



Walk 21 XII
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 Metro Vancouver, Canada

**The International Conference on
 Walking and Liveable Communities**
 Transforming the automobile city:
 walking steps up!

Delegate Orientation Information



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Venues:

Goldcorp Centre for the Arts,
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 Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue,
 580 West Hastings St.

*For general conference info, October 2-5, dial 311 from a local phone. Non-local, 604-873-7000.

Walk with us!

The Walk21 Metro Vancouver Society warmly welcomes you to the 12th Annual Walk21 Conference in downtown Vancouver. A record number of submissions were received this year allowing us to offer a program of unprecedented depth and scope. Please join your regional and international colleagues in examining the conference theme, "Transforming the automobile city: walking steps up!" Walk21 presents three days of engaging plenary presentations, outstanding breakout sessions, and workshops that will take you across Metropolitan Vancouver.

You will engage with citizens, planners, architects, transportation and health professionals — from 25 countries — about the leading-edge practices for urban design, transportation mobility and health promotion that create the best places on earth to walk to and through.

This is the first Walk21 conference to be hosted by a regional partnership of governments, health authorities, universities and other organizations. Conference hosts include TransLink, Metro Vancouver and the City of Vancouver, City of North Vancouver, City of Surrey; the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and the Fraser Health Authority; Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia.

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Conference Venues

Walk21 will take place at two principal locations:

1) Simon Fraser University's **Goldcorp Centre for the Arts** at 149 West Hastings St. in Gastown (see map on pg. 11). Plenary sessions will take place in the Cinema and, by live video feed, in the adjacent World Arts Studio. The World Arts Studio offers an overflow space where you will have access to free wireless and convenient in-out access. If you want to be in the main plenary room, the Cinema, be sure to arrive early. If you'd rather be able to work or need to arrive or leave at a particular time, then choose the World Arts Studio. Note that you enter the Goldcorp building through the courtyard accessible from Cambie St., between West Hastings and West Cordova St.



2) Just a seven-minute walk up West Hastings St. will take you to SFU's **Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue** at 580 West Hastings St. (see map on pg. 11). The Wosk Centre will be our venue for breakout sessions and the starting point for workshops on October 3 and 4. Note that workshops on October 5 will start from the Goldcorp building.



Registering On-site

The conference registration desk will open noon-4:00pm on Sunday, October 2, and 7:30am- 5:00pm, October 3-5. It will be located in the main lobby of the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts, throughout the conference, at 149 West Hastings St. Here you can register on-site, and pick up your name tag, Transit MultiPass and program. On October 5, registration will also be available at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue to accommodate delegates attending on this day only. Note that your name tag is required for admission to all conference activities.

If you plan on attending the Mayor's Opening Reception on October 2, come to the Goldcorp building to register and then consider taking one of two guided historical walks that end at the Olympic Village in time for the reception.

Accommodation

Conference rates at our hotels have officially expired. If you still require accommodation in Vancouver, you can try contacting our hotels to see if they still have availability at the conference rate. (See our website <http://www.walk21.com/vancouver/hotels.html> for more information.) It is likely the *Pinnacle at the Pier* hotel still has rooms available. Note that this hotel is a short seabus ride from the conference venues. Additional accommodation options can be found by visiting <http://www.hellobc.com> and clicking on the "Accommodations" tab.

Getting Here and Around

There are several options to go between the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) and downtown Vancouver, including scheduled coach transfers, limousine, taxi, car rentals and transit (train/subway).

To and from the Airport by Canada Line Train

Canada Line provides rapid rail service linking downtown Vancouver, Richmond and the Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Trains leave every four minutes from Vancouver, and every seven minutes from Richmond and YVR. A one-way trip from YVR to Downtown Vancouver takes only 25 minutes on a two zone fare of \$8.75. For the remainder of your transit needs, Transit Multipasses have been provided by Translink and will be available when you register on-site (see details on the next page). Check maps, schedules and all zone fares at <http://www.translink.ca> or call the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority, TransLink, at 604-953-3333.

To and from the Airport by Airport Bus Service

A regular scheduled airport bus service operates between the airport and downtown Vancouver. Information on their departure times and pickup locations can be obtained from the Touristinfo staff at the airport, or found on the YVR website <http://www.yvr.ca/en/getting-to-from-yvr.aspx>.

To the Conference Venue by Transit

SFU Goldcorp is located on a major bus route and within easy walking distance of the SkyTrain Expo Line and SeaBus. Plan your transit trip at <http://www.translink.ca> or call 604-953-3333.

