



Artist's rendering of an Evergreen Line train.

The Provincial Transit Plan

The Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project is an essential element of *The Provincial Transit Plan*, and is designed to increase transportation choice.

Announced on January 14, 2008, *The Provincial Transit Plan* is a new strategy to double transit ridership by increasing travel choice for people around the province, with new bus fleets, green technology, new innovative services like RapidBus BC and new rapid transit lines like the Evergreen Line.

The Federal Building Canada Plan

Announced in the 2007 Federal Budget, the seven-year, \$33-billion *Building Canada Plan* consists of a suite of programs to meet the varying needs of infrastructure projects across Canada:

- The Building Canada Fund, which supports infrastructure projects across Canada, both large and small
- The Gas Tax Fund and an increased rebate in the GST paid by municipalities, which provide predictable, long-term funding for municipalities
- The Provincial/Territorial Base Funding Initiative, which provides \$25 million per year for each province and territory

- The Gateways and Border Crossings Fund and the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative to strengthen trade-related infrastructure
- The Public-Private Partnerships (P3) Fund, the first national infrastructure program in Canada dedicated toward public-private partnerships

We Want To Hear From You

For further information, visit our website at:
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Evergreen Line Project Office Opens in Coquitlam

Project on track for 2014 completion

As funding partners, the Provincial and Federal governments, as well as TransLink, announced the opening of the Evergreen Line Project Office in Coquitlam, B.C. in February 2009.

The purpose of the Evergreen Line Project Office is to advance the Project through design and construction and to provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the rapid transit project, meet with Project Staff, and give feedback and input as development and construction proceed.

The Evergreen Line Project Office is located near the West Coast Express Station at Coquitlam Town Centre (at the corner of Barnet Highway and Mariner Way) and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Evergreen Line – Connecting Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby and Vancouver

Length: 11 km

Number of Proposed Stations: 6 – 8

Linking Major Population Centres: Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby, Vancouver, New Westminster, Port Coquitlam, Anmore and Belcarra

Travel Time: About 13 minutes from Coquitlam Town Centre to Lougheed Town Centre

Speed: Maximum operating speed of 80 km/hr.

Fully Integrated: Seamlessly connecting with the current SkyTrain network

Estimated Cost: \$1.4 billion

Construction: 2010 – 2014



The Evergreen Line runs north from Lougheed Town Centre, ending near Douglas College in Coquitlam.

What is the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project?

The Evergreen Line is a new rapid transit line that will connect Coquitlam Town Centre to Vancouver via Port Moody and Burnaby, starting at Lougheed Town Centre Station in Burnaby and ending near Douglas College in Coquitlam.

The Evergreen Line will be a fast, frequent and convenient SkyTrain service, connecting Coquitlam Town Centre through Port Moody to Lougheed Town Centre in approximately 13 minutes. The Evergreen Line will seamlessly connect to the current SkyTrain network, including the Expo and Millennium Lines, and will integrate with the Canada Line and regional bus and West Coast Express networks.

The Evergreen Line is an essential element of *The Provincial Transit Plan* and the Federal *Building Canada Plan*.

Project Benefits

- ✓ Provide **fast, frequent and convenient** rapid transit from Coquitlam to Vancouver via Port Moody and Burnaby
- ✓ Improve the transportation network throughout Metro Vancouver
- ✓ Increase transportation choice
- ✓ Facilitate economic growth and create regional jobs



Coquitlam Town Centre



Port Moody



Lougheed Town Centre Station

Rapid Growth in the Northeast Sector Communities

Metro Vancouver's Northeast sector – including the communities of Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Anmore and Belcarra – has experienced rapid growth and continues to be one of the fastest growing areas in the region.

Current and anticipated growth is adding pressure to the regional transportation network as traffic volumes continue to build and congestion increases, and is impacting residents, communities, the environment and the economy.

Without transportation improvements, this trend is expected to continue, resulting in the road network in the Northeast sector reaching capacity shortly after 2021.

The Evergreen Line will complement other regional road and transit improvements already underway or planned.

Creating Communities that Support Transit

The Evergreen Line Project will:

- ✓ Provide an increased transit mode share and provide connectivity to the wider transit network
- ✓ Support municipal growth management targets established by the region's *Livable Region Strategic Plan*
- ✓ Support existing development and provide support for a positive business environment
- ✓ Contribute to community building by stimulating future concentrated and mixed-use development

Evergreen Line Route Alignment

The Evergreen Line will run north from Lougheed Mall on an elevated track along North and Clarke Roads before entering a tunnel in the vicinity of Como Lake Avenue and emerging near Barnet Highway north of Clarke Road in Port Moody. Through Port Moody, it will travel at grade on the south side of the Canadian Pacific Rail (CPR) lines before transitioning to the north side near the Port Moody/Coquitlam boundary. The Evergreen Line will continue next to the CPR lines to the West Coast Express Station in Coquitlam and will run on an elevated track along Pinetree Way, ending near Douglas College in Coquitlam.



Evergreen Line route map; (top) Coquitlam Station, Bus Loop; (below) Lougheed Town Centre Station

Stations

The Evergreen Line will have six primary stations including Lougheed, Burquitlam, Port Moody/West Coast Express, Ioco, Coquitlam/West Coast Express and Coquitlam City Hall/Douglas College. These stations will drive system ridership growth by serving major destinations, connecting existing population and employment centres, and integrating with the existing transit network.

These station locations will promote use by ensuring the line is fast, convenient and competitive with other travel choices.

Up to two additional station locations along the Evergreen Line may be considered based on their ability to shape land use, stimulate increased ridership, promote transit-oriented development, and be affordable.

Environmental Review

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is committed to a thorough Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA process includes a full review of potential Project-related impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

The Ministry has engaged leading experts in their fields to conduct a number of comprehensive environmental studies that consider potential Project-related effects on a range of biophysical and social values, including:

- archaeology
- air quality
- fisheries
- noise

Expanding the Transit Network and Improving Transportation Choice

The Evergreen Line will help create a comprehensive, effective transportation network that supports improved movement of people, facilitates economic growth, increases transportation choice, and provides better connectivity between regional population and activity centres.



Property Acquisition Program

The Evergreen Line Project Property Team continues to examine the potential property impacts and requirements related to the Project.

If the property you own is under consideration to be acquired by the Evergreen Line Project, a member of our property team will contact you to discuss the process in more detail.

If you wish to speak to an Evergreen Line representative about your property, please call the Evergreen Line Project Office at: 604 927-4452.

Property Acquisition Process

The Evergreen Line Project has established a process for property acquisition that ensures owners understand what they can expect if their property is needed to build the line:

- A fair and transparent process
- Respect for the privacy and confidentiality of negotiations
- Fair market compensation
- That the Project will work with property owners to minimize disruption, dislocation and inconvenience wherever possible
- Negotiation of consensual agreement wherever possible
- That the Project will meet all obligations, legislative and regulatory requirements
- An on-time construction schedule