



ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT

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West Coast Transit service starts this April

ALBERNI-CLAYOQUOT REGIONAL DISTRICT – It is the day our West Coast communities have been waiting for. On Tuesday April 02, 2024, a new regional public transportation service is launching on the West Coast.

Connecting the communities of Ucluelet, Tofino, hitaču, Esowista, and Ty-Histanis the West Coast Transit service will run seven days a week, except for statutory holidays. Residents of all ages are encouraged to utilize this service to access employment, services, shopping, recreational opportunities, or however public transportation may suit your lifestyle.

The West Coast Transit service is intended to be an interim measure until BC Transit can administer the service. This crucial service is locally funded and developed with the support and involvement of key community transportation, health, and hospitality groups.

“The ACRD is excited that we can finally offer this essential service to residents on the West Coast,” explains ACRD Chair John Jack. “For too long reliable public transit has been a challenge for people as they struggled to get back and forth to work, school, recreational activities, appointments, or shopping. This service will fill that void, and we look forward to connecting the West Coast.”

The ACRD will administer this interim service, with Pacific Western Transportation being contracted to operate the service.

West Coast Transit is primarily a cashless system. Trips can be paid for via the [Token Transit - Token Transit](#). Tickets to access the service will be available, and more information as to where the physical tickets can be purchased will come shortly. Cash will not be accepted as a form of payment on the buses.

For more information on the new service and schedules, visit [West Coast Transit Service \(acrd.bc.ca\)](https://www.acrd.bc.ca) .

To find out more about Token Transit or to purchase fares for the service, visit <https://tokentransit.com/>

To find out more about Transit App to plan your trip, [Transit • Make life better without a car. \(transitapp.com\)](#)

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Some key facts about West Coast Transit:

- West Coast Transit is primarily a cashless system. Trips can be paid for via the [Token Transit App](#).
- Tickets can be purchased to access the service. Cash will not be accepted as a form of payment on the buses.
- Standard fares are \$5.50 per trip, or \$10 for a day pass. Monthly passes can also be purchased for \$100, providing discounted fares to regular users of the system.
- Students can access the service for free using their Student ID card.
- Transit App can be used to plan your trip and access the schedule
- On weekdays, service starts at 6:30 am, with the last trip ending close to 7 pm. Seven round trips will run between Ucluelet and Tofino, with two of these trips starting and ending in hitaču. All trips will serve Ty-Histanis and Esowista.
- On weekends, service starts at 7 am with the last trip ending close to 7 pm. Four round trips will run between Ucluelet and Tofino, with two of these trips starting and ending in hitaču. All trips will serve Ty-Histanis and Esowista.
- The bus will run 640 kilometres a day.
- There will be 31 bus stops on the route.
- The ACRD will administer this interim service.
- There will be two buses in service on weekdays and one on the weekends.