



NEWS RELEASE

New transit exchange opening near Highstreet Shopping Centre

ABBOTSFORD, BC – August 21, 2026 – The City of Abbotsford, in partnership with the Province and BC Transit, is pleased to announce a new transit exchange is opening in the Highstreet area of Mt. Lehman Road. Bus service to the exchange is expected to begin Sunday, September 6, 2026, with final construction and landscaping work being completed in coming months.

Located on Highstreet Access Road near the Highstreet Shopping Centre, between Mt. Lehman Road and Cardinal Avenue, the new transit exchange will improve connections for growing neighbourhoods in the Mt. Lehman area and throughout Abbotsford and will provide residents with improved access to public transit.

The new exchange will open with five new bus bays which will serve both local and regional routes – including the Fraser Valley Express. The exchange will also feature new transit shelters with bench seating, a multi-use pathway on the north side of the road, enhanced street lighting and bike racks. Additional features still under construction include a sixth bus bay, connection of the multi-use pathway to Mt. Lehman Road, a washroom building for transit operators, public plaza spaces with additional trees, bench seating and landscaping.

The \$8.1 million project was funded in part thanks to a \$3.2 million investment by the Province of BC through BC Transit.

This new infrastructure will support the City's growth in the transit network, accommodate increased service levels and improve customer experience for riders. This project is part of Abbotsford City Council's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan to create a community that is inclusive and connected through convenient and affordable transportation with vibrant commercial centres.

For route schedules and maps, visit www.bctransit.com/central-fraser-valley/schedules-and-maps/.

Quotes:

Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit

"As Abbotsford continues to grow, the opening of Highstreet Transit Exchange will help ensure people have access to reliable and convenient transit. This new exchange will improve transit for riders today while supporting future growth in the Fraser Valley."

Mayor Ross Siemens, City of Abbotsford

"Strengthening our transit network is key to linking residents and visitors to the great people and places that Abbotsford offers as the economic and cultural hub of the Fraser Valley," said Abbotsford Mayor Ross Siemens. "We are grateful to the Province of BC for their investment and partnership."

Erinn Pinkerton, President and CEO, BC Transit

“By modernizing transit infrastructure at the new Highstreet Exchange we’re providing our customers with a welcoming, accessible and comfortable transit hub that also positions the Abbotsford region for future service growth,” said BC Transit President and CEO Erinn Pinkerton. “Investments like this help strengthen local transit networks, improve the customer experience and support the growing communities we serve across British Columbia.”

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