

January 25, 2010 (Amended)

# Industry Advisory 2010 Updates

*Note: This advisory has been updated to reflect revised policy on Sea-to-Sky checkpoint permits. The chart on the number of TOPs that have been approved is updated. Changes are highlighted in yellow.*

- ❖ Taxi stops in the City of Vancouver
- ❖ RMOW “Commercial Carrier Program”
- ❖ Richmond “O Zone” & Olympic Oval
- ❖ **Sea-to-Sky Check Point Permits (amended)**
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- ❖ **Uptake on board 2010 measures (updated)**
- ❖ Temporary limousine rates and rules in the GVRD / SLRD

## *City of Vancouver: Taxi Stops at Olympic and Paralympic Venues*

All Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic venues will have designated drop off areas for taxis and limousines. These stops are a short walk from venue entrances. More details are available on the “Olympic Winter Games Venue Taxi and Vehicle Zone Maps” located on the City of Vancouver’s website at: <http://olympichostcity.vancouver.ca/gettingaround/driving/taxis.htm> Taxis are not allowed to use or stop in Olympic Lanes.

## *Resort Municipality of Whistler: February 2010 Commercial Carrier Program*

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) is initiating a “February 2010 Commercial Carrier Program” as a means of managing commercial passenger vehicles on municipal roads. The “February 2010 Commercial Carrier Program” will be in effect February 1 through February 28, 2010.

Dedicated zones will be assigned throughout Whistler for the drop-off and pick-up of passengers. Vehicles using these areas must be involved in active pick-up or drop-off. No vehicle parking is allowed in these zones. These areas will be allocated based on vehicle type. The different types are as follows:

- Taxis (Separate zones will be allocated for local and Vancouver destined taxis)

- Hotel and business shuttles
- Limousines, SUV's and vans
- Motor coaches

Commercial carriers, including taxis, limousines and buses, providing service directly into Whistler must have a RMOW Commercial Carrier Permit to drop passengers, stage vehicles and access various areas of the Resort. Permits will be issued at no cost, are not vehicle specific and may be transferred between commercial vehicles operated by the same company.

For more information and to download an application form, visit the **Commercial Carrier Details and Map** link at the following website:

<http://www.whistler2010.com/life-during-the-games/transportation/>. You may also email [commercialcarrier@whistler.ca](mailto:commercialcarrier@whistler.ca) for additional information.

### ***City of Richmond: Olympic Oval and O Zone***

The Richmond Olympic Oval will host the speed skating competition for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. As part of the celebrations, the city has established the "O Zone". It will be located in the heart of Richmond's City Centre, a few minutes walk from the new Canada Line rapid transit system (Richmond-Brighouse station).

Link to the City's transportation information can be accessed via:

<http://www.richmond.ca/discover/2010-Olympics/directions.htm?PageMode=HTML>

The only full road closures in the City of Richmond are directly around the Richmond Olympic Oval. Partial road closures are scheduled for Minoru Boulevard. A map of the city's transportation management plan that includes taxi loading/unloading zones and staging areas is available at:

[http://www.richmond.ca/\\_shared/assets/laneclosures201024757.pdf](http://www.richmond.ca/_shared/assets/laneclosures201024757.pdf)

Note that in taxi loading/unloading areas, all taxis must be involved in active pick-up or drop-off, i.e., no staging/standing is permitted. Separate staging areas for taxis are provided and the exact locations are shown in the transportation management map.

Note that within the O Zone site, it is expected that the Holland Heineken House will generate additional demand for taxi near its closing time at 2am.

### ***Sea to Sky Checkpoint Permits (STS CP)***

Taxis and limos with a valid passenger transportation license plate, including a "seasonal yellow" plate, do not require a permit to travel through the STS CP at any time.

Taxis and limos going into the Resort Municipality of Whistler must have a "Commercial Carrier Permit" issued by the RMOW. (See above)

Taxis or limousines may not drive in the Olympic lanes in other areas in the GVRD or Whistler.

## ***Cypress Mountain***

There will be no spectator or public parking at the Cypress Mountain venue during the Games period.

During the exclusive use period (February 1 – March 8, 2010), vehicle access to the mountain will be limited to Olympic and local traffic only as a security and public safety measure.

Deer Ridge and Stone Cliff residents will have full access to their homes during the exclusive use period.

## ***YVR – March 1, 2010***

In order to best facilitate outbound passengers at YVR on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> the Airport Authority is looking at options that include an expedited remote terminal system. Access routes to YVR may be altered and intercepts conducted on all taxis to maximize efficient passenger processing. Please refer to the airport's web site [www.yvr.ca](http://www.yvr.ca) for updates closer to this date.

## ***TOP, TBRT & TSC Uptake***

All Lower Mainland taxi companies have requested **TBRT** (relaxed boundary) vehicles. This means that 539 taxis will be able to operate throughout the Lower Mainland from January 24, 2010 to March 24, 2010.

### **Temporary Operating Permits Approved as of January 25, 2010**

	Limousine		Taxis	
	# of 92 day permits	# of 60 day permits	# of 92 day permits	# of 60 day permits
GVRD	0	4	39	5
SLRD	0	0	3	2
GVRD/SLRD (or parts thereof)	2	6	0	0
<b>Total</b>	2	10	42	7

Sixty day temporary operating permits are available from January 24, 2010 to March 24, 2010. Companies who need these permits should submit applications as soon as possible.

The Board has approved 1 Temporary Service Clause (TSC) application. This is an application to operate 5 taxis in the GVRD.

## ***Temporary limousine rates and rules in the GVRD / SLRD***

The Board has mailed its [Limousine Rates and Limousine Rules for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games rule](#) to limousine companies in the GVRD and SLRD. This Rule sets maximum and minimum rates and common rules. The Rule is on the Board's website.