# smart**TRANSIT**:

Your guide to using Kelowna Regional Transit



## Let someone else do the driving

Sit back, relax, read, do some computer work or just watch the scenery outside. Using the Kelowna Regional Transit System lets you avoid the hassle and stress of driving. You will save money and protect our local air quality!

# Where do you want to go?

Kelowna Regional
Transit operates
service throughout
the Central Okanagan
serving the District
of Peachland, City
of West Kelowna,
Westbank First Nation,
the City of Kelowna,
the District of Lake
Country and the
Regional District of
Central Okanagan.

#### Routes to serve you

With over 28 routes, 100 buses and 190,000 hours of service annually, taking the bus in the Central Okanagan is a convenient way for you to make smartTRIPS! Try it out and see why five million trips are taken by transit locally each year!

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## Planning a transit trip

Unsure of how to plan your trip or where to find schedule and route information? Use either **BC Transit's Trip Planner** or the **BC Transit Rider's Guide**! The Rider's Guide is a paper booklet available on all buses and at most transit fare outlets.

## **Using Trip Planner**

www.bctransit.com

#### Basic

- 1. Visit www.bctransit.com.
- 2. Go to Kelowna Regional Transit.
- Under TRIP PLANNER, type your starting point (add keywords to shorten the list, Destination and departure time.
- 4. Click PLAN MY TRIP to see your trip options.

Trip Planner will then show you the next available transit routes, which bus routes you need to take, your departure and arrival times, and your total travel time. **Plan to leave 5 minutes early.** 

#### **Advanced**

- When selecting Departure Time from the Departure Time drop down list, you can specify a time and a date.
- Click on the SUGGESTED ROUTES on the right to see different route options and scroll down to see more detailed directions.
- If required, you can print your custom transit plan by clicking on the Print button in the top right corner of the Trip Planner screen.

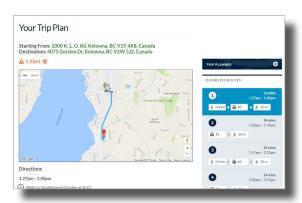
#### Maps tips:

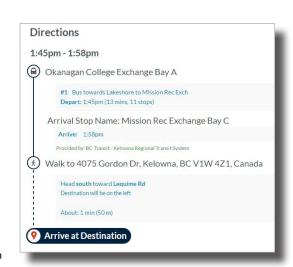
Zoom: Double click on the map, use the mouse wheel, or the zoom toolbar on the bottom right side of the map.

Move: Hold the left mouse button on the map to drag it in any direction, or the arrow keys. Street View: In the bottom right hand corner, click and drag the little man to where you would like to see a point of view on the map.



For the latest transit schedule and route information, visit the BC Transit websitewww.bctransit.com





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### Transit Rider's Guide

- 1. Flip to the **map section** of the Rider's Guide and locate your origin.
- 2. Locate your destination.
- 3. Identify the **route number(s)** that will get you from your point of origin to your destination (note that you might have to walk or cycle a distance to/from your bus stop).
- Locate the route in the guide. For each route there are three different schedules: Monday to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Schedules are also divided in half by direction, for example "To Rutland" or "To Downtown".
- 5. The letters in circles that run across the top of the schedule indicate "timing points" for when the bus will be arriving or leaving a specific location. These timing points are also indicated on the route maps. There are multiple stops located between timing points so if you know which stop or general area you'd like to get off at, you can roughly estimate your arrival time based on where the stop is located in proximity to the nearest timing point.
- **6. Choose a timing point** closest to your destination and look down the column to choose the time that you would like to arrive at your destination.
- 7. Starting at the timing point nearest your destination, work backwards across the schedule row to locate the departure time from the timing point closest to your origin. Remember, if your stop is between timing points, you'll have to estimate your departure time.
- 8. Plan to be at your starting bus stop **5 to 10 minutes before the scheduled bus departure time.**
- 9. To return back to your start point, repeat steps 6 to 8 for your return trip.

# Multiple route trips and transfers

- If your transit trip requires more than one route, ask for a transfer slip. This grants you access to any bus in the system over a 90 minute period.
- Planning a multi-route trip is like planning a couple single route trips. Determine when you will arrive at the transfer point (exchange, route junction) from your origin, then determine the time the next route will depart from this area. You can then estimate your arrival time at your final destination.

If you have trouble figuring out the Rider's Guide or you are unfamiliar with the area, call BC Transit for route advice at **250-860-8121**.





## Combine bike & transit trips

All Kelowna Regional Transit buses are equipped with bicycle racks that **will carry two bikes**. Combining cycling with transit is a great way to help you get active and travel further. When there are sudden changes in the weather, transit is a great solution for cyclists!



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