

September 13, 2017

Greetings:

Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC has filed an application with the B.C. Passenger Transportation Board for the elimination of certain route points and the reduction of Minimum Route Frequencies that has the possibility of affecting intercity bus service in your regional district. Details of these changes appear in the enclosed Public Notice.

Should your regional district have any comments regarding this proposal, please notify the B.C. Passenger Transportation Board at the address set out in the Public Notice by **Friday October 13**, **2017**.

Yours sincerely,

Brad Scott BC District Manager, Passenger Services Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC

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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REDUCE MINIMUM ROUTE FREQUENCY AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN ROUTE POINTS.

# **Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC (Greyhound)**

# B.C. Passenger Transportation Board ("Board") Application # 256-17

# Posting Period September 13, 2017 to October 13, 2017

Please take note that Greyhound has applied to the Board to amend its Passenger Transportation License # 70414 to reduce minimum route frequencies to two per week in each direction and eliminate certain route points (as indicated) on the following routes:

- A: Alberta Border & Highway 1 Vancouver
- B1: Kamloops Kelowna
- B2: Kelowna Penticton
- C: Vancouver Osoyoos
- D: Kelowna Alberta Border & Highway 3
- E: Prince George Vancouver
- G: Alberta Border & Highway 2 Dawson Creek
- N: Alberta Border & Highway 16 Vancouver
- P: Kelowna Vancouver
- S1: Vancouver Pemberton / Mt. Currie

This application is part of an effort to offer a viable, streamlined Intercity Bus Service in response to a challenging transportation environment that is characterized by diminishing ridership, escalating costs and increased competition from publicly subsidized services. Despite significant efforts over the past several years to reduce costs as well as other measures to adapt to the market, Greyhound continues to suffer important losses from its passenger operations in BC.

This application seeks to reduce minimum route frequencies to allow the company flexibility in adapting schedules to respond to market demand without the requirement of an application before the Board. Service frequencies will not necessarily be reduced as a result.

It also seeks to eliminate certain route points that have low passenger use in order to reduce travel time for the majority of users and better respond to market demand.

#### **Business as Usual Pending Regulatory Review and Approval**

Greyhound's BC operations will continue to operate normally on these routes during the regulatory process review period-the Company does not foresee any changes to operations in 2017. Subject to the outcome of the Board's review of our application we do not anticipate these changes will come into effect until early 2018. We expect <u>no</u> impact on passenger ticketing and package transport for the remainder of this year.

- More information about the application, including, changes affecting other routes and the "Applicant's Rationale" by Greyhound is available at <u>www.ptboard.bc.ca/bus.htm</u>.
- The Passenger Transportation Board will consider written comments it receives by **Friday October 13, 2017**.
- Send comments to the Passenger Transportation Board at Box 9850 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria BC, V8W 9T5, or by fax at (250) 953-3788 or email at <a href="mailto:ptboard@gov.bc.ca">ptboard@gov.bc.ca</a>.
- The Board forwards comments to Greyhound. Comments from private individuals are subject to a privacy and confidentiality agreement that Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC has made with the Board.

Eliminated Route Points:

- A: Alberta Border & Highway 1 Vancouver (West Louise Lodge, Field Junction, Glacier Park East Gate, Rogers Pass, Oyama and Agassiz).
- B1: Kamloops Kelowna (Monte Lake, Westwold, Falkland, Oyama)
- B2: Kelowna Penticton (n/a)
- C: Vancouver Osoyoos (Agassiz, Manning Park, Eastgate, Town of Princeton, Hedley, Village of Keremeos)
- D: Kelowna Alberta Border & Highway 3 (Beaverdell)
- E: Prince George Vancouver (McLeese Lake, Spences Bridge, Shaw Springs, Village of Lytton, North Bend, Boston Bar, Spuzzum, Yale, Laidlaw, Bridal Falls, Agassiz)
- G: Alberta Border & Highway 2 Dawson Creek (n/a)
- N: Alberta Border & Highway 16 Vancouver (Agassiz)
- P: Kelowna Vancouver (Agassiz)
- S1: Vancouver Pemberton / Mt. Currie (West Vancouver, Brittania Beach, Pinecrest/Black Tusk, Mount Currie) \*Some trips may terminate at the Resort Municipality of Whistler instead of the Village of Pemberton.