

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Central Fraser Valley Transit System Service Change June 30**

**Central Fraser Valley –** BC Transit, the City of Abbotsford and the District of Mission are notifying customers in the Central Valley Transit System of a service change effective June 30, 2019.

The service changes will help address core transit issues in Abbotsford including matching routing and service levels to ridership and improving scheduling reliability. Over the past 10 years, travel times for buses in Abbotsford have increased significantly due to an increase in population, passengers, congestion, and rail traffic. Since 2008 the number of passengers on Abbotsford's roads have increase by 23 per cent, growing to 2.37 million rides per year.

These changes reflect feedback from public engagement in December 2018, Abbotsford's 2016 Official Community Plan and the 2018 Abbotsford Transportation & Transit Master Plan. Central Fraser Valley Transit system partners are expecting to introduce service expansion in 2020 and 2021 after the new transit and operations facility is complete.

The changes for June 30, 2019 include:

- Realigning existing routes 1 Blueridge-McKee, 2 Bluejay-Huntingdon, and 3 Clearbrook-UFV into the new routes 1 Highstreet-UFV, 2 Highstreet-McMillan, 3 Clearbrook-Huntingdon, and 9 Downtown-McKee to better match demand.
- Improving schedule reliability by reallocating resources from lower performing routes, including discontinuing the route 23 West Townline.
- Maintaining a higher level of service in the core areas of the city.
- Establishes the foundation for a future Rapid Transit route between the University of the Fraser Valley and Highstreet Shopping Centre.

To see the route and schedule previews, the service summary and the new rider's guide please visit https://www.bctransit.com/cfv/service-changes.

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