
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: BUS ROUTE ADJUSTMENT FOR #125

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize the operation of transit buses on Grange Street, between Barker and Willingdon Avenues.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Mr. K. Chow, Service Planner, Coast Mountain Bus Company.

REPORT

The Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on 2009 June 10, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking Council's authorization to introduce bus service on a section of Grange Street, between Barker and Willingdon Avenues, as a realignment of Route #125.

Currently Coast Mountain Bus Company operates Route #125 between the Patterson SkyTrain Station and the British Columbia Institute of Technology using Kingsway between Patterson and Willingdon. The proposed route amendment would use Grange Street, eastbound only, rather than Kingsway to improve travel times, thereby reducing delays to passengers. City staff support the realignment.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

DATE: 2009 June 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 90100 - 03
*Reference: Bus Routes, Service, Fares,
Stops*

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PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to introduce bus service on a section of Grange Street

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REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On 2008 December 29, Coast Mountain Bus Company introduced route #125 between Patterson SkyTrain Station and the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). The route supplements service provided by route #130 from Metrotown SkyTrain Station. The creation of #125 (using Patterson Station) allowed for increased service to BCIT without further burdening the busy Metrotown Station.

As originally implemented, the service relied entirely on roads that already have bus service. However, CMBC has now proposed a route amendment, onto a road that does not presently have bus service. This requires Council authorization.

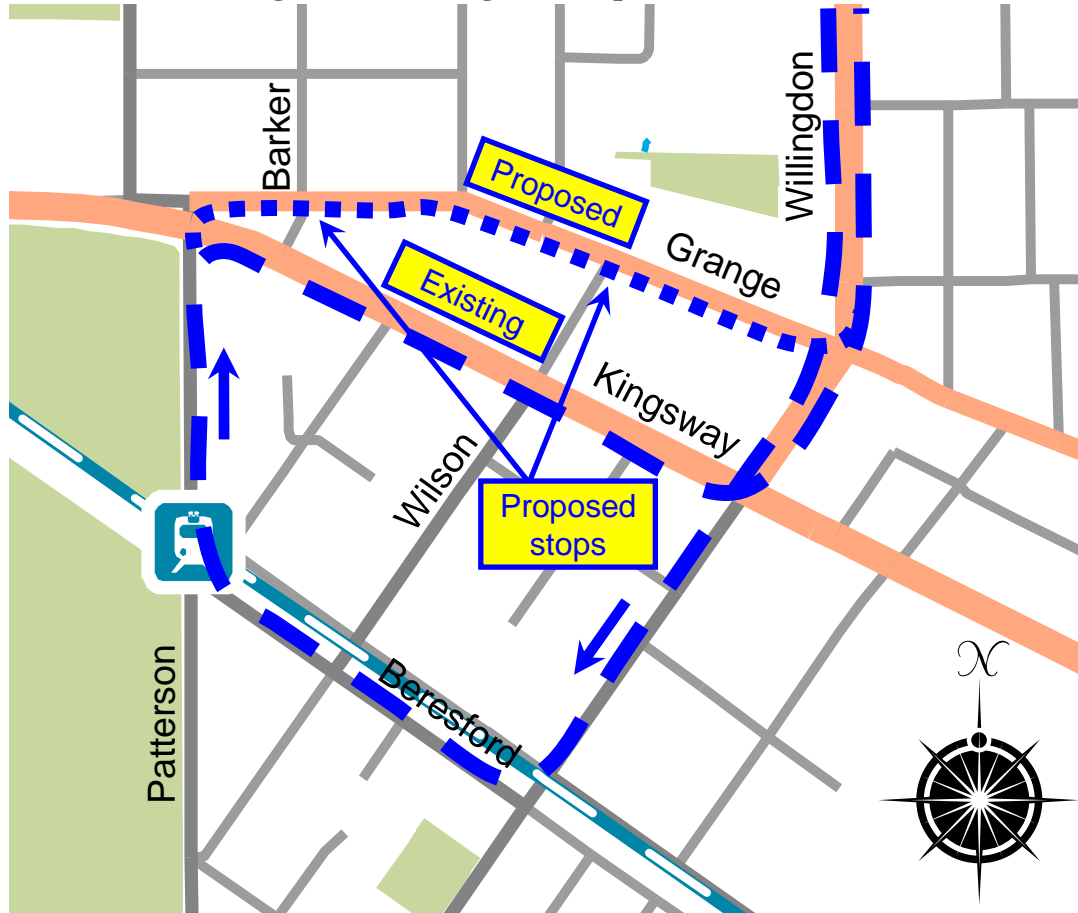
2.0 ROUTE DETAILS

The existing route is shown in *Figure 1*. From Patterson Station, it proceeds north on Patterson Avenue, east on Kingsway, and then north on Willingdon Avenue to BCIT. In the reverse direction, the route takes Willingdon Avenue and Beresford Street to Patterson Station.

The proposed realignment is also shown in *Figure 1*. It uses Grange Street, rather than Kingsway, for the eastbound link from Patterson Avenue to Willingdon Avenue. The reason for

the proposed realignment is to reduce delays to bus passengers. Grange Street is less congested than Kingsway, and the proposed routing avoids the busy Kingsway / Willingdon intersection.

Figure 1: Existing and Proposed Route #125



Service would be during the morning and afternoon peak periods, only on weekdays when BCIT is in session. It would be operated with a conventional 40-foot bus, starting in September. Since this area forms part of the loop at the south end of the route, buses on Grange Street would only operate in one direction (eastbound).

Grange Street is designated as an Arterial – Secondary in the *Burnaby Transportation Plan*, and the proposed realignment remains within Metrotown Centre. For these reasons, City staff consider Grange Street appropriate for this bus service.

There is existing bus service on the western part of Grange Street. As such, the only part of Grange Street that would receive *new* service is between Barker and Willingdon Avenues. This report therefore seeks Council authorization to introduce bus service on that segment of Grange Street.

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3.0 BUS STOPS

The concept includes the introduction of two bus stops on Grange Street, at Barker and Wilson Avenues. The realigned route will thus continue to serve the neighbourhood that it passes through.

As is customary, City staff would advise adjoining property owners of the proposed bus stop locations, and advise Council if significant concerns are raised.

4.0 CONCLUSION

CMBC has proposed a realignment of route #125, to improve travel times. City staff support the realignment. This report therefore seeks Council authorization to introduce bus service on Grange Street, between Barker and Willingdon Avenues.

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