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The Campus Connector is an inter-campus shuttle program which allows UFV students, faculty, and staff access between the Abbotsford UFV Campus and Canada Education Park in Chilliwack. The Campus Connector service launched in September 2013 after a successful referendum by UFV students to introduce the program. The program has over 2,200 riders per week and operates Monday to Friday from approximately 7am-10pm. Prior to this referendum students paid \$17.75/semester and UFV contributed \$100,000 per year.

PRESS RELEASE

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UFV Student Union Campus Connector to Expand, add Langley Service

Abbotsford, BC — The UFV student body has endorsed two expansion proposals for the Campus Connector shuttle bus program run by the UFV Student Union Society and UFV.

Starting at the beginning of January 2015, an additional bus will be on the road between Abbotsford and Chilliwack from 7:30am – 4:30pm which increases daily capacity by 200 seats during the peak hours, and brings the total number of busses to four. Further, a brand new connection between Downtown Langley and Abbotsford will be added, with up to six roundtrips daily from 6:00am – 6:45pm.

Students voted online from October 30 – November 4 on both proposals. Expansion of the Abbotsford-Chilliwack route had 70% support for \$3.50/semester, and creation of the Langley-Abbotsford route had 53% support for \$5.45/semester.

“We are excited to see the Campus Connector program expand, both to address capacity problems in Chilliwack and to address repeated requests for a shuttle to Langley.” said SUS Vice President Internal Thomas Davies. “This was the chance for students from Langley and the western Fraser Valley to make their voice count, and they ensured it did.”

SUS President Ryan Petersen noted that “both service upgrades come as the result of student feedback and increased demand every semester, as students are realising that there is a transportation method between campuses that doesn’t involve a car.”

The Abbotsford-Chilliwack route saw a significant increase in ridership this year, with about 2,200 riders and 85 turn-aways each week, ultimately leading to this referendum.

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