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How do we stack up?

We compare pretty well to other Canadian transit systems of similar size. Many of the comparable systems operate in compact service areas without the length suburban trips that are part of our service region extending from Sidney/North Saanich to Sooke.

BC Transit

Conventional Transit System Comparison Based on 2002 CUTA Transit Fact Book Data

| | Victoria, BC | Saskatoon SK | London ON | Hamilton ON | Longueuil PQ | Gatineau PQ | Average of Communities with population (150K to 400k) |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Cost Recovery (operating) | 51% | 50% | 65% | 55% | 45% | 59% | 52% |
| Operating Cost/Passenger | \$2.25 | \$2.25 | \$2.07 | \$2.33 | \$2.71 | \$2.36 | \$2.55 |
| Rides/ Capita | 57.83 | 36.01 | 46.90 | 47.32 | 78.08 | 61.59 | 44.48 |
| Passengers/Hour | 33.70 | 28.43 | 33.11 | 32.81 | 43.45 | 53.06 | 34.97 |
| Monthly Pass Comparison | \$55.00 | \$49.00 | \$69.00 | \$61.00 | \$59.50 | \$59.00 | \$57.40 |

Transit Facts: 2002/03

- 80,000 passengers on a typical weekday
- 9.7% of commuter trips to work are made by transit. This figure places Victoria ninth out of 27 Canadian metropolitan areas.
- One full bus in rush hour carries more people than 40 single-occupant vehicles.
- Conventional buses average about 33.7 rides per hour on each bus.
- 40,000 people in Greater Victoria currently hold monthly or annual passes.
- Operating cost per hour is \$76.75 for conventional service, including wages, vehicles, fuel, maintenance, insurance and support costs.
- handyDART provides an average 2.9 rides per hour.
- Operating cost per hour is \$45.06 for handyDART.
- handyDART users make more than 300,000 annual door-to-door trips. There are approximately 4,700 active registrants, and the fleet has 42 accessible vehicles as well as taxi supplement.