From East Vancouver: take the #10 Granville (from Kootenay Loop); #8 Downtown (Fraser); or #20 downtown (Victoria Drive).

From South Vancouver: take the #3 Downtown (Main and Marine); or #16 Arbutus (29th Ave Station).

From Richmond and Vancouver's west side: take the Canada Line.

From Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam and Port Moody: take the #160 Vancouver.

From North Burnaby: take the #135 Burrard Station.

From North Vancouver: take the SeaBus.

From West Vancouver: take any Blue Bus into downtown Vancouver to its terminus.

From Surrey and New Westminster: Take SkyTrain.

Biking to the Conference Venue

The EasyPark lot at 151 West Cordova St. (across the street from the courtyard entrance at Goldcorp) offers 12 free bicycle racks. Additional racks are located in the Abbott St. entrance to the SFU Goldcorp courtyard and at Harbour Centre across the street from Wosk (see map on pg. 11).

Parking at the Conference Venue

There is an EasyPark lot located at 151 West Cordova St. Parking is \$2 for 30 min. to a maximum of \$11 between 6:00am and 6:00pm. Evenings are the same rate up to a maximum of \$7 between 6:00pm and 6:00am. It is recommended that you park on the roof level and exit with your vehicle onto Water St., as the West Cordova exit closes at 5:00pm. For additional parking lots adjacent to conference venues, see the map on pg. 11.

Transit Passes

We are grateful to TransLink (South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority) for sponsoring transit passes for all conference delegates who require them. The passes are valid October 2-6. Note that delegates arriving at Vancouver International Airport will need to cover their own fare if they decide to use transit to get to their initial destination in Vancouver.

There will be a TransLink “Host Desk” at the conference registration area (starting 12noon on October 2 at the Goldcorp building, 149 West Hastings St., where delegates can pick up their Transit MultiPass along with information on how to use it and transit maps. The “TransLink Hosts” can help you plan your transit itinerary.

Bus service is integrated with rapid transit, marine services and commuter rail. Many TransLink services can be found at Waterfront Station just a short walk from the Wosk Centre for Dialogue. Expo, Millennium and Canada Line connections are all available at Waterfront Station.

Your Transit MultiPass enables free travel on all routes of the TransLink system, with the exception of West Coast Express. The pass is only valid for travel for the dates shown on the front. You must carry your Transit MultiPass with you at all times while travelling on the TransLink system. Please clearly display the pass to the driver when boarding a bus. For SeaBus and SkyTrain, you may be required to show your pass to an attendant.

Program

A record number of submissions this year have resulted in an exceptional program. Walk21 presents three days of engaging plenary presentations, outstanding breakout sessions, and workshops that will take you across Metropolitan Vancouver.

Read through the schedule of events and explore, in detail, the wonderful range of breakouts, posters, Pecha Kucha, multimedia presentations and workshops. With a choice of over a hundred different sessions, you can create the conference experience that best meets your professional needs and personal interests. Pre-registration is not required for breakout sessions. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.

You will find a detailed program schedule on the conference web site at <http://www.walk21.com/vancouver/program.html>. Take some time to review the breakout and workshop descriptions at <http://www.walk21.com/vancouver/breakouts.html>. You can also download a workshops schedule at http://www.walk21.com/vancouver/Walk21_Walkshop_Schedule.pdf

Signing Up for Workshops

There are 27 workshops included in the conference program that will take you on fascinating guided tours through downtown Vancouver and across Metro Vancouver. Most Workshops will be capped at 15 persons. Advanced sign ups will not be accepted. You must sign up on the day the workshop takes place. Sign up sheets will be available each morning at the conference registration desk.

Workshop assembly areas (gather at 3:15pm for a departure of 3:30pm sharp!):

- Monday, October 3: SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue at 580 West Hastings St.
- Tuesday, October 4: SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue at 580 West Hastings St.
- Wednesday, October 5: SFU Goldcorp Centre for the Arts at 149 West Hastings St.

Special instructions for Surrey walkshop, October 5:

Past Perceptions, New Directions: Surrey City Centre

Wednesday, October 5, 10:15am-2:45pm

Leaves from SFU Wosk, 580 West Hastings St.

This walkshop, hosted by the City of Surrey, will take place through the day on Wednesday, October 5, and will include lunch. Signup for this walkshop will open Monday morning, October 3 and end Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 pm to help plan for the required meals. Registration is open to 20 delegates.

Receptions

Your registration includes three wonderful receptions where you can network and socialize with other delegates while experiencing three unique settings in Metro Vancouver:

- 1) **Sunday, October 2 - Mayor's Opening Reception** at the Olympic Village, 4:00pm-6:00pm. Enjoy a stunning view of Vancouver's skyline from Creekside Centre at the Olympic Village on False Creek, 1 Athletes Way. Catering will be provided by a student culinary group that specializes in cuisine representative of a variety of cultures that make up Metro Vancouver.
- 2) **Monday, October 3 - Vancouver Reception** at the Wing Sang Building (private art gallery) in Chinatown (51 E. Pender St.), 5:00pm-7:00pm. Enjoy a drink and appetizers under the rooftop tent, then take in the fascinating Martin Creed exhibition <http://www.renniecollection.org/index.php> in Bob Rennie's private art gallery. Tours of Chinatown, both historical and cultural, will leave from the gallery every half hour from 5:00-7:00pm during the reception.
- 3) **Tuesday, October 4 - North Vancouver Reception** at the Pinnacle at the Pier Hotel, 6:00-8:00pm (138 Victory Ship Way, North Vancouver). Please join us on the spectacular North Shore for an evening reception hosted by the City of North Vancouver. From downtown Vancouver, a quick ride on the SeaBus will bring you to the North Shore and the Pinnacle Hotel, located in The Shipyards, a significant waterfront destination developed on a former shipbuilding yard with spectacular views of downtown Vancouver and the North Shore mountains. Walking tours of The Shipyards, including a stroll down the 700 foot-long Burrard Dry Dock Pier out into Burrard Inlet, will be offered at the reception.

Five Destination Walks

Jim McKenzie will be the "Walk Ambassador" for the Vancouver Walk21 conference. If you are looking for great places to walk in Vancouver, talk to Jim and his staff at the "Walk Vancouver Table" across from the registration desk. Jim has organized five destination walks: two historical walks on Sunday, October 2 that leave the conference registration area and end at the Olympic Village for the Mayor's Opening Reception; and three early morning guided "Wake Up Walks" on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 3-5. Morning walks on October 3 and 4 begin and end at the Goldcorp building. The morning walk on October 5 begins and ends at the Wosk building. Consider beginning your conference day with a Wake Up Walk; they will all start from the conference registration desk at 7:15am. A schedule of walks is located on the next page. For detailed descriptions and maps visit http://www.walk21.com/vancouver/destination_walks.html

Sunday, October 2 - Historical Walks to Mayor's Reception

Two scenic urban walks have been organized to leave from the main conference venue and arrive at Creekside Centre in time for the Mayor's Opening Reception at 4pm.

Steam Line Historical Walk

Start Time: 2:00pm

Start Location: Atrium, SFU Goldcorp Building, 149 West Hastings St.

Distance: 3.8 km or 2.4 miles.

Carrall Street Greenway

Start Time: 3:00pm

Start Location: Atrium, SFU Goldcorp Building, 149 West Hastings St.

Distance: 2.1 km or 1.3 miles.

Monday, October 3 - Wake Up Walk

Wake Up Walk: Walking Tour of Gastown

Start Time: 7:15am

Start Location: Atrium, SFU Goldcorp Building, 149 West Hastings St.

Tuesday, October 4 - Wake Up Walk

Wake Up Walk: Walking Tour of Chinatown

Start Time: 7:15am

Start Location: Atrium, SFU Goldcorp Building, 149 West Hastings St.

Wednesday, October 5 - Wake Up Walk

Wake Up Walk: Walking Tour of Downtown Vancouver

Start Time: 7:15am

Start Location: SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 580 West Hastings St.

Pre- and Post-conference Events

Pre-conference Workshop, Sunday, October 2

Walk21 Active and Safe Routes to School

Before the 2011 Walk21 Vancouver Conference officially gets underway, join practitioners from across BC, Canada and the world for a day of learning and discussion on current topics in school- and youth-focused transportation. This workshop will be an opportunity to meet practitioners and supporters of Active and Safe Routes to School, and address important and emerging topics in the field. Presented by the Hub for Action on School Transportation Emissions.

When: October 2, 9:00am-2:30pm

Where: Creekside Community Recreation Centre, 1 Athletes Way, Vancouver

Who: (Open to the public); Cost: \$20; enquiries: info@hastebc.org

Register: www.hastebc.org/walk21-active-and-safe-routes-school-pre-conference-workshop

Integrating Active Transportation & Health into Municipal and Regional Transportation Planning: Defining the Metrics and Identifying Best Practices

Please join us in initiating a global dialogue on best practices for municipal and regional transportation planning to incorporate explicit metrics, policies, methods, and fiscal strategies to promote active transportation (i.e. walking, cycling, etc.) and make links to its measurable health benefits. Presented by UBC's Active Transportation Collaboratory, the City of Vancouver Transportation 2040 and TransLink.

When: October 6, 9:00am–5:00pm

Where: Creekside Community Centre, 1 Athletes Way, Vancouver

Who: Planners, transportation engineers, public health practitioners, decision makers, academics and community leaders (Open to the public). Free.

Register at: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/healthANDtransportpolicy.asp>

Enquiries: Andrea Procyk, andrea.procyk@ubc.ca

National Active & Safe Routes to School Summit

This post-conference workshop will showcase Canadian School Travel Planning projects currently underway in Canadian jurisdictions and provide opportunities to share international best practice in active school travel. The day will provide opportunities for further collaboration and to identify strategies and barriers for implementing active school travel in Canada and abroad. Presented by Green Communities Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, the Canadian Inter-provincial Sport and Recreation Council.

When: October 6, 9:30am–4:30pm

Where: Room 1300-1500, SFU Segal, 500 Granville St., Vancouver

Who: Open to Walk21 delegates only.

To register please email Jacky Kennedy at asrts@sympatico.ca

Meals

Your conference registration includes mid-morning nutrition breaks and grab-and-go lunches, plus three receptions with appetizers. Lunches will take place in the Atrium at the Goldcorp Centre for the Arts. Mid-morning breaks will be held in the Atrium on October 3 and 4 and at the Wosk Centre on October 5.

Vancouver is abundant with an excellent range of dining opportunities for those looking to eat dinner out. Check out <http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/dining/> or ask a local, who will be more than happy to recommend their favourite restaurants.

Remember to bring your own water bottle, especially if you're participating in walkshops. Jugs of water will be available at all of our venues. Vancouver's water supply originates from rainwater and the snow melt of the pristine mountains of the North Shore and Coquitlam area and is purified in a state-of-the-art filtration plant. It's as good as it gets!

Weather

Renowned Canadian writer Allan Fotheringham once called Vancouver the Canadian city with the best climate and the worst weather. October has the potential to show visitors great Vancouver weather - mild and clear, but also cool and rainy is also possible. Bottom line... come prepared for rain or shine.

- October average high: 14°C / 57°F
- October average low: 6°C / 43°F
- It rains about half the days in the month of October.

Bring a sweater, long trousers, jacket, hat, and umbrella (...and shorts and sandals, if you're optimistic). And remember your water bottle.

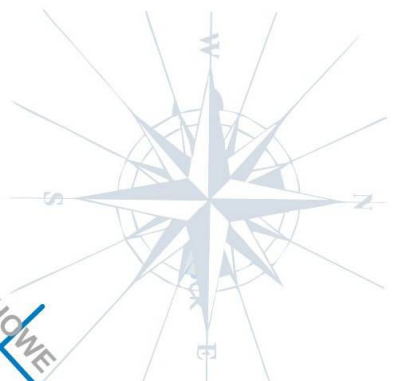
Social Media

Stay connected to news and updates through Twitter (@Walk21Vancouver) and Facebook (Walk21 Metro Vancouver). If you plan on blogging during the conference (there's free wireless), please use the hash tag #walk21vancouver. The hash tag will help everyone online follow what's happening at the conference.

Greening the Conference

- **No Delegate Bags:** We all have a growing collection of delegate bags, so rather than add another one, we have opted to eliminate them this time in favour of a handy pocket in the back of your program.
- **Programs:** The program is printed on 100% post-consumer waste paper with soy-based inks.
- **Name Tags:** Name tag inserts are printed on 100% recycled paper and the holders are a biodegradable PVC film. Please return your lanyards at the end of the conference for re-use at future events.
- **Composting:** You will notice that most of our catered events use compostable materials and utensils. We are pleased to turn cups, plates, napkins, utensils and food waste into compost.
- **Bring Your Own Water Bottle:** Jugs of water will be available at conference venues to fill your personal water bottle. Bottles of water will not be provided.

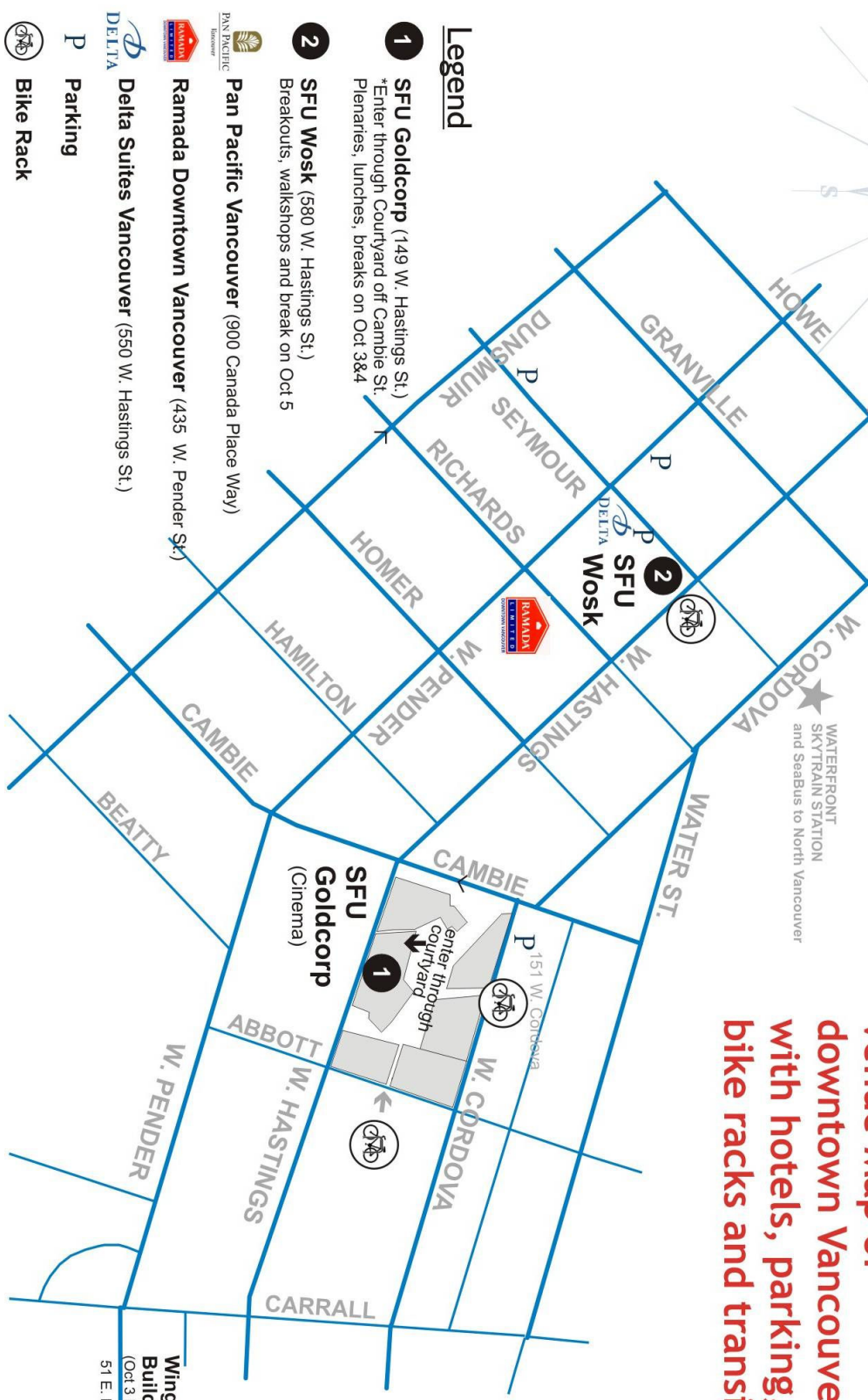




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Venue Map of downtown Vancouver with hotels, parking, bike racks and transit

WATERFRONT SKYTRAIN STATION and Seabus to North Vancouver



Legend

- 1 SFU Goldcorp** (149 W. Hastings St.)
*Enter through Courtyard off Cambie St.
Planaries, lunches, breaks on Oct 3&4
- 2 SFU Wosk** (580 W. Hastings St.)
Breakouts, workshops and break on Oct 5

- Pan Pacific Vancouver** (900 Canada Place Way)
- Ramada Downtown Vancouver** (435 W. Pender St.)
- Delta Suites Vancouver** (550 W. Hastings St.)

- P** Parking
- Bike Rack

Wing Sang Building
(Oct 3 Reception)
51 E. Pender St.

