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Overview

- **BC Transit**
  - Who we are
  - Our model
  - Our services
- **Health + Transportation**
  - Links to active transportation
  - Shaping healthy communities
  - Providing access:
    - Health & wellness facilities
   - A healthy life

Who is BC Transit?

- Provincial authority responsible for the planning, funding and operation of all transit throughout the Province outside of Metro Vancouver

- 51+ million passenger trips
- 1,013 buses in a range of sizes
- $314 million operating & capital budget
- 1.5 million British Columbians served
- 130 Communities, 81 transit systems

Partnerships:

- 58 local government partners
- 18 private management companies, 5 public organizations, 14 non-profits

Legend
- ○ Transit System
- North Central
- Vancouver Island Coastal
- South Coast
- Southern Interior
- Kootenays

Our model

Local Government

BC Transit

Local Contract Operating Company
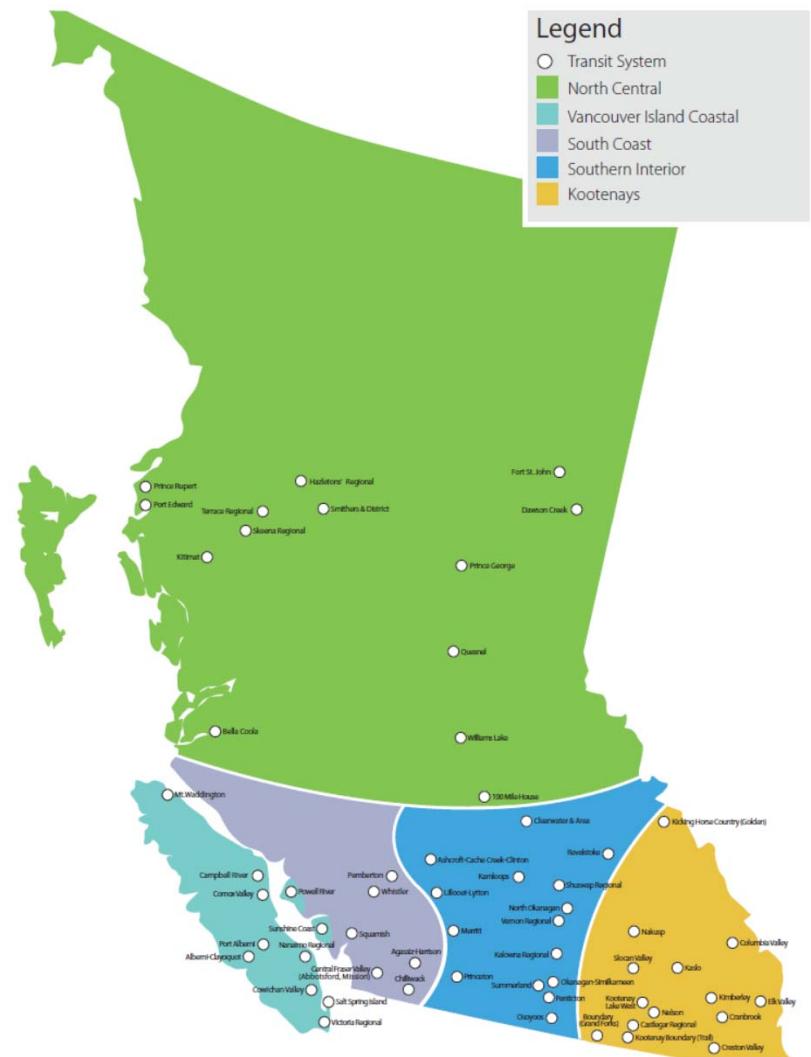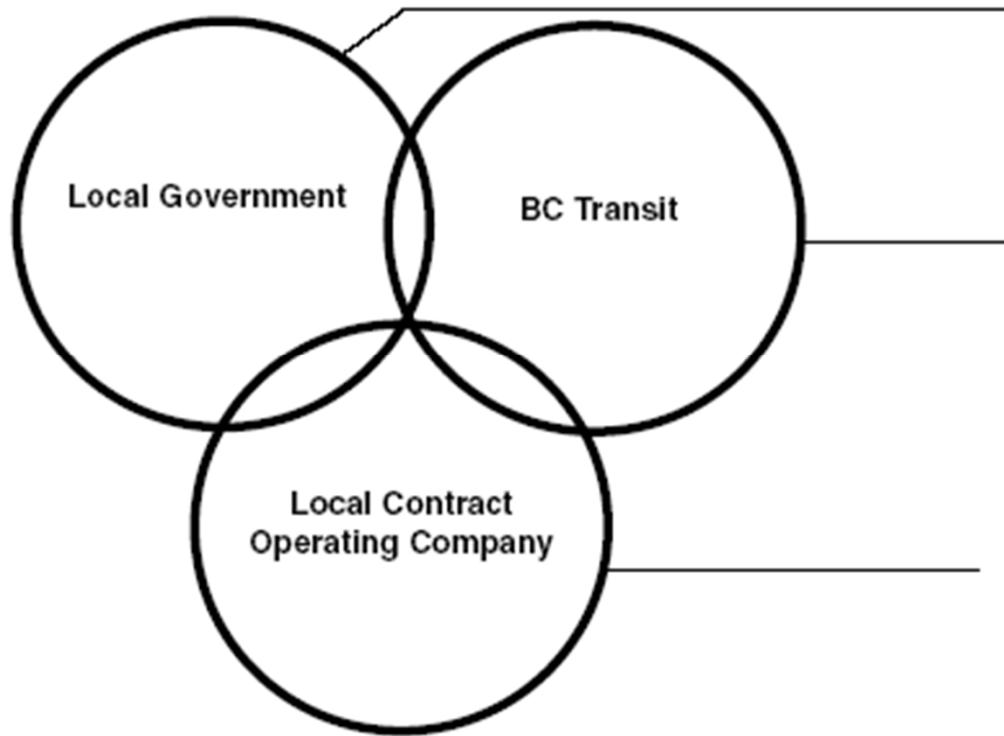
- Provide local funding
- Approve fares and service levels
- Set system service/ridership objectives
- Promote ridership

- Provide provincial funding
- Administer contracts
- Set performance standards
- Audit Systems
- RFP process to select operating company
- Professional services
  (planning, marketing, fleet management, and financial services)

- Deliver specified transit service
- Provide trained staff
- Manage labour relations

Our Services

Custom Transit (HandyDART)

- Door to door
- Demand responsive
- People with a disability
- Links to taxi programs

Paratransit

- Small towns, and rural communities
- Mix of minibuses, taxis, vans
- Flexible routing and schedules

Conventional Transit

- Fixed routes & schedules
- Mainly urban settings
- Range of vehicles

BC TRANSIT'S **STRATEGIC PLAN** | 2030   BCTransit

Proposed Strategic Objectives

In order to achieve success in 2030, BC Transit needs to:

5. Strengthen our People and Partnerships:
Create an adaptable, socially responsible organization that lives its values, develops existing employees and partnerships, and attracts new people and opportunities.

1. Develop Financial Sustainability:
Systematically renew and revise our revenue sources, governance, and internal processes.

4. Deliver Operational Excellence:
Deliver safe, reliable, easy to use services that continuously improve through active public engagement.

2. Support & Shape Livable Communities:
Encourage transit-supportive community planning and development that make it easy to get around by walking, cycling, and transit.

3. Change the Perception of Transit: Target transit messaging and advocacy to build public support and attract our next customers.

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2. Support and Shape Livable Communities

In order to achieve success, BC Transit needs to:

2.1 **Increase integration with other sustainable travel** to enhance transportation options and make it easy for pedestrians, cyclists, and regional travellers to link to our services.

2.2 **Influence land use development patterns** by improving processes to help communities create pedestrian-focussed neighbourhoods that increase the effectiveness and efficiency of public transportation.

2.3 **Identify and establish priority corridors for transit** in partnership with local governments to make transit travel more attractive and reliable, and reduce congestion impacts.

Integrating Active Transportation

- All buses:
  - Accessible
  - Bike racks
- Bike racks at facilities
  - Park & Rides, exchanges
  - Garages
- Partnerships
- Planning
  - Stakeholders, workshops
  - Transit networks take into account cycling and pedestrian plans and pathways

TRANSIT *future*

Helping to Shape Communities

Influencing land use and development:

- Transit Future Plans
- Service Reviews
- Local plan participation
  - Regional Growth Strategies
  - Official Community Plans
  - Transportation Plans
- Development Referrals
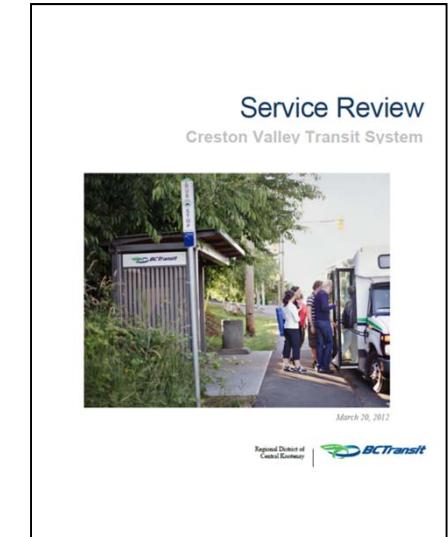
What is a Transit Future Plan?

- Guides and prioritizes future investment in the transit system

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- Sets ridership targets

- Identifies key transit corridors and the supporting local transit network
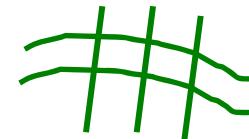
- Identifies the fleet, service hours and infrastructure needed to support the transit network

Transit Future Network Example
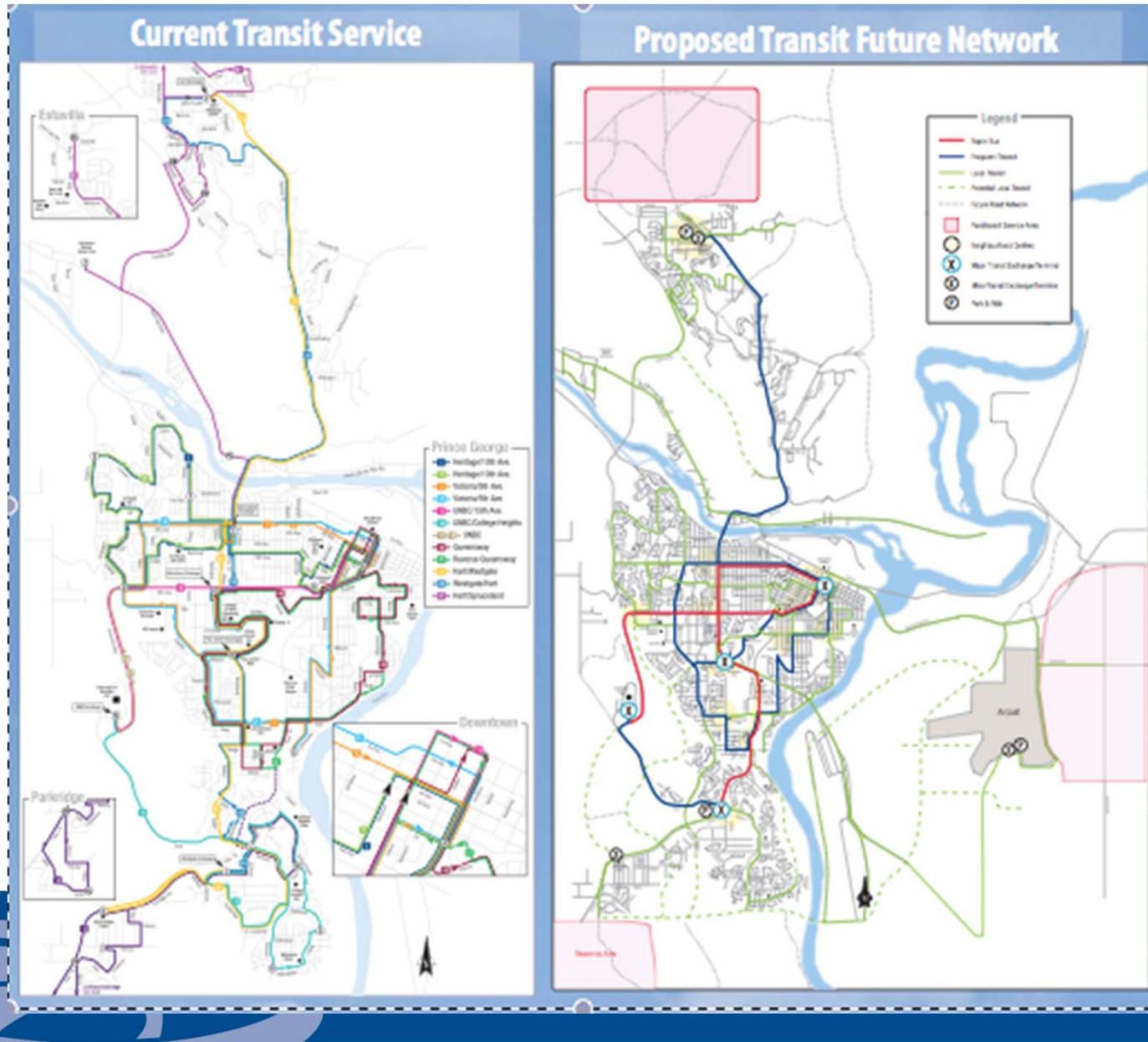
Good Design: Corridors

• Poor transit geography forces a choice between providing slow meandering routes or ones that bypasses key destinations

• Good transit geography lines up destinations along a reasonably direct corridor
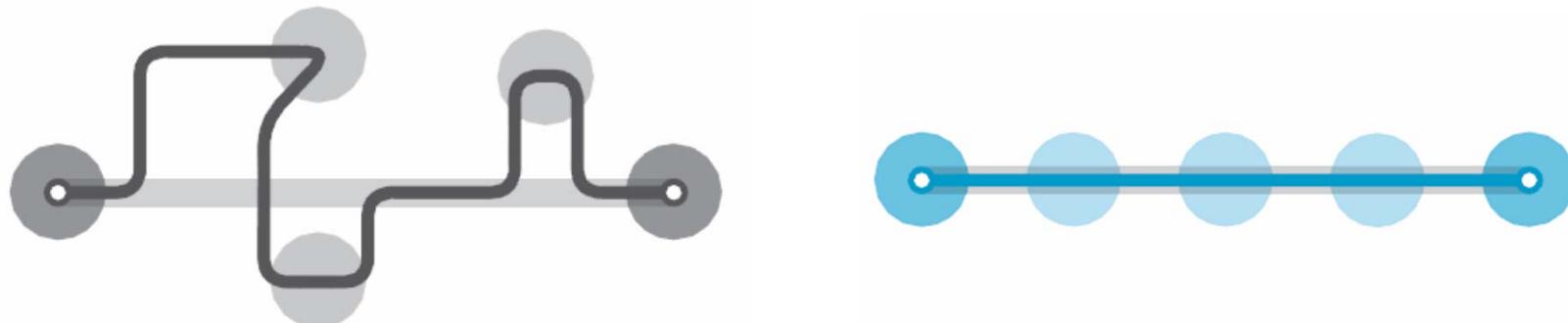
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Good Design: Corridors

Good Design: Walkable, Mixed Use

This:

vs. this:

Good Design: Street as Living Room

• Auto-oriented urban design often sets buildings back from the street with parking in front

• Pedestrian-oriented urban design features frontages right on the street with parking behind
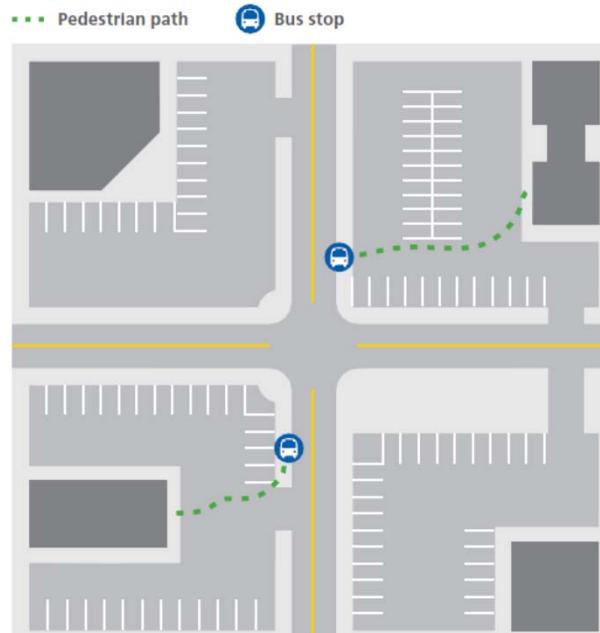
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More great photos and ideas:

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Providing Access: Small & Rural Towns

☐ **Health Connections**

Health Connections

Thompson Nicola Regional District

Service to **KAMLOOPS**
Effective March 1, 2010

Health Connections is a transit service providing communities with transportation options to access to non-emergency medical appointments. Although medical appointments have priority, everyone is eligible to use this service if space is available.

You must call ahead to arrange your trip. Service is available to any community along the route. Transit staff will let you know the location and time of pick up.

When scheduling medical appointments with a doctor, let the receptionist know that you will be using Health Connections.

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Linking Communities, Businesses & Lifestyles

100 Mile House	Fernie	Penticton
Argenta	Gitaus	Princeton
Armstrong	Golden	Radium
Armstrong to Kelowna	Hedley	Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine
Ashcroft to Kamloops, Thursday	Kaslo	Revelstoke
	Keremeos	Salmo
	Kimberley	
Balfour handyDART	Kitamaat Village	Salmon Arm
Balfour to Nelson	Kitimat	Savona to Lillooet
Barriere	Kitsumkalum	Savona to Williams Lake
Blue River	Lillooet	
Cache Creek to Kamloops,	Little Fort	Sicamous
	Logan Lake	Sorrento
Castlegar	Lumby	Sparwood
Chase	Lytton	Spences Bridge
Clearwater	Merritt	Summerland
Clinton	Nakusp	Terrace
Creston	Nelson	Trail
Elkford	Okanagan Falls	Vernon to Kelowna
Enderby	Oliver	Williams Lake
Enderby to Kelowna	Osoyoos	Ymir
Fairmont	Pavillion	

# Providing Access: Small & Rural Towns

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☐ **Flex-Routing: Hazeltons Regional Transit**
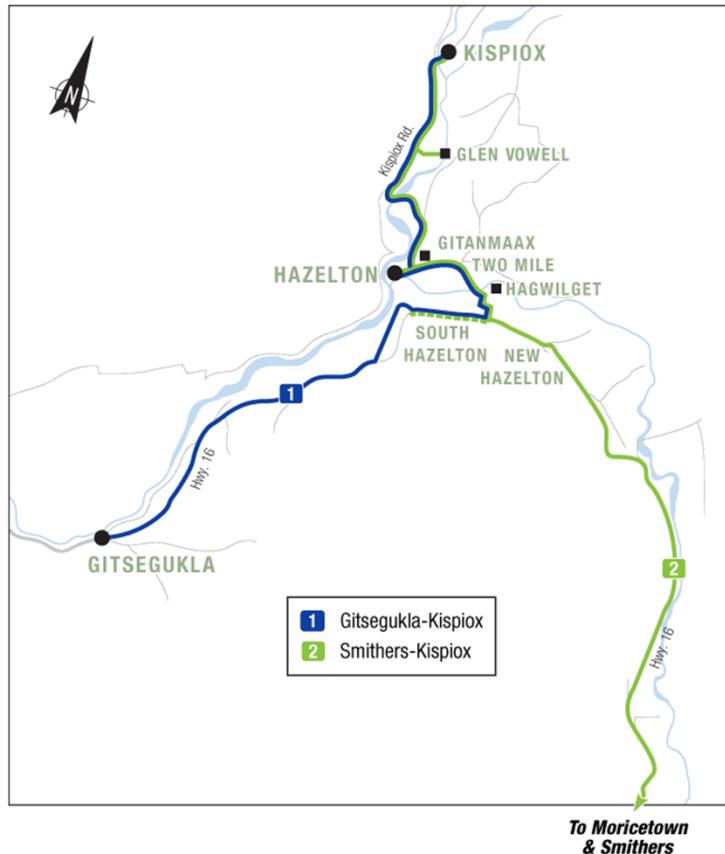
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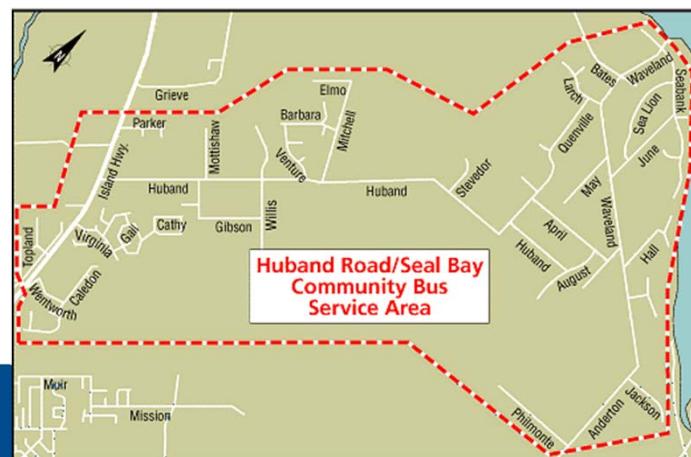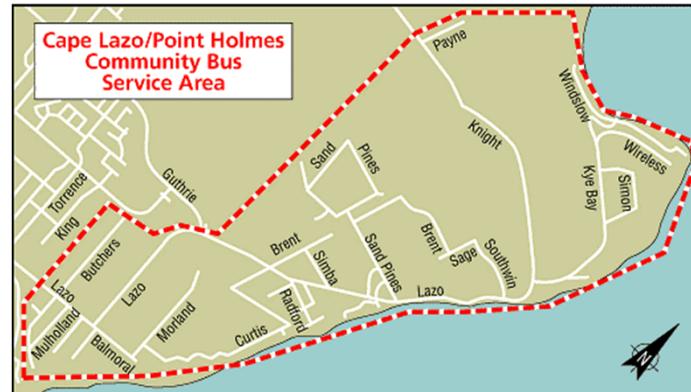
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☐ **On Road Participatory Democracy**
  – Mission Shopper Shuttle (Central Fraser Valley Transit)
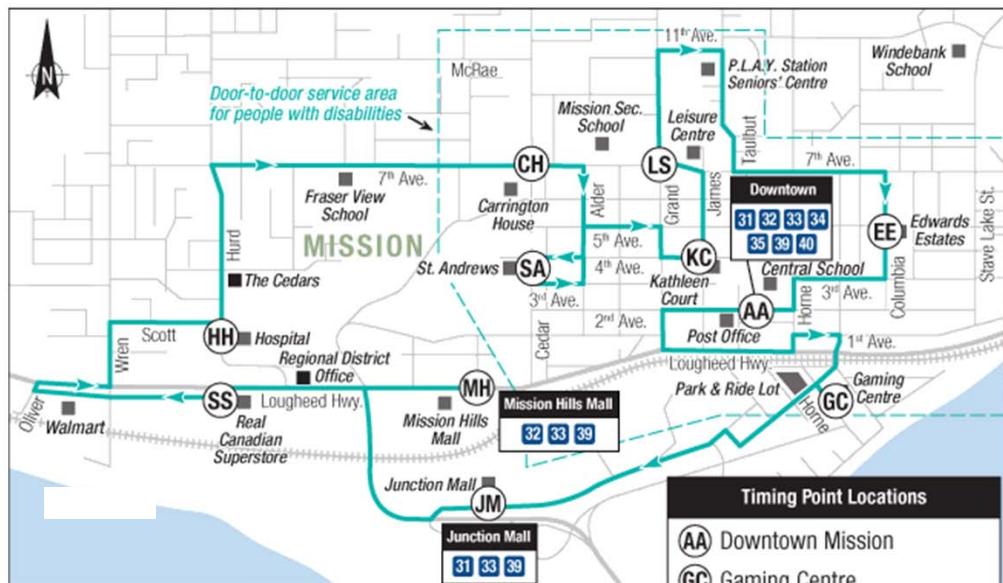
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