



# FCM 2008 Annual Conference Making Transit Work in Smaller Communities May 30, 2008

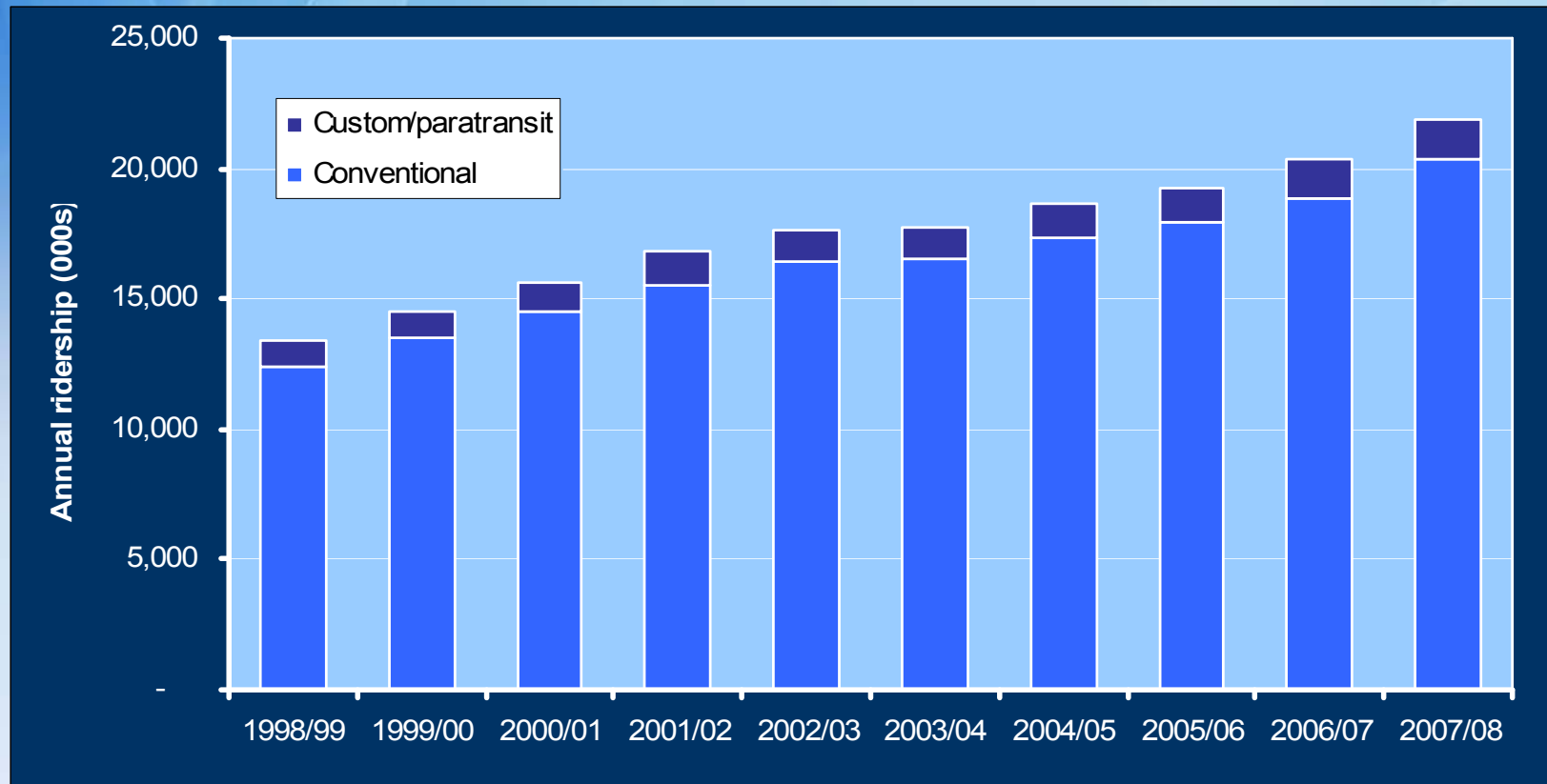
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# BC Transit Systems

- 79 transit systems
- 600 vehicles
- 1.2 M population served
- 55 local governments
- 41 operating organizations

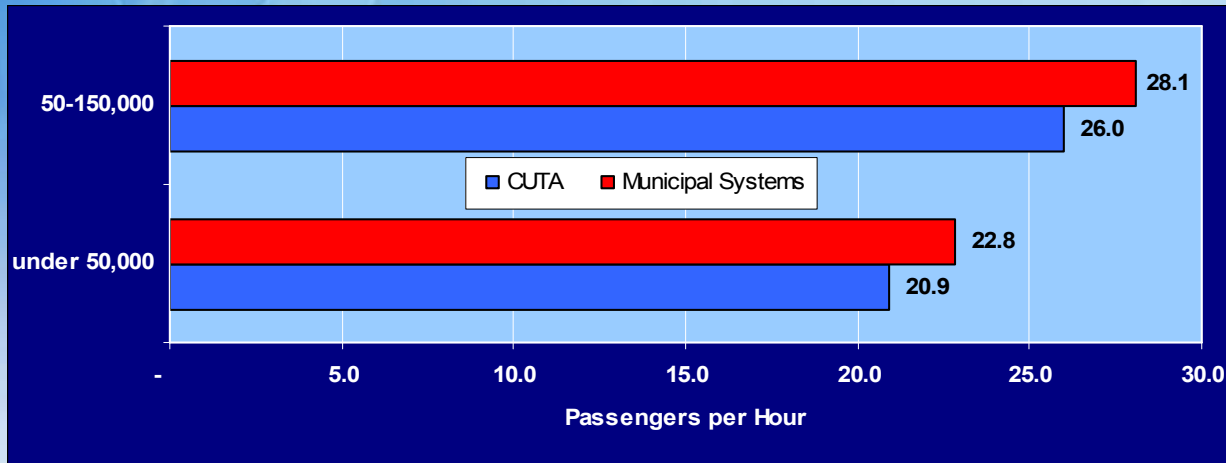


# Municipal Systems Ridership Trend, 1998/99 to 2007/08

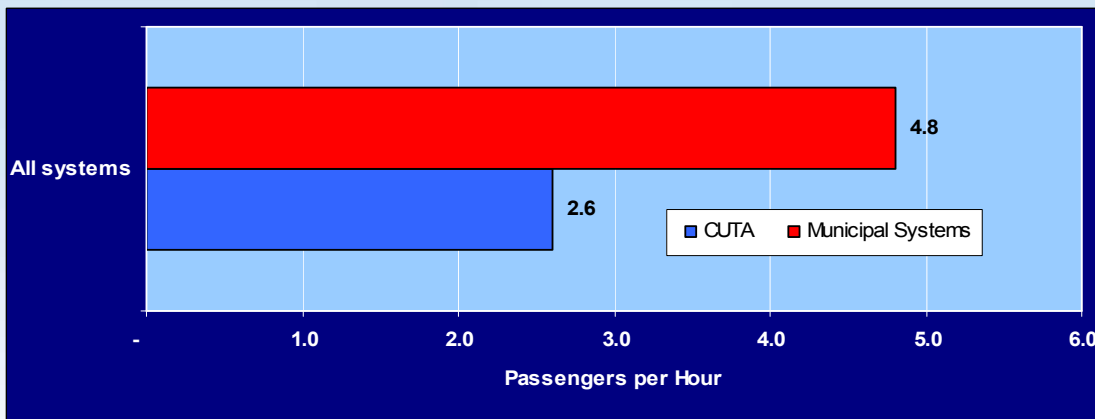


# Municipal Systems Program Performance

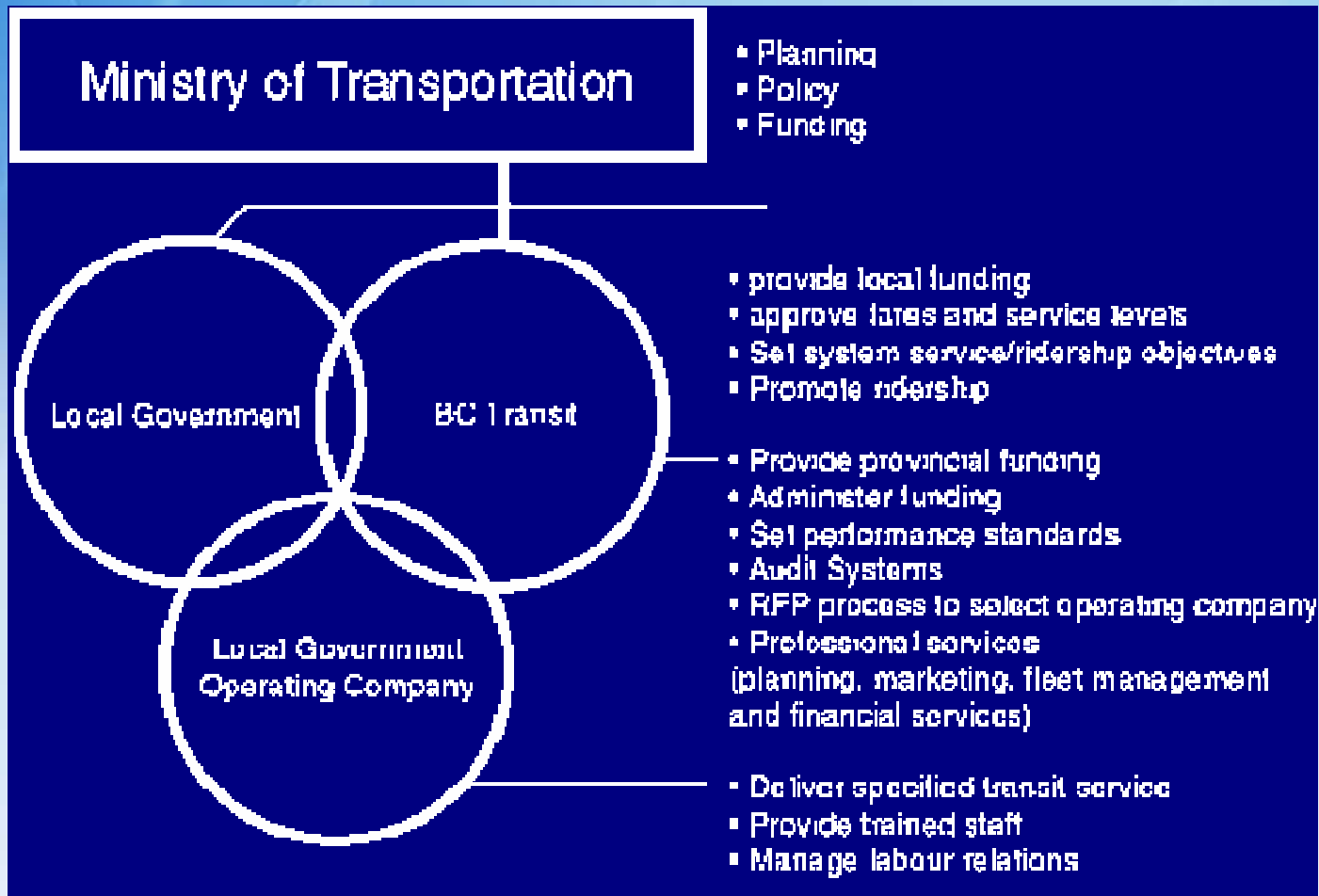
## Conventional Transit rides per hour



## Custom/paratransit rides per hour



# BC Transit's Public Private Partnership



# Senior Government Funding

- Provincial funding – operating and capital cost contributions
- Federal funding – capital cost contribution through Public Transit Agreement, Public Transit Infrastructure Program, and other programs

# National Transit Strategy

## Five Key Elements

1. Investment
2. Land use & transportation
3. Demand incentives
4. Innovative research
5. Accountability



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# Provincial Transit Plan

- Province-wide plan to double transit ridership in B.C. by 2020
- Increase the market share for transit
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 4.7 million tonnes cumulatively by 2020
- Support increased population and employment densities near transit hubs and along transit corridors
- Expand transportation services for seniors and those with mobility challenges



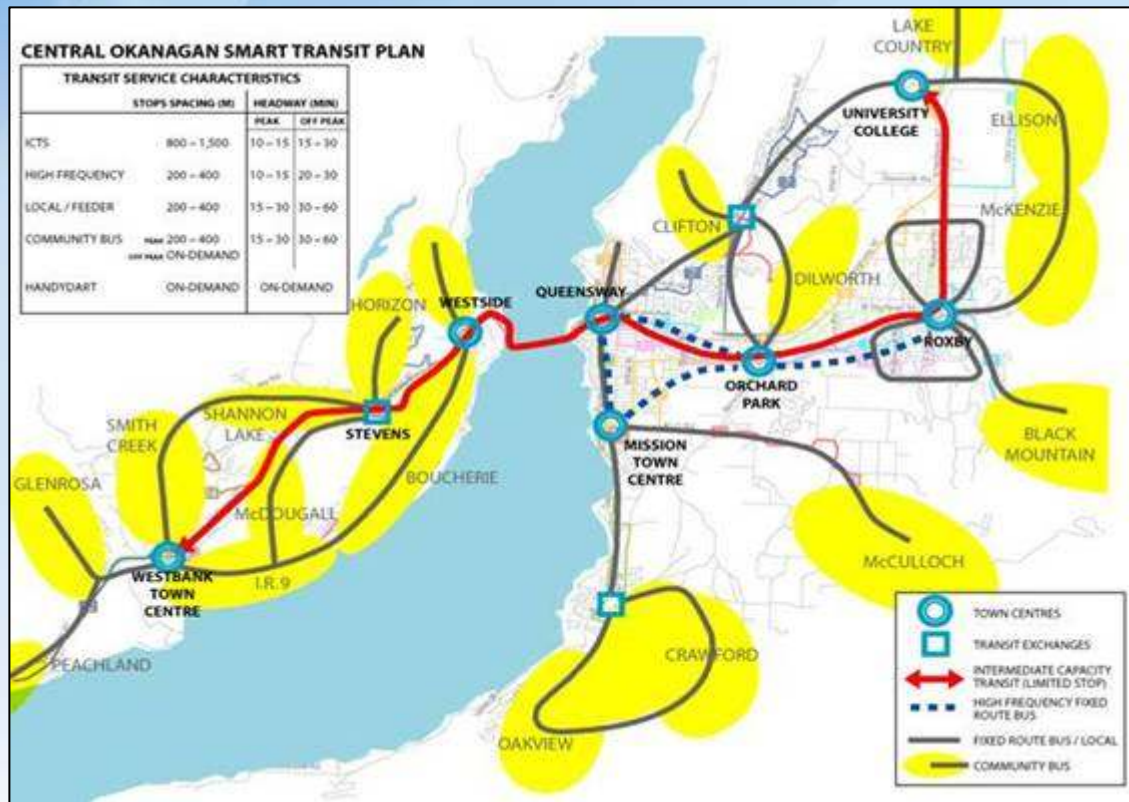
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# Increase Ridership

- **Strategic Planning** – Comox Valley Transit Business Plan adopted in 2001, leading to 63% service increase & 162% ridership increase over 6 years.
- **U-Pass** – In Kamloops, resulted in 93% increase in student ridership and 30% increase in overall ridership in first 2 years after implementation. Implemented in Cranbrook, Kelowna and Prince George (Sept 2008).
- **Student Service Partnerships** – Work with school districts to reduce overlap and provide service tailored to students.

# Integrate Land Use & Transportation

- Kelowna Bus Rapid Transit – connects town centres, which will have transit oriented development at the BRT stations



# Expand Service for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities

- handyDART
- Small town and rural transit systems
- Partnerships with Health Authorities to provide service to regional centres
- Partnerships with First Nations



# Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Hybrid-electric diesel
- Bio-diesel fuel
- Low emission vehicles
- Hydrogen fuel cell buses



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# The Road Ahead

- Understand the national interest in local transit service
- One team, one voice
- Power of partnerships

# Thank You

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