

Fare Strike!

TRANSIT FOR ALL!



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High fares, long waits, crowded buses

Unaffordable bus fares. Long waits for the bus - and when the bus finally arrives it is over-crowded and run down. Skytrain police who treat bus riders like criminals. And if we forget to pay our fare, or we can't afford the bus fare, we're subject to a \$173 fine. Sound familiar? As transit dependent people trying to negotiate our lives on the bus, these are some of the indignities we face every single day. We struggle daily to pay high fares and access our communities using the bus.

Fares have gone up 40% in the last five years at the same time as poverty is on the rise. While we struggle to make ends meet, TransLink is pouring 1.74 billion dollars to the RAV Skytrain line to the airport. The RAV line is the biggest Public Private Partnership in Canadian history - it will be paid for through bus fares and other taxes, but the profits will all go to a private corporation called SNC Lavalin. SNC Lavalin is not just any company - in addition to building our latest overpriced Skytrain Line, they also make bullets for the racist war on Iraq and profit from the occupation of Haiti and Afghanistan.

It's time for action: Fare Strike Nov. 14 - 18!

The TransLink board members will be held accountable for ignoring bus riders and our right to community health and social justice. Bus riders and allies went to TransLink board meetings to explain the need for lower fares. Bus riders sent hundreds of postcards to TransLink board members to pressure them to put a motion on the table for lower fares. BRU organizers talked with hundreds of bus riders about high fares. Community organizations, student groups and unions, collectively representing over 100,000 people across the GVRD, endorsed the lower fares campaign. Still the TransLink board refuses to provide accessible, affordable transit.

This fall, the Bus Riders Union is upping the ante with a one-week fare strike. Last winter, on January 14, 2005, over 5000 bus riders participated in a historic one-day fare strike. As the attacks on bus riders continue, we will fight back by refusing to pay our fare for one week, from November 14 to November 18 - right before the municipal elections. Let's make our communities' needs, not corporate profits, the first priority for our region. Bus riders are angry, organized and we will not be ignored!

Lower the Fares Now! More Clean Air Buses!
Safety Now: Reduce Overcrowding, Increase Service!
Justice for Riders: No Racial Profiling, Disband the Skytrain Police Force!

Get Involved!

Rally at City Hall Transit For All!

No more false promises from Vancouver City Councillor on the TransLink Board. It's time to take action!

When: October 18, 1:30pm
Where: 453 W 12th St

Fare Strike Public Meeting

Come out to get involved in the strike, & share your experiences. Free event. Snacks & childcare available.

When: October 30, 3pm
Where: Vancouver Public Library (350 W. Georgia St)

Fare Strike Week November 14 - 18

Don't pay your fare! Join the strike for transit for all! Call the BRU at 604-215-2775 or email bru@resist.ca to sign up for fare strike volunteer training.

Yes, I want to become a member of the Bus Riders Union!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

I would like to get involved in the fight for more buses lower fares!

I agree with the BRU basis of unity Membership by donation (\$0-20)*

*All money goes to supporting the campaigns of the Bus Riders Union for more buses and lower fares.

