

# IT'S TIME TO... *Catch The Vine!*



## Catch The Vine

In January 2017, C-TRAN launched the first bus rapid transit system in the Portland-Vancouver region. It's called **The Vine**. The enhanced transit line is now operating between downtown Vancouver and the Vancouver Mall,

primarily along Vancouver's busy Fourth Plain corridor. **The Vine** was the biggest project in C-TRAN's history, and its opening marked a milestone for both this agency and the community we serve.

## What is The Vine?

**The Vine** combines several ingredients to create a smoother, faster ride on Vancouver's busiest transit corridor. Among the key features:

- 60-foot articulated hybrid buses
- Raised boarding platforms and enhanced stations
- Ticket vending machines for off-board fare payment
- 10-minute frequency during peak travel times
- Real-time passenger information displays
- Traffic signal technology
- Self-secure wheelchair areas
- On-board bicycle racks



**The Vine** serves a total of 34 stations along a 6-mile corridor between downtown Vancouver and the Vancouver Mall Transit Center. Buses travel mainly along Fourth Plain Boulevard and Fort Vancouver Way. The vehicles operate in mixed traffic, but reduce the transit travel time by up to 10 minutes each way compared to the old Route 4. In addition, **The Vine** costs less to operate than the service it replaced.

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## Other Features

During construction of **The Vine**, five new signalized pedestrian crossings, wider sidewalks and bike lane improvements were added along the corridor. For safety and security, each Vine station was designed with elements to deter vandalism such as improved lighting, graffiti-resistant materials and open sight lines. Public art is also integrated throughout the system. Security personnel are present on the platforms and on the bus while **The Vine** is in service. With off-board fare payments, passengers may be asked to show proof of fare while they ride.



## Community Development



Bus rapid transit projects elsewhere in the United States have played a role in spurring development and economic growth in the communities they serve. In Vancouver, C-TRAN has worked closely with city leaders and other partners as the Fourth Plain corridor charts its own future.



## For more Information

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