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Online Trip Planner comes to the Cowichan Valley

Cowichan Valley – Transit customers in the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System can look forward to greater convenience in their traveling. The Transit Trip Planner is now live on their transit system website: bctransit.com/cowichan-valley.

"With the tap of a finger, passengers in the Cowichan Valley can now instantly access free transit planning information," said Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure. "I encourage everyone in the region to check out Trip Planner on BC Transit's website."

The BC Transit Trip Planner is a public transportation planning tool that combines the latest BC Transit schedule and route information, with the power of Google Maps. When you type in your trip origin, destination, date and time of departure or desired arrival, the most direct bus routes, connections and timings will be automatically calculated for you.

"The Cowichan Valley Regional District is committed to increasing transit ridership," said Jon Lefebure, CVRD chair. "This trip planning tool makes it easy to get on board local buses and make connections across our region."

In 2017/18, BC Transit provided over 463,000 rides in the Cowichan Valley Regional Transit System. The introduction of BC Transit Trip Planner will encourage ridership growth, demonstrating that public transportation is a convenient and reliable alternative to single occupancy vehicles.

"Existing and new transit customers alike will benefit from user-friendly route information," said Erinn Pinkerton, BC Transit Interim President and Chief Executive Officer. "The Trip Planner allows customers to see complete door-to-door trip details of their route including the walking distance to and from the bus stop."

For more information about transit in the Cowichan Valley, including routes, schedules and fares, please visit bctransit.com/cowichan-valley.

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