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Metro Vancouver Needs MORE BUSES NOW!

- ✓ Are you **TIRED** of riding overcrowded buses?
- ✓ Are you **ANGRY** watching full buses pass you up time after time?
- ✓ Are you **FED UP** at the lack of adequate service in your area?
- ✓ **SO IS YOUR BUS DRIVER.** And bus drivers are doing something about it – but we need your help.

**CLICK HERE
to send an email to:**



**Transportation Minister
Kevin Falcon and
your local MLA**

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- Currently we have only 1100 buses in service in our system
- The 2021 Livable Region Strategic Plan called for 1900 buses to be in service by 2006
- Translink's first 5 year Strategic Plan projected 1600 buses by 2006
- [Read more...](#)

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET ON BOARD?

- Click on the link above to send an email to the Transportation Minister and your provincial MLA
- Email or call your mayor and city councillors
- Write a letter to your local newspaper
- Call a radio talk show
- Join our [FACEBOOK](#) group.
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The Canadian Auto Workers Local 111 represents more than 3,200 transit operators across Metro Vancouver [formerly the GVRD], who serve every major community, including Vancouver, Burnaby, Surrey, Richmond, New Westminister, North Vancouver and many more. Our members know more about the frustrations and problems with the bus system than anyone – and we strongly sympathize with our riders, because we have to deal with the same situation every day on the job. That's why we have started the More Buses Now! campaign – to push the provincial government and TransLink to take action to improve our vital bus system for everyone.



What's the problem with our bus system?

Consider the following: currently we have only 1100 buses in service in our entire Metro Vancouver system – that's not nearly enough! That works out to just one bus for every 1800 Metro Vancouver residents. But 15 years ago, Metro Vancouver had one bus for every 1200 residents. That's also the current rate of buses in Toronto and Montreal. In other words, we have 50% more residents per bus than we used to, or that Toronto or Montreal have now! No wonder you can't get on. And it's not supposed to be that way. Metro Vancouver's Livable Region Strategic Plan called for 1900 buses to be in service by 2006. And Translink's own first 5 year Strategic Plan projected 1600 buses in service by 2006. It's no surprise we have a problem – we are between 500 and 800 buses short.



Here's another way to look at why we need More Buses Now

In 2002 the conventional bus system carried 160 million boarded passengers. By 2004 it jumped 30 million to 190 million passengers, nearly 20% more! But during those same two years, the number of buses and service hours only increased by 2.5%, just a fraction of the need. And each year since 2002 bus ridership has increased more than projected, while plans to buy buses do not even meet current needs.

What is the result of this bus shortage?

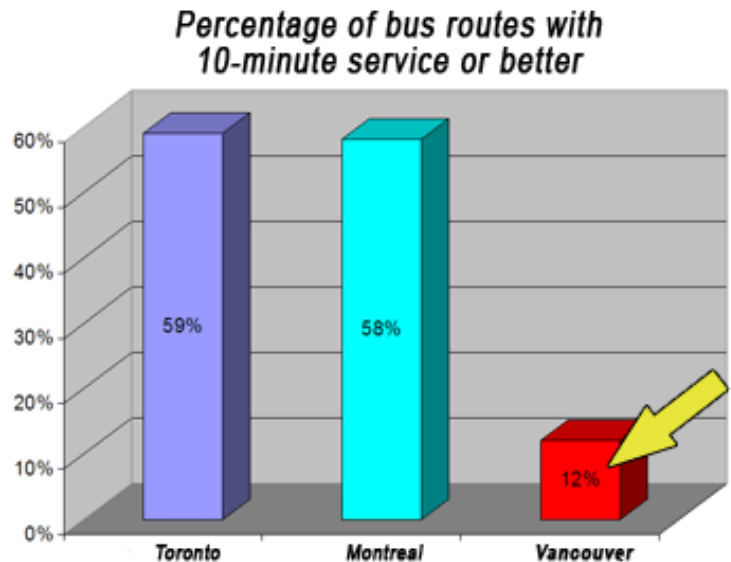
Compare Metro Vancouver to Toronto and Montreal's service:

Percentage of bus routes with 10-minute service or better

- **Toronto 59%**
- **Montreal 58%**
- **Vancouver 12%**

B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell has announced a Transit Plan to double the current number of buses on the road – but that plan wouldn't be completed until 2020! That's far too many years to watch overcrowded buses pass up waiting riders.

It's time for action – it's time for More Buses Now!



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In August the Union requested CMBC provide the vehicle requirements necessary to service the September 08 Sheet at all depots and received the information in the chart below from the Planning and Scheduling Department. The important numbers relevant to our campaign for 'More Buses Now' and the claim that we are 500 buses behind are the totals of the am and pm peak period vehicle requirement for all seven depots. Those totals indicate 1003 conventional buses and 105 Community shuttle buses are the maximum numbers on the road during the am rush hour for a total of 1108, while the pm rush hour maximum in service is 1004 Conventional Buses and 103 Community Shuttle Buses for a total of 1107 buses. TransLink's first mid range Plan called the 5 Year Strategic Plan that was approved by the GVRD Board and TransLink Board calculated the Region would require a bus fleet of 1600 buses, approximately 1500 of which would be conventional buses, by 2006.

Even when one considers the less than 40 buses operated by West Vancouver Transit, and the two small private Community Shuttle contracts operated in New Westminster and Langley/Aldergrove which combined would be less than thirty vehicles, we are still 430 buses less than the 1600 proposed in the 5 Year Plan. But considering we are two years past the date when we should have had 1600, we are still 500 behind when one adds two more years of ridership growth and bus expansion that should have occurred in 07 and 08 even if the 1600 target was met. The 500 figure may even be a conservative estimate when one considers the annual growth and ridership projections used to calculate the 1600 figure from 2001 through to 2006 were all below those actually realized, and by a considerable margin. Those growth projections did not include the introduction and impact of U-Pass or the unprecedented rise in the price of

gasoline. Ridership on our bus system grew by over 30% from 2002-06 while almost all other major systems in Canada saw, until recently, stagnant or declining ridership.

DEPOT	BUSES
BURNABY	186
NORTH VANCOUVER	73
OAKRIDGE - Shuttle	34
PORT COQUITLAM- Conventional	96
PORT COQUITLAM - Shuttle	51
RICHMOND	186
SURREY - Conventional	142
SURREY - Shuttle	20
VANCOUVER - Diesel	137
VANCOUVER - Trolley	188
TOTAL	1113

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[TransLink's 10 Year Plan](#)

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