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Subject: West Coast Express (WCE) During Olympics.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As reported on Rail City please find appended. As we've all been discussing lately, it is hoped that those on freight are not totally forgotten during this tenuous period.

In Solidarity,

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CP and West Coast Express prepared for increased commuter demand

On any given day, the West Coast Express (WCE) commuter train carries approximately 10,000 passengers to destinations in BC's Lower Mainland. With the official start of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games less than a month away, WCE and CP employees are ramping up for an estimated 120% increase in daily demand, to 22,000 travelers. Although WCE is an operating subsidiary of Translink, BC's Lower Mainland public transit service, the trains and track are operated by CP employees and service is controlled through our Calgary Network Management Centre.

The WCE normally runs 10 trains daily between Mission and Vancouver's downtown core. In February, this will increase to 21 trains a day -more than double regular service. Currently, service begins at 0530 and runs through to 2030. During the Games, however, commuter service will operate until 0130 with maintained increased service on the weekends.

“The demand of the Games on our operations is considerable. It is only with a remarkable team effort that we have been able to create a plan to ensure timely and efficient services for our regular customers as well as the thousands of visitors that we know are counting on us,” explained Mel Schille, manager, commuter rail.

This business boost has created some new operating positions, specifically for locomotive engineers and conductors. The WCE’s services were increased as part of CP’s agreement with Translink and the Vancouver Olympic Committee. The cost of running our crews and trains is reflected back in CP brand recognition as part of our involvement in the Vancouver 2010 legacy.

”The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games are an excellent opportunity to solidify our business relationship with the WCE and Translink – we manage our crews and traffic in association with their equipment and passenger services,” added Thomas Thu, multi-yard process manager from Port Coquitlam.

CP employee volunteers working at the Games will join visitors to Vancouver in using the WCE to get to Olympic venues and events.

Visit the [West Coast Express](#) website for schedule information.