



BC Transit Update City of Prince George

May 2025



Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with respect that BC Transit delivers our mission on the ancestral territories of Indigenous Peoples across British Columbia, and their historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Agenda

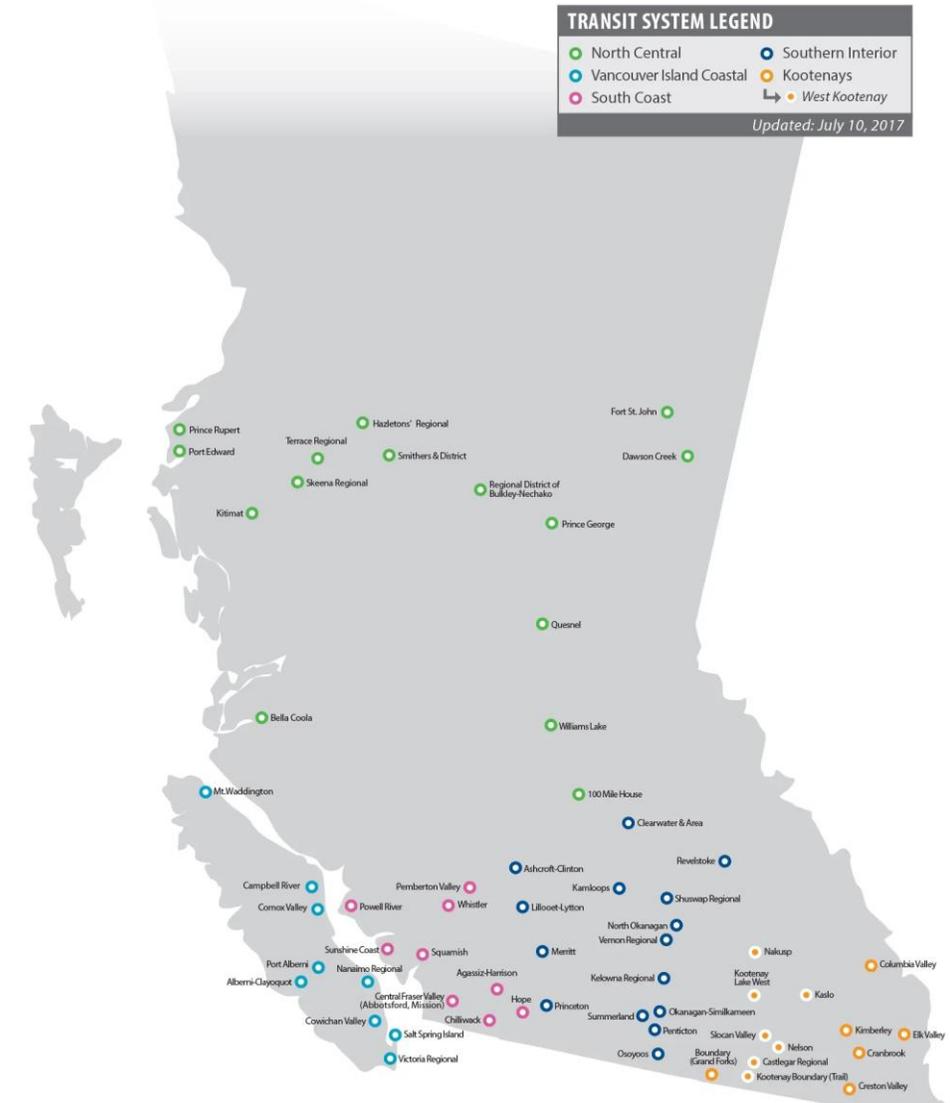
- BC Transit quick overview
- Ridership/Transit System Performance Update
- Fare products update
- Quarterly touchpoints – Where are we now?
- Transit expansion 2025/26
- Canada Public Transit Fund
- Looking ahead – Strategy for growth
- Looking ahead – Limitations for growth

BC Transit Overview

- 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
- \$321 million operating & capital budget
- 1.5 million British Columbians served
- 130 Communities, 81 transit systems

Partnerships:

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



BC Transit Funding and Governance

BC Transit

- Allocates provincial funding
- Plans transit systems to achieve local and provincial objectives
- Arranges for the operation of transit systems by contract or partnership
- Procures & owns fleet - Determines the fleet & facilities requirements
- **Marketing** (Rider's Guides) / website branding, media & public relations
- Provides contract management and overall operator/operations oversight
- Develops and manages capital budget and asset acquisition

Local Government

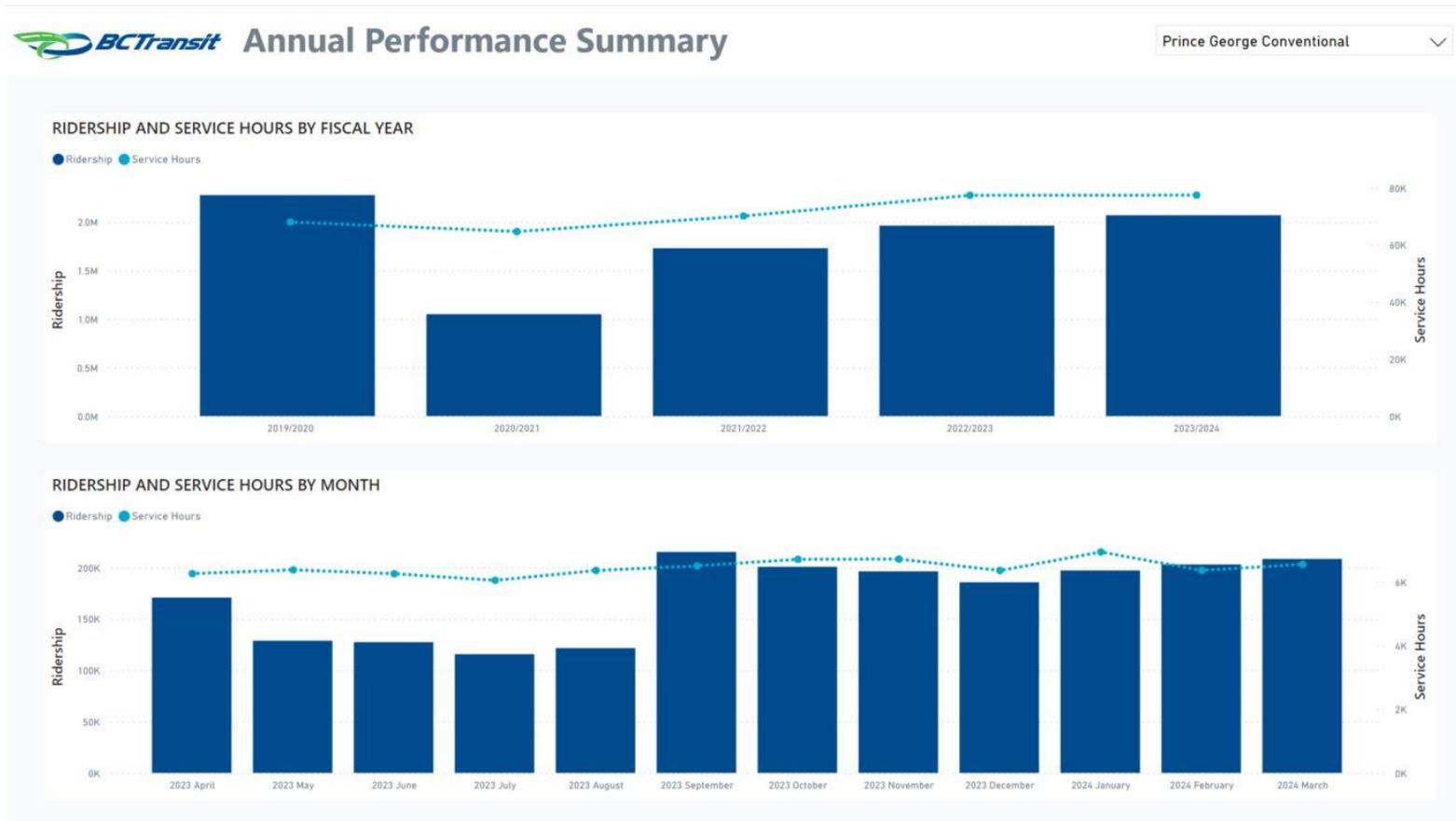
- **Sets local funding**
- **Sets routes and service levels** with BC Transit, ongoing review
- **Sets fares and manages the sale of fare products**
- **Establishes and maintains bus stops, shelters and amenities**
- Approves Official Community Plan, Transit vision and expectations, and transit supportive policies
- Determines service priorities with BC Transit
- Approves transit related agreements and budgets
- Promotes ridership with BC Transit marketing/branding
- Transit service education and consultation

Local Operating Company

- **Delivers specified transit services** as directed by BC Transit
- **Hires , trains and provides drivers**
- **Manages labour relations**
- **Collects fare revenue on behalf of the Local Government**
- **Provides day to day customer service** (info line, lost & found inquiries, etc.)
- Assists with data collection
- Helps promote the transit service

- Provides financial & accounting
- Other professional services required to plan,

Prince George Transit System – Fixed Route Ridership



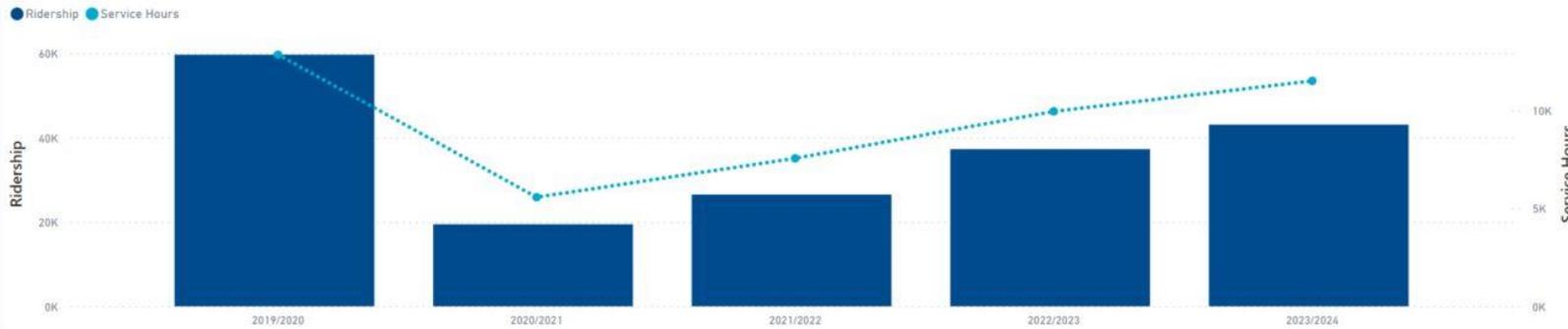
Prince George Transit System – Custom Ridership



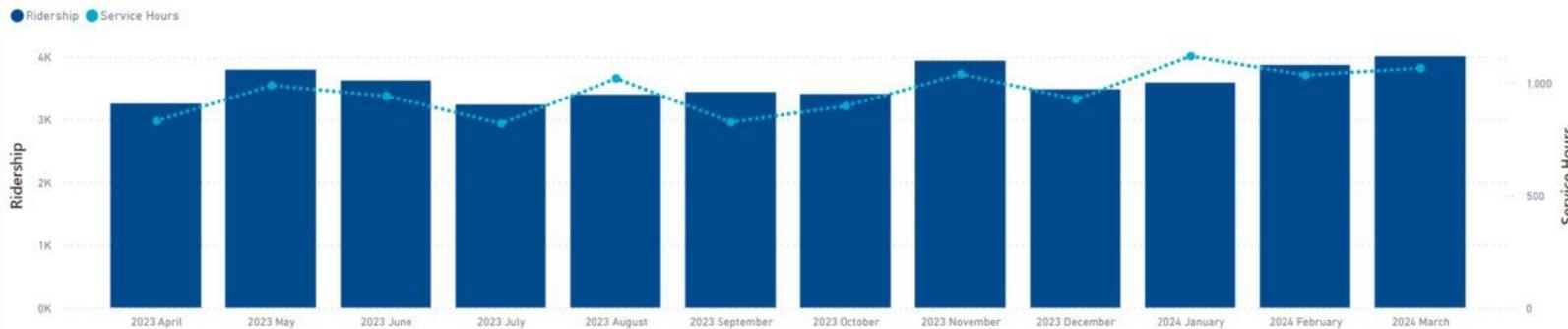
Annual Performance Summary

Prince George Custom

RIDERSHIP AND SERVICE HOURS BY FISCAL YEAR

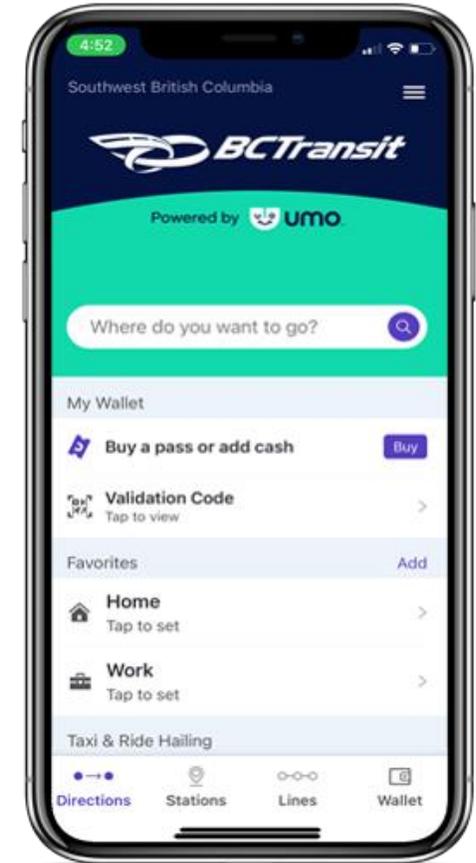


RIDERSHIP AND SERVICE HOURS BY MONTH



Umo is On Board

- Umo contactless payment system now installed in 30 transit systems and on 5 interregional routes
- Riders have ability to pay with the Umo Mobility App or reloadable smart card
- Cash will always remain payment option
- New source of data on fare usage and transit ridership
- BC Transit is now directly supporting vendor sales
- Next: Integrating the BC Bus Pass and the use of "Open Loop" credit/debit cards later in 2025



Annual Touchpoints



Annual Operating Agreement

- Defines the service to be delivered
- Outlines provincial and municipal funding contributions



Annual Performance Summary

- Offers a high-level analysis of the system's performance, in comparison to prior 2 years
- Offers tier comparison against other systems



Three-Year Budget

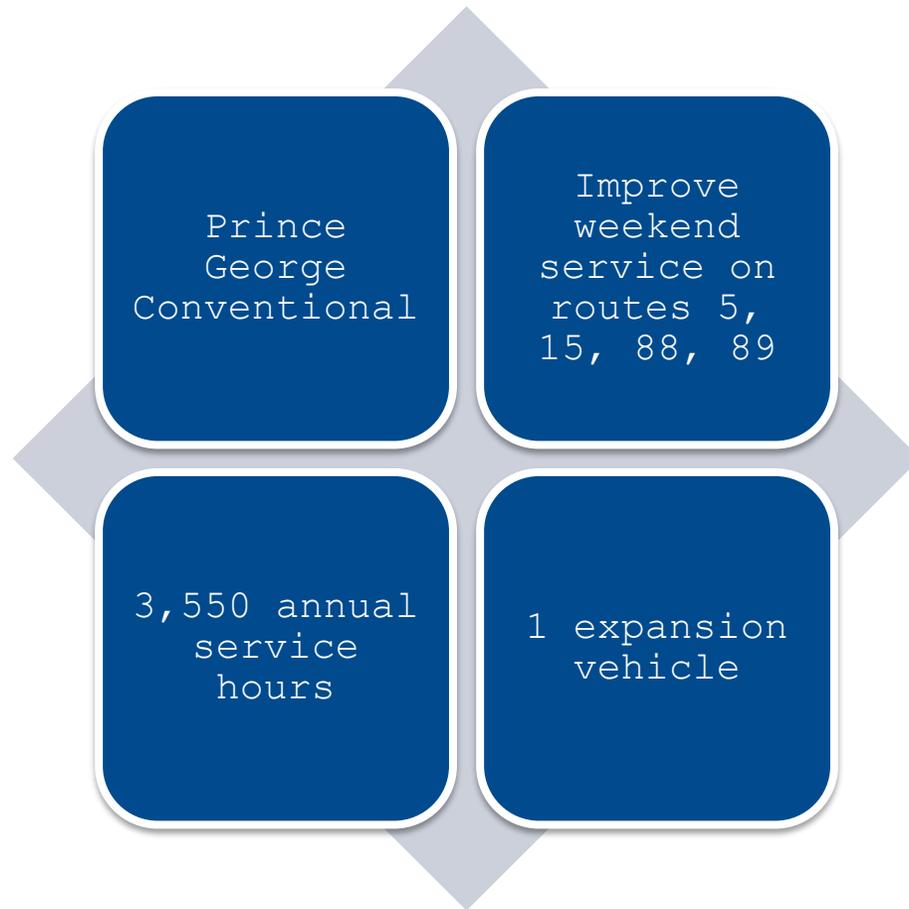
- Provides budget expectations for base service levels
- A separate expansion budget is also provided



Transit Improvement Program

- Communicates expansion initiatives proposed for the next three years
- Seeks commitment from local government, allowing BC Transit to proceed with securing Provincial funding

Transit Expansion 2025/26 Approved



- BC Transit has confirmed provincial funding of \$183.8M for 2025/26 which includes funding for City of Prince George
- Unprecedented level of service expansion requested in 2025/26 from local governments
- Those approved typically have a high potential for ridership growth and are addressing acute operational challenges
- Implementation – January 2026

Canada Public Transit Fund – Baseline Funding Award

- Federal Department of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) has promised \$3 billion/year for public transit and active transportation infrastructure, starting in 2026/27
- Funding is split across 3 funding streams: Baseline Funding, Metro Region Agreements and Targeted Funding
- Funding is designed to support capital-related investments (operating funding is not eligible)
- Baseline Funding Awarded for Prince George:
 - Anticipating a mix of vehicle replacements and infrastructure investments over a 10-year period

Looking Ahead – Strategy for Growth – Next 3 Years



Continued improvement of FTN (frequent transit network): routes 5, 15, 88, 89 for weekday evening



Transit Exchange Study



Operations and Maintenance Facility Study



Investigate service to the airport/industrial area



Improve service frequency between Spruceland Exchange and Westgate Exchange

Looking Ahead – Growth Limitations



Affordability



Provincial demand on expansion resources



Vehicle procurement



Ambitious infrastructure projects

Questions?





Thank You!

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