



# Prince George Transit Future Action Plan

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# Purpose

- To present the highlights of the Prince George Transit Future Action Plan
- To answer any questions about the plan



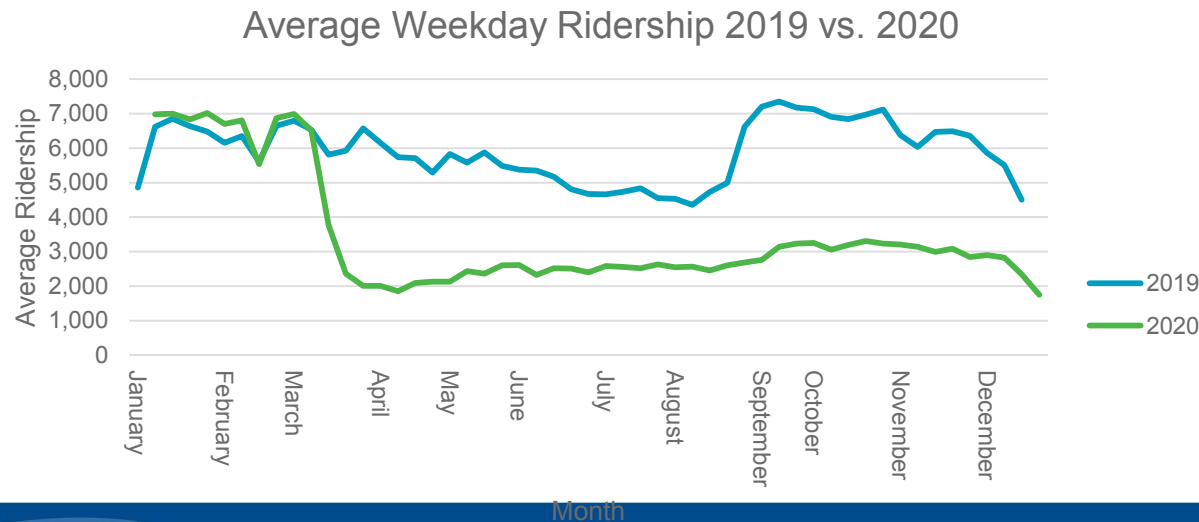
# Transit Future Action Plan

- Transit Service improvements over the next 5 years
- Infrastructure improvements in the short to medium term
- Supports Transit Mode share target of 4% by 2038
- Improve travel time
- Better connects growing neighbourhoods
- Proposed changes informed by Public Engagement



# Impact of COVID-19

- Began shortly after the public engagement for the plan had been completed
- Affected ridership and travel patterns
- The timelines within the plan are flexible and depend on return of key markets, such as post-secondary students

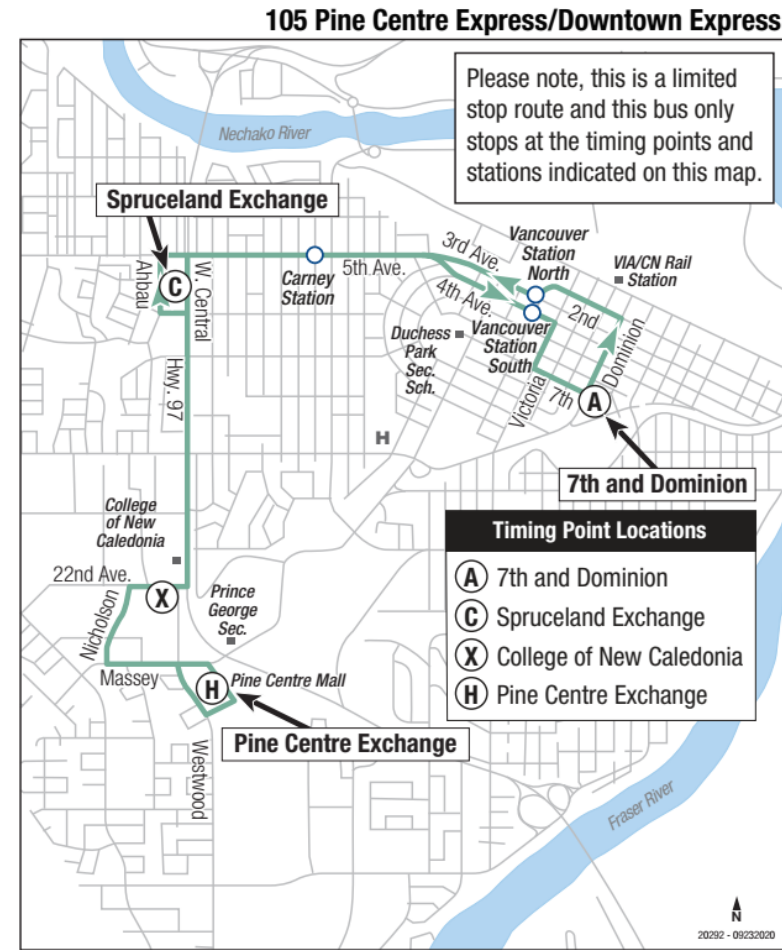




# Short-term Priorities

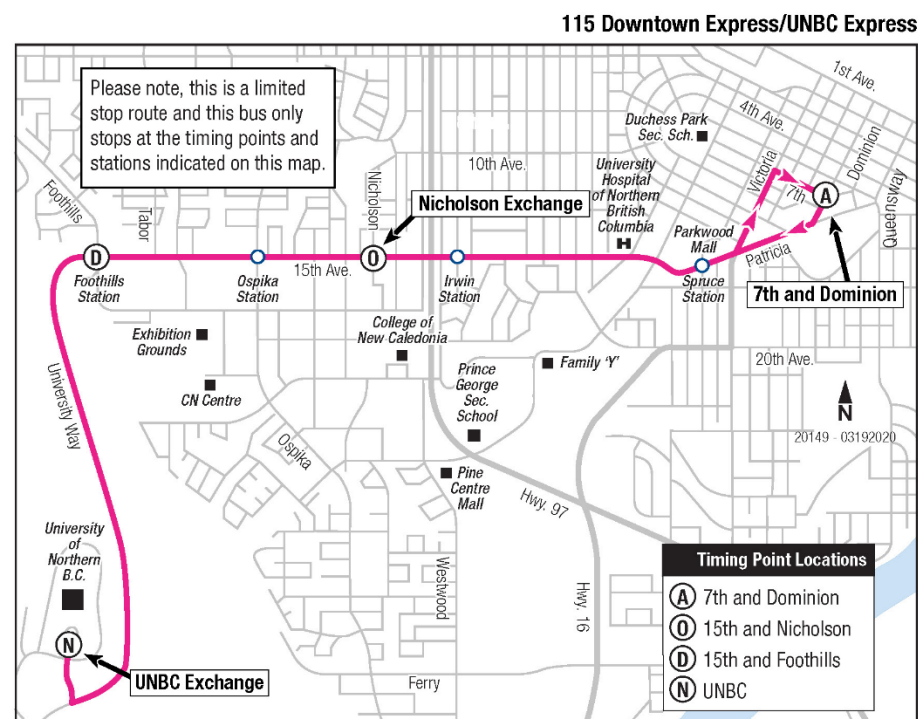
## 105 Pine Centre Express/Downtown Express

- New express service connecting Downtown, Spruceland Exchange, and Pine Centre Exchange
- 2,500 annual service hours
- 2 additional buses



# Short-term Priorities

- 15 UNBC/Downtown & 115 UNBC Express/Downtown Express
- New express service along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and additional trips on the 15 UNBC/Downtown
- 1,500 annual service hours
- 1 additional bus



# Short-term Priorities

## Improved Weekday Evening Service

- 88 Westgate/89 Hart, 55 Victoria, 15 UNBC/Downtown, 10 Spruceland Downtown
- 4,200 annual service hours
- 1 additional bus

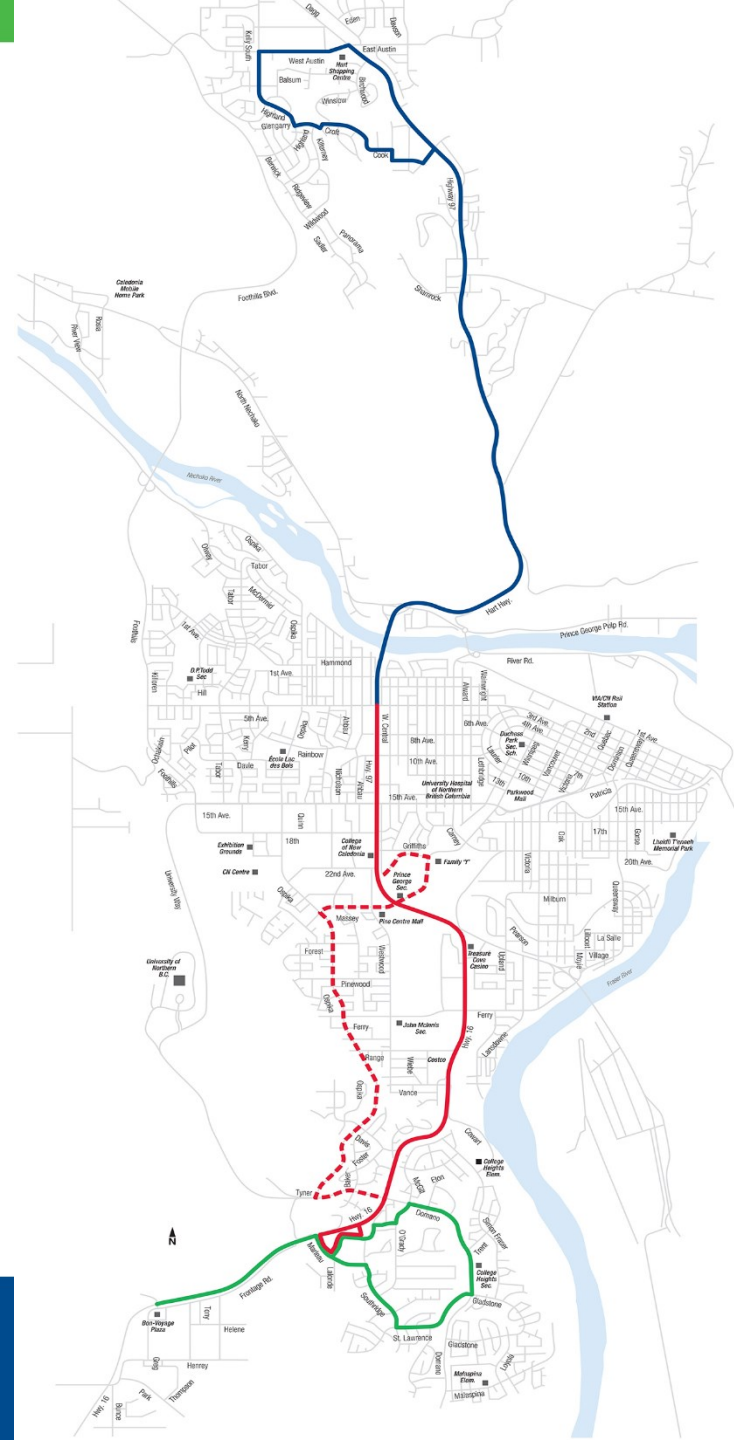
## Improved Weekend Service

- 88 Westgate/89 Hart, 5/55 Victoria, 15 UNBC/Downtown, 10 Spruceland Downtown
- 4,850 annual service hours
- 2 additional buses

# Medium-term Priorities

## Redesign of 88 Westgate/89 Hart

- Breaking up the routes into three sections
- Improving service to match service standards
- 11,600 annual service hours and 6 additional buses in ultimate design
- Can be phased over several years

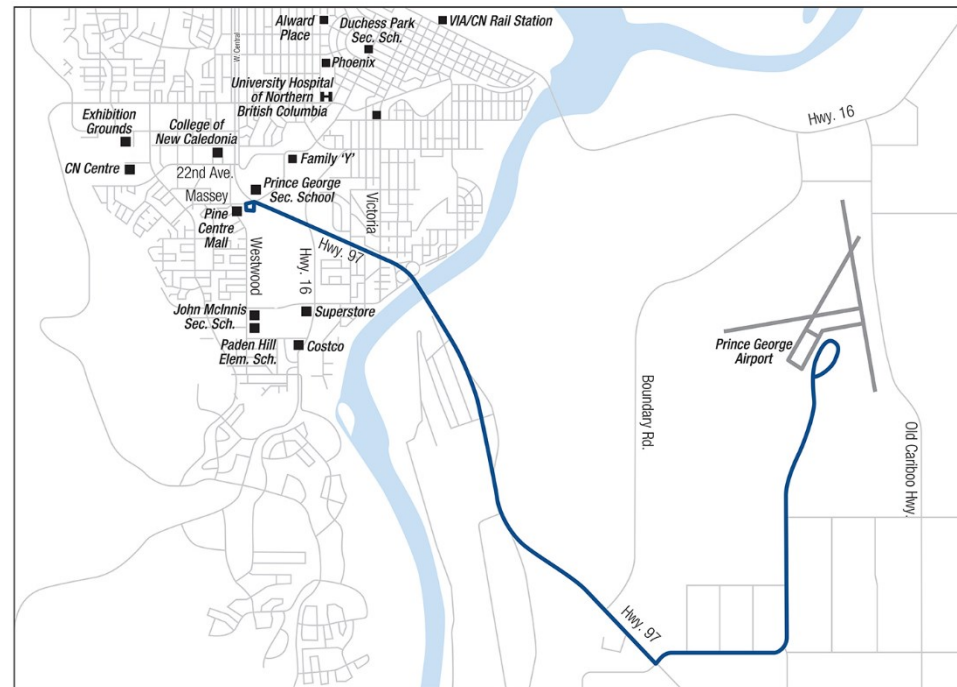




# Long-term Priorities

## Introduce Service to Airport

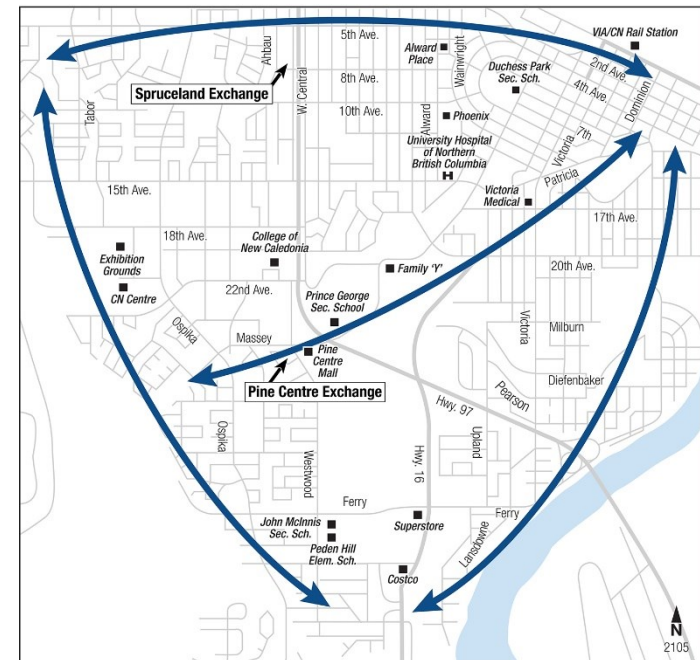
- New service to airport/industrial areas
- 4 trips/day
- 850 annual service hours
- 1 additional bus



# Long-term Priorities

## Improving Route Directness

- Breaking up long loop routes into shorter, linear routes
- 1 Heritage, 5/55 Victoria, and 46/47 Queensway
- Additional service hours and vehicles to be determined



# Infrastructure Proposals

- Continued bus stop improvements
- Transit Exchanges
  - Downtown Exchange
  - Pine Centre Exchange
  - Spruceland Exchange
  - UNBC, Hart, & Westgate Exchanges
- New Operations & Maintenance Facility



# New & Emerging Technologies

- Smartbus
  - Automatic Passenger Counters (APC)
  - CCTV
  - Automatic vehicle locator (AVL)
- BC Transit's Low Carbon Fleet Program
- Mobility as a Service (MaaS)
- Digital on Demand
- Autonomous Vehicles



# Summary

- In totality the plan includes:
  - An additional 25,500 annual service hours
  - An additional 13 buses added to the transit fleet
  - Upgrades to existing transit exchanges
  - Improvements to customer amenities at transit stops
  - A new operations and maintenance facility to accommodate increased vehicle capacity and be adaptable to the requirements of BC Transit's Low Carbon Fleet Program



# Recommendation

That Council endorses the Prince George Transit Future Action Plan.



# Thank you!

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