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CASCO BAY LINES ENEWSLETTER

February 2021

Greetings!

We've reached the middle of the winter season! And we're (finally?) starting to see some snow and colder weather. These winter months are considered the "off-season" here at CBL and we use this time to prepare for the warmer months. The Bay Mist is currently at the shipyard for her routine, biennial, dry dock maintenance. The Machigonne will follow, and details related to alternative vehicle service are included below. We are also nearing the one-year mark of the COVID-19 pandemic and our constant vigilance is more important than ever. **We continue to require everyone to wear masks** while at CBL. This applies whether you are in the parking lot or terminal, waiting in line to board or underway on our vessels. Additional information about our operations during COVID-19 is [available here on our website](#) and should be reviewed prior to traveling with us.

President's Day Schedule



Monday, February 16th, is Washington's Birthday/President's Day. Passenger and vehicle service will be running according to [the schedule that begins on February 8th](#) with no modifications for the holiday.

Birthdays



Limited Vehicle Service Begins Feb. 8th

As a reminder, Maine DOT will begin repairs to the transfer bridge on Peaks Island on Monday, February 8th. Maine DOT estimates the work will take approximately 12 weeks to complete. During this time, Lionel Plante Associates will be providing vehicle transportation to and from Peaks Island on a scheduled, yet limited, basis. The temporary vehicle service schedule is [available here on our website](#). Passenger service will operate on the regular sailing schedule. CBL has coordinated with Maine DOT so that the Machigonne's routine shipyard work will occur during this timeframe. Any questions about the project should be directed to Dan Loring at daniel.m.loring@maine.gov.

Terminal Renovation Project Update

Demolition activities, both inside and outside of the terminal, are underway and expected to ramp up over February and March as we seek to complete as much as possible during the off-season. Fencing, temporary pedestrian walkways and signage are being used to allow for continued safe operations during this time. It is incredibly important to abide by the construction signage to ensure site safety. More information is available [here on our website](#). Please send any comments or questions to terminalrenovationproject@casco baylines.com.

Nick Bishop
February 11

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February 17

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February 24

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METRO Route Changes Proposed

METRO is proposing a new two-way circulator route for downtown Portland, along with additional related modifications to existing routes. This new route, if approved, would replace METRO's current Route 1 & 8 and go into effect in late 2022. Route 8 currently provides direct service to Casco Bay Lines. METRO is seeking public feedback on this proposal from riders and stakeholders through a survey. The deadline to submit feedback is Feb. 26, 2021.

- Link to information, proposed route map(s), and survey: <https://tinyurl.com/y3ch69mv>
- For background and information: <https://gpmetro.org/1423/Schedule-Changes>
- Questions/Concerns: info@gpmetro.org

Thank You!

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