

Appealing, sustainable and accessible, modern streetcars provide an attractive and exciting transit experience. A proposed streetcar network may one day link activity centres in Vancouver's metropolitan core, and connect to SeaBus, SkyTrain, buses and the Canada Line to the airport.

Olympic Line—Vancouver's 2010 Streetcar

The City of Vancouver has reintroduced streetcars as a demonstration project during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. Operating as a free service, the Olympic Line transports athletes, visitors and residents along 1.8 kilometers of upgraded historic-railway track, connecting Granville Island to the Olympic Village Station on the Canada Line.

The Olympic Line enhances the regional transit system, providing high-capacity transit to attractions at Granville Island, while decreasing the number of private vehicles and buses on the road. It presents a vision for possible future streetcar plans: a clean, sustainable and appealing public transit option.

The line operates seven days a week from January 21 to March 21, 2010. Streetcars run 18 hours a day, departing every six to 10 minutes.



VANCOUVER'S 2010 STREETCAR

The City of Vancouver, in partnership with Bombardier, is providing free streetcar service for Vancouver residents, visitors and athletes during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The Olympic Line connects the shopping and entertainment centre of Granville Island to the Olympic Village and Canada Line.



Sleek low-floor Bombardier streetcars provide a quiet, smooth ride for the Olympic Line, and large windows offer bright views of Vancouver.

CREATING SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS

Vancouver's partner on this transportation showcase is Bombardier Transportation, a Canadian company recognized as a world leader in rail and mass transit solutions. Bombardier has provided two streetcars on loan from Brussels, and will operate and maintain the vehicles.

The City invested \$8 million to upgrade the existing line, and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, owner and operator of Granville Island, contributed another \$500,000.

These funds were used to replace the aging and deteriorating Downtown Historic Railway between Granville Island and the Olympic Village Canada Line station. The upgrade lets the City demonstrate Bombardier's modern low-floor streetcar technology during the 2010 Winter Games, while ensuring the continued operation of the heritage railway after 2010.



Streetcars offer an appealing and green alternative to crowded streets.

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The Olympic Line provides reliable and sustainable transportation for athletes, visitors and residents alike. It is free for all riders and operates between 6:30 am and 12:30 am, seven days a week, departing every 6-10 minutes.