

Vancouver's future Broadway SkyTrain station locations announced

The stations will be at Great Northern Way, Mount Pleasant, Broadway-City Hall, Fairview-VGH, South Granville, and Arbutus.

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It was two o'clock and 351 kids from Kindergarten to Grade 7 were being let out early at St. Augustine School on Arbutus Street on Wednesday.

They swarmed the playground, waited impatiently for their parents to pick them up out front or left the school grounds with said parents, waiting for the crossing light at West 8th Avenue.

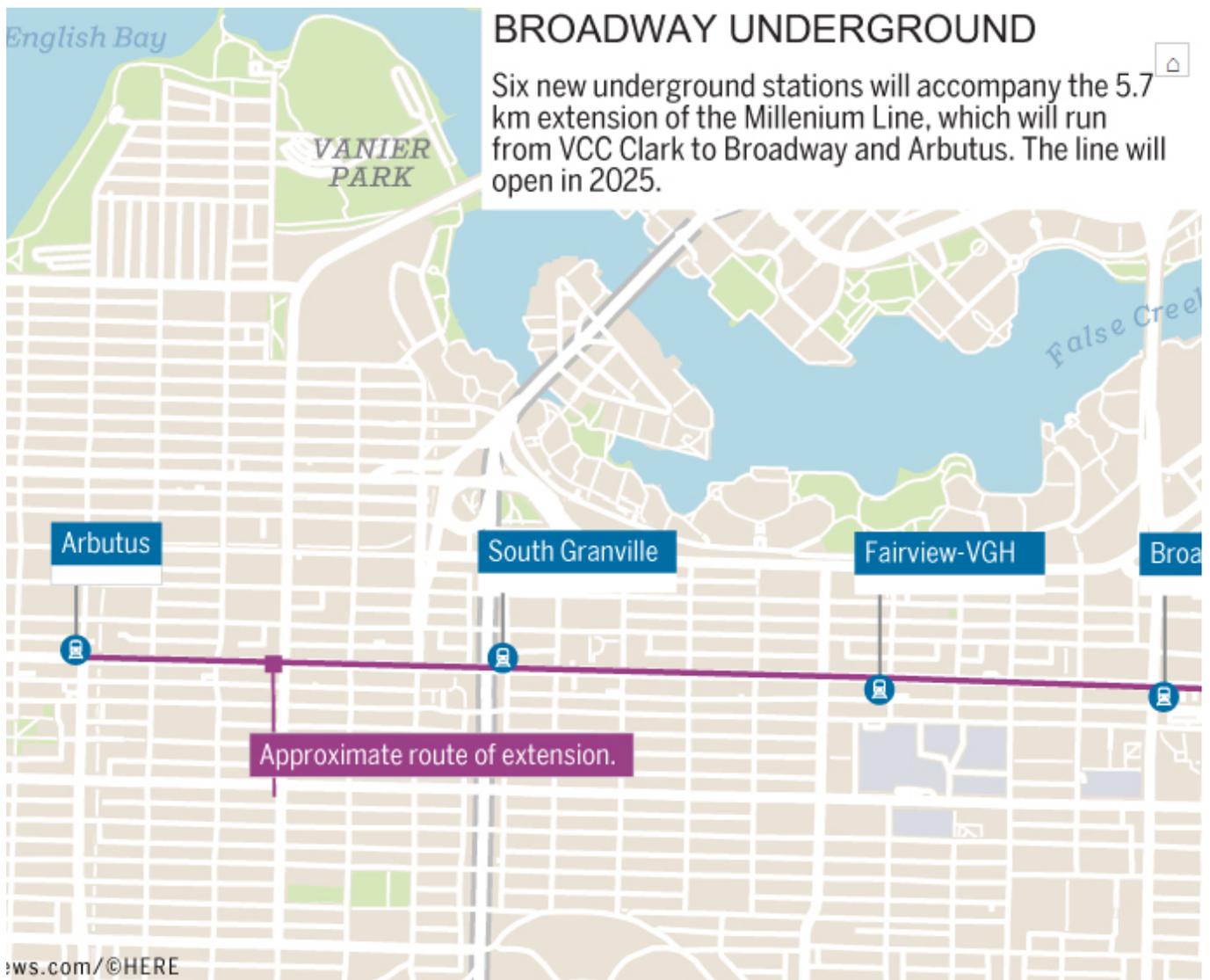
None of the adults who were approached by Postmedia News had heard of the B-Line bus loop that is planned for the empty lot kitty-corner from the school and across the street from the Montessori Daycare, once a new SkyTrain station is built.

"We don't need even more traffic around here," one mom said as she held her little boy's hand while waiting to cross the street.

The B.C. government on Wednesday announced the locations of six new underground stations for the future 5.7-kilometre extension of SkyTrain's Millennium Line along Broadway.

They are:

- **Great Northern Way:** On the east side of Thornton Street just north of Great Northern Way. The government says this station will create better access to Emily Carr University of Art and Design's Great Northern Way Campus and the emerging creative economy hub in the False Creek Flats;
- **Mount Pleasant:** At the southwest corner of Broadway and Main Street;
- **Broadway-City Hall:** This station will use the existing entrance to the Canada Line at the southeast corner of Broadway and Cambie Street, and will provide an underground connection between the Millennium and Canada lines;
- **Fairview-VGH:** On the southwest corner of Broadway and Laurel Street, near Oak Street. This location will provide access to Vancouver General Hospital and the rest of the medical district;
- **South Granville:** On the northeast corner of Broadway and Granville Street near the South Granville, Burrard Slopes and Granville Island neighbourhoods;
- **And Arbutus, the terminus station:** Located at the northeast corner of Broadway and Arbutus Street, this station and bus loop will connect passengers destined for the University of B.C. with B-Line bus service.



A building currently housing a Rogers store currently sits on the terminus-station corner, on land owned by the City of Vancouver.

Across the street on the property sits Fletcher's Fabricare, a drive-in dry cleaning company with an iconic glass half-Quonset for a storefront that has operated in Kits since 1968, was purchased by Translink for \$16.8 million in spring 2018. A Fletcher's employee said the company will move to Broadway and Balaclava once construction begins late next year.

"Yeah, it'll get even busier along here," one longtime customer picking up his cleaned and pressed shirts said.

"Progress." He almost spat out the word.

Maps of the proposed new station entrances and adjacent properties used for construction storage and staging areas can be found on the B.C. government's Broadway subway project website.

Construction of the subway will mostly involve tunnelling starting in 2020, with the new extension opening in 2025. The project's budget is \$2.83 billion, funded by the provincial, city and federal governments.

The province plans to hold community information nights this fall.