



Roam Transit Idling Policy

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As Roam Transit has rapidly expanded, running more regional routes than ever before, it is necessary to reassess and adjust our idling policy to meet the demands of increased operations while promoting fuel efficiency and environmental responsibility. Given our location within a national park and the proximity of sensitive areas, including schools near many of our bus stops and transit hubs in Banff and Canmore, it's crucial that we maintain a balance between operational needs and our responsibility to the community and the environment.

This policy aims to improve fuel efficiency, reduce emissions, and comply with environmental and municipal guidelines, while ensuring passenger comfort during extreme weather conditions.

Maximum Idling Time

When parked for layovers, traditional ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) buses must not idle for longer than 5 minutes. The only exceptions are for BEBs (Battery Electric Buses) and when the outside temperature falls below -10°C or rises above 20°C , in which case idling for climate control is permitted.

A layover bus stop is any stop where drivers are required to remain for more than a minute, typically located at the ends of a route.

Layover bus stops include but are not limited to:

