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Bus Company Wins Top Industry Award for Safety

BC Transit in Vancouver (now Coast Mountain BusLink) has won the top safety award in North America for a public transit company with more than 600 buses. The prestigious Silver Award is the highest safety-related recognition granted by the American Public Transportation Association, and honours BC Transit with the best overall safety record and program for 1998.

"APTA and its awards committee extend sincere congratulations to BC Transit, now Coast Mountain BusLink, and all its employees for this outstanding achievement," said APTA president William Millar.

David Stumpo, BusLink president, accepted the award May 5 in Cleveland, Ohio during the annual APTA conference.

"I am proud to receive this significant award that recognizes the finest example of safe service delivery in Canada and the United States," he said. "It is an honour to be part of the dynamic public transit company that has earned this distinction among its peers."

The Silver Award rated BC Transit as North America's safest bus system in 1998 in an urban area with 30,000 or more people. This recognition was based on the following criteria:

- Safety record for a fixed-route bus service
- Accident investigation and reporting
- Operator training and retraining
- Safety program innovations

The association's bus safety award competition is held annually to publicly acknowledge those transit systems that have superior safety records and have demonstrated excellence in their safety programs.

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