

CENTRAL PARK TRAMLINE

Today SkyTrain and the BC Parkway follow the old Central Park Tramline route. The tramline, constructed by the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company, linked the pioneer cities of the Lower Mainland. When the tramline opened to the public on June 1, 1891, it was one of the first electric rail lines in North America to travel between two urban centres. This "interurban" railway encouraged many people to buy homesites along the route and, in 1892, the local residents formed the new Municipality of Burnaby.

During 62 years of operation, the tramline was the hub of the Lower Mainland's electric railway system, transporting millions of passengers annually. The line was finally closed on October 23, 1953, and replaced with a modern bus system. The construction of SkyTrain along the old route in 1986 reintroduced passenger rail to this historic transportation corridor.

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