

## The Victoria Regional Transit System

Your local transit system serves Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria and View Royal.



We also provide the following services:

- Conventional service
- handyDART service
- Community Travel Training
- Accessible Transit Services for Seniors
- Taxi Saver Program

The Victoria Regional Transit System is governed by the Victoria Regional Transit Commission. BC Transit is the provincial Crown Corporation charged with operating the Victoria Regional Transit System.

## The future of transit

BC Transit is preparing a 25-year master plan for transit service throughout the region, creating more viable transportation choices, and more livable communities that promote transit, cycling and walking.



## Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project

BC Transit is currently developing rapid transit options that will provide a safe, convenient, reliable, attractive and green alternative to automobile travel in the Capital Region.

The first phase of this project will connect the West Shore communities to Victoria.

For more information, visit [www.bctransit.com/vrrt/](http://www.bctransit.com/vrrt/)

## Approval process

The Victoria Regional Transit Commission will be meeting in January 2010 to discuss the fare proposal prepared by BC Transit. As valued customers and residents of the Victoria Regional Transit System, this is your opportunity to give us your feedback.

Fill out a survey online at [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com) and click on 'Victoria'. Or, submit your comments through the following options:

by **email:** [fareproposal@bctransit.com](mailto:fareproposal@bctransit.com)

by **phone:** 250-995-5683

by **mail:** Fare Proposal  
Box 610, 520 Gorge Road East  
Victoria BC, V8W 2P3

Please submit your comments to BC Transit by December 14, 2009.

# Fare Review

Funding transit in your community



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Victoria Regional Transit Commission and BC Transit invite you to review the proposed fare adjustments scheduled to start April 1, 2010.

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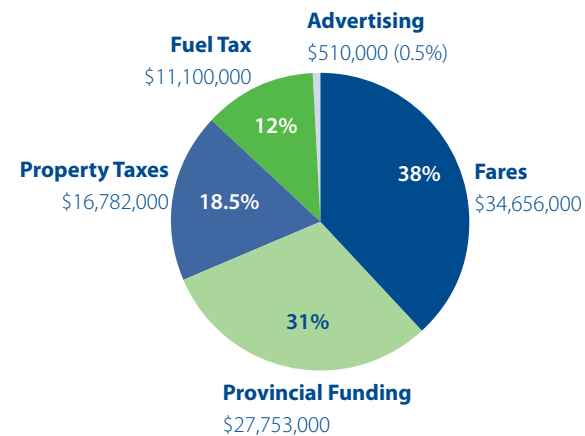
# FARE REVIEW

In the past few years, we've seen more people in the Capital region choose transit. In response, we've expanded our services and our fleet to make transit more convenient, reliable, and available to more customers.

As requested by the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, BC Transit has prepared a fare adjustment proposal. If approved, the changes will begin April 1, 2010. The adjustment will allow BC Transit to maintain the same level of service in the Victoria Regional Transit System.

## How do we pay for transit today?

Funds that are required to maintain and expand transit come from a variety of sources: provincial funding, property taxes, fare revenue, fuel tax, and advertising sales.



## Why is a fare increase being proposed?

Fares have been frozen since April 2007. During that time, transit demand has gone up and the amount of service has grown by 13 per cent.

At the same time, the cost of doing business has dramatically risen.

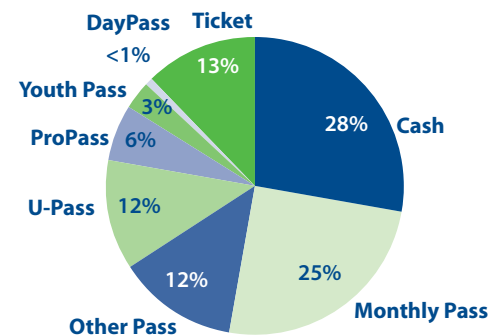
## Cost Increases

	07/08	09/10 (est.)	%
<b>Fuel</b>	\$6,702,700	\$7,448,250	11%
<b>Labour</b>	\$45,900,000	\$57,558,000	25%

In 2007, the fuel tax was increased by one cent, to 3.5¢/litre. Earlier this year, property taxes were increased by 11 per cent to help fund transit. In April, it will be three years since fares were increased.

## Customers help fund transit

Today, fare revenue covers only 38 per cent of the cost to run Victoria's transit system. Leading transit organizations target a 50 per cent recovery ratio. This fiscal year, fares are projected to bring in over \$34 million.



FARE PRODUCT	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Cash	\$2.25	\$2.50
<b>ADULT</b>		
Tickets (10)	\$20.25	\$22.50
DayPASS	\$7.00	Eliminated
Monthly Pass	\$73.25	\$90.00
Off Peak Monthly Pass	—	\$75.00
<b>SENIOR</b>		
Cash	\$1.40	\$2.50
DayPASS	\$5.00	Eliminated
Tickets (10)	\$12.60	\$15.00
Monthly Pass	\$42.00	\$52.00
<b>YOUTH</b>		
Cash	\$1.40	\$2.50
DayPASS	\$5.00	Eliminated
Tickets (10)	\$12.60	\$15.00
Monthly Pass	\$42.00	\$52.00
Pass (minimum 6-month purchase)	\$28.00	35.00
<b>handyDART</b>		
handyDART Cash	\$2.25	\$2.50
handyDART Tickets (10)	\$20.25	\$22.50
handyDART Monthly Pass	\$73.25	\$90.00
<b>Other</b>		
College DayPASS	\$7.00	Eliminated
College Monthly Pass	\$63.25	\$82.00
ProPASS (Biweekly Payment)	\$29.02	\$35.65
U-PASS (per term, 4 months)	\$73.25	\$90.00

## Highlights

- Regular cash fares increase by 25¢
- One rate for all customers when paying by cash
- Introduce an 'Off-Peak' monthly pass, a deeply-discounted pass valid outside of peak hours (6 to 9 AM and 3 to 6 PM weekdays)
- Eliminate day passes

## The proposed changes will:

- Increase revenue to help maintain the existing service
- Encourage greater transit use
- Reduce administrative costs
- Promote added convenience for customers and bus drivers alike
- Better enable BC Transit to forecast revenues
- Improve data collection

BC Transit employs 500 bus drivers in Victoria, operates over 250 buses, and provides over 880,000 hours of service. On a typical weekday, BC Transit moves over 97,500 customers throughout the region. Last year alone, BC Transit served more than 22 million customers in Victoria.

The average monthly passholder makes 43 trips a month.