



Internal Memo

TO: BC Transit partners

FROM: Jeff Coleman, Supervisor, Fleet Engineering

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SUBJECT: New bike racks for BC Transit buses

Starting this month, BC Transit will start rolling out a new bike rack for buses across the provincial fleet. The new bike racks, Apex 2™ by Sportworks, will be able to accommodate bikes with tires up to three inches (75 millimetres), a change from our previous two inches (50.8 millimetres).

The fleet management team and the safety and training team tested four models of bike racks, and it was determined the Apex 2 would provide customers with an additional benefit while not compromising safety for our operations team. Bike racks capable of handling three bikes were also tested; however, these bike racks did not meet BC Transit's safety expectations due to issues with headlight obstruction.

New buses will come with the new bike racks factory installed. The first factory installed bike racks will arrive on the new compressed natural gas buses in Whistler this month. Bike racks on existing buses will be replaced with the Apex 2 as they are damaged and in need of replacement.



Over the next two years, nearly 200 new buses will be purchased with the bike rack; however, it is likely to take several years before the majority of buses are equipped with the new bike rack. Passengers may experience some inconsistency in sizes during the transition time and should plan their transit trips with their bikes accordingly. Customers can contact their local transit office to discuss route planning options.

We do not anticipate this change having an impact on staff, but wanted you to know before we release information to the public tomorrow.

If you have questions, please contact jeff_coleman@bctransit.com.