Montreal Area Historical Map of Interurban, Commuter Rail and Rapid Transit

This map aims to show the extensive network of interurban, commuter rail, and rapid transit lines operated in the greater Montreal Region. The city has seen dramatic changes in the last fifty years in the evolution of rail transit. Streetcars and Interurbans have come and gone, and commuter rail was dwindled down to two lines and is now up to three. Over these years the Metro was built as was the now dismantled Expo Express.

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*Note: Stations have followed the Montreal Park and Field and Montreal Terminal Railway as Interurban/Expo service authorities, with Interurban defining only the Montreal and Southern Counties as an Interurban line. The other lines were urban/suburban interurbans with some Interurban characteristics.

The Montreal and Southern Counties Interurban Line or M&SC

The M&SC began in operation in 1909. Financing was arranged through the Grand Trunk (later CNR). When the M&SC went bankrupt in 1920 the line became a wholly owned division of CN. The line operated until 1956 when it was shut down. Some tracks remain in operation between St-Hubert and Marieville. The M&SC Terminal still stands at the corner of McGill and Youville.

The Expo Express

This was Montreal’s shortest lived rapid transit system. Built for the 1967 World’s Fair the system was run through the fair grounds to Dominion Square in downtown Montreal. But when it was announced that the Metro would be extended to the site the line was shortened to run between Place d’Arqueuil and La Ronde. It operated between April and October of 1967 for Expo ’67. Then it ran only on the expo islands with an additional stop at Agriculture between 1968 and 1972.

Commuter Rail Routes

Permanent Services
Windsor to Dorion / Bigeaud / Pu Fortune
Windsor to Debon / St Jean / Farmouth
Windsor to Chambly / Valleyfield / Malone
Windsor to St-Therese / Blainville
Viger / Windsor to St-Thomas / St Lin
Viger to St Therese / St Eustache
Highlands [LaSalle] to Cone St Paul (LaSalle Loop)
Sainte Catherine St. East to l’Assomption
Tunnel Terminal / Central to Deus-Montanges
Tunnel Terminal / Central to Montreal North
Tunnel Terminal / Central to Cartierville
Tunnel Terminal / Central to Granville / Howsebury
Tunnel Terminal / Central to Cabinet Beach
Central to Gracey
Bonaventure / Central to St Hilaire / St Rose
Bonaventure / Central to Vaudreuil (via Lachine)
Bonaventure to Central to Ste Therese / Blainville
Bonaventure to St Laurent
Pu St Charles / Bonaventure to Vaudreuil (Direct)

Temporary Services’
Central to Bridge Street
Central to St Isidore
Du College to Repentigny / Charlemagne

* Only services on the map that show days are included in the Montreal/Metropolitan service list because it became permanent.