



## Better Island Transit

*More Frequent and Affordable Public Transit Service*

### What

**Better Island Transit** is a new organization that advocates for more frequent and affordable public transit on Vancouver Island and throughout British Columbia.

### Why

Frequent and affordable public transit helps create more livable, equitable and successful communities. It provides independent mobility for travellers who cannot or should not drive on Island highways. It supports rural economic development by helping workers access jobs, businesses attract employees, and tourists visit rural areas. It is the most cost effective way to reduce highway congestion, crashes and pollution problems.

### Our Proposal

Currently the #66 bus between Victoria and Duncan makes only four daily trips, with no reverse commute, evening or Sunday service, and has \$10 one-way fares. The #70 bus between Duncan and Nanaimo makes only seven daily trips and has \$7.50 one-way fares. This is inadequate and expensive. We propose increasing service on these routes at least hourly trips with \$5.00 maximum fares to provide convenient and affordable connections between Island communities.

### Current Central to Southern Vancouver Island Transit Services

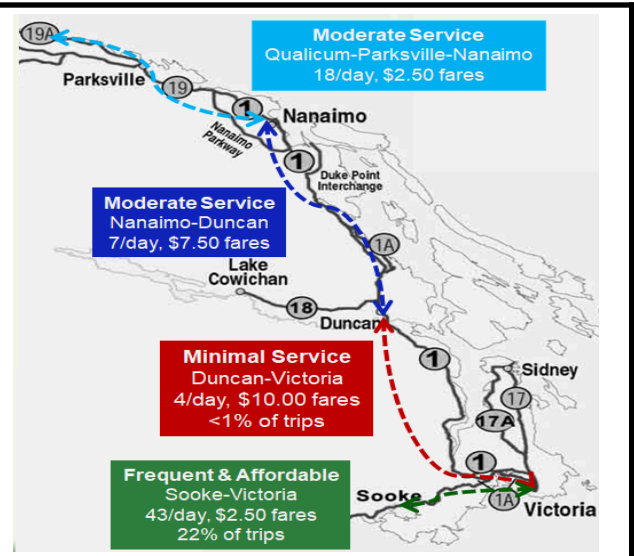
*Transit service between central and southern Vancouver Island is currently infrequent and expensive.*

**Qualicum Beach-Parksville-Nanaimo** (#91, 50 kms, 52 minutes) has 18 daily trips with \$2.50 one-way fares. Transit serves less than 1% of trips on that corridor.

**Nanaimo-Duncan** (#70, 50 kms, 70 minutes) has 7 daily trips with \$7.50 fares. Less than 1% transit mode share.

**Duncan-Victoria** (#66, 60 kms, 75 minutes) 4 daily trips with \$10 one-way fares. Less than 1% transit mode share.

**Sooke-Victoria** (#61, 40 kms, 70 minutes) 43 daily trips with \$2.50 fares. Over 20% peak-period transit mode share.



### You Can Help

Please ask Transportation Minister Rob Fleming ([Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca)) and BC Transit CEO Erinn Pinkerton ([erinn\\_pinkerton@bctransit.com](mailto:erinn_pinkerton@bctransit.com)), and your MLA



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([elections.bc.ca/resources/maps/find-your-district](http://elections.bc.ca/resources/maps/find-your-district)) to provide frequent and affordable bus services on the #66 and #70 routes, and to improve interregional bus services throughout BC.