10); 10 Rides	18.00	15.75
Monthly Pass; 30-Day Pass	40.00 /35.00	35.00

\*Concession fare valid for youth aged 13-18 and persons 65 and over.

\*\*For full-time post-secondary students with valid ID.

\*\*\*Includes one local transfer within 90 minutes. If paying with cash, request a paper transfer from the driver at the start of your very first trip.

## Fares and Passes Vendors

Umo Umo fares and passes available for purchase.

- City Hall Umo
- Visitor Info Centre Umo
- North Peace Leisure Pool
- Northern Lights College (passes only)
- Bert Bowes Junior Secondary School (passes only)
- Dr. Kearney Junior Secondary School (passes only)
- North Peace Senior Secondary School (passes only)

Paper tickets and passes only available at select retail vendors. Electronic tickets and passes available via Umo and at Umo vendors. Subject to change. For an updated list of vendor locations, visit www.bctransit.com



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Mobility aids include scooters, wheelchairs, baby strollers and pediatric strollers.

## handyDART

handyDART is a door-to-door, shared transit service for people unable to take fixed-route transit. Customers must first register. Registration is free. Call 250.787.7433 for more information or visit www.bctransit.com, under Fort St. John, handyDART.

#### handyDART Hours

Monday to Friday 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday and Holidays no service

#### Booking a handyDART Trip

Call ahead during office hours to book your trip. You can book subscription trips for regular appointments and programs, or one-time trips, such as shopping and social visits. If your plans change, phone as soon as possible to cancel.

#### • B.C. Day Labour Day

- Truth & Reconciliation Day •
- Thanksgiving Day

#### **Cash Fare**

Cash is still accepted on board. Please have the exact fare ready before you board the bus.

#### **Umo Cash Balance**

Cash Balance is a new fare product for riders using a Umo payment method. A rider's Umo app or reloadable card can be loaded with a set dollar amount to be drawn from as additional trips are taken.

A Cash Balance can be loaded from \$5.00 and up.

#### **Transfers**

A transfer allows for travel on the next connecting bus within 90 minutes of trip departure without incurring an additional fare.

- If paying with cash, please request a paper transfer from the bus driver at the time of payment and submit the transfer to your next driver upon boarding your second bus.
- An electronic transfer will be automatically applied to your Umo payment method. Please tap or scan your original Umo payment method on your second bus to continue to travel without incurring an additional charge.

#### Tax Exemptions

You do not pay tax when you purchase your transit fare. Transit fares are exempt from federal and provincial tax.

#### Government of BC Bus Pass Program

The BC Bus Pass Program is offered by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The annual

#### The Bus is a Safe Place

Transit drivers can contact local police, ambulance and other emergency services. Transit drivers are also trained to assist a child or adult in need. Tell the driver if you are concerned about your safety.

BC Transit's safety and security practices uphold the British Columbia Transit Act and the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act.

#### **Request-a-Stop**

Customers who feel that their personal safety is at risk can ask their driver to stop between regular bus stops. Ask your transit driver at least one bus stop ahead of where you wish to get off. You will be let off at a safe location closest to your request. Please contact your local transit office for details and any time restrictions.

## Accessibility

#### **Courtesy Seating**

BC Transit serves everyone on a first-to-board basis. Courtesy seating is the front accessible area of the bus and is especially vital to:

- customers who use scooters, wheelchairs, pediatric strollers or other mobility aids
- · customers with a disability or mobility issue
- customers with baby strollers

Your mobility aid must not exceed 2 feet by 4 feet (61 cm by 122 cm). If your mobility aid is larger, please contact your local transit office for an assessment.

#### handyDART Guidelines

Be ready to travel a few minutes ahead of your scheduled pickup time. The driver can only wait a few minutes past your pickup time. If you are using a wheelchair, be sure it is equipped with a lap belt.

## Para Transit

#### Service to Taylor and Charlie Lake

Service between Taylor and Fort St. John is available Monday to Friday. The bus leaves Fort St. John at 8:15 a.m. to pick-up in Taylor. The return trip to Taylor leaves Fort St. John at 3:00 p.m.

Note: All residents are eligible to use the Taylor and Charlie Lake service. The fare is \$4.00 per passenger. All trips must be booked in advance by calling 250.787.7433.

#### Free Transit for Children 12 and Under

Children aged 6 to 12 ride conventional and handyDART buses for free, without requiring a fare product or identification.

Children 5 and under will need to be accompanied by an attendant 12 years or older to ride for free. Children must board and depart at the same stop as the attendant.

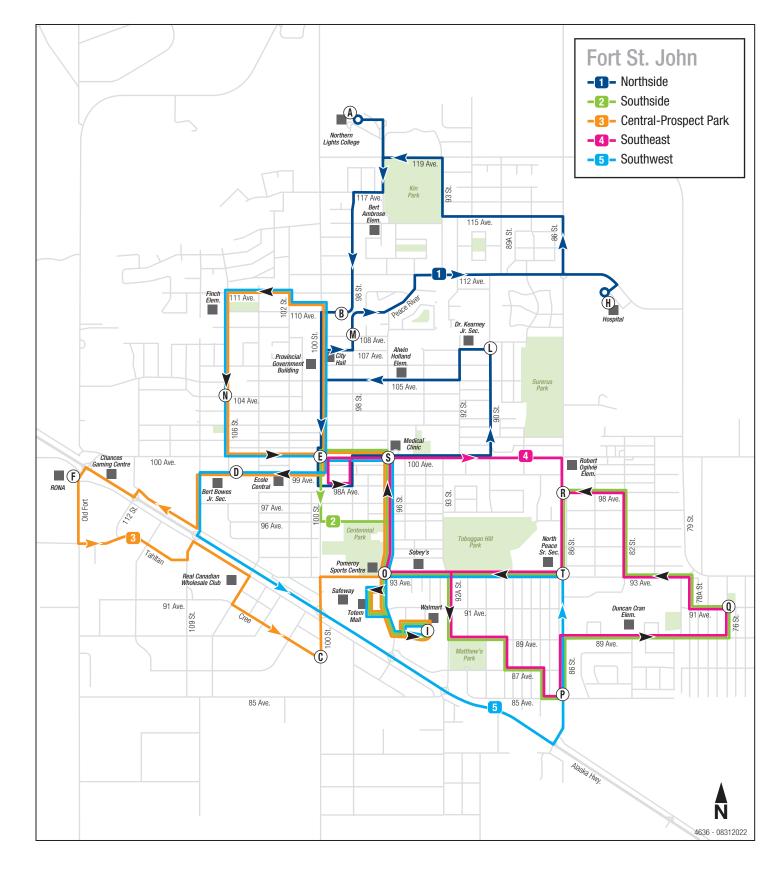
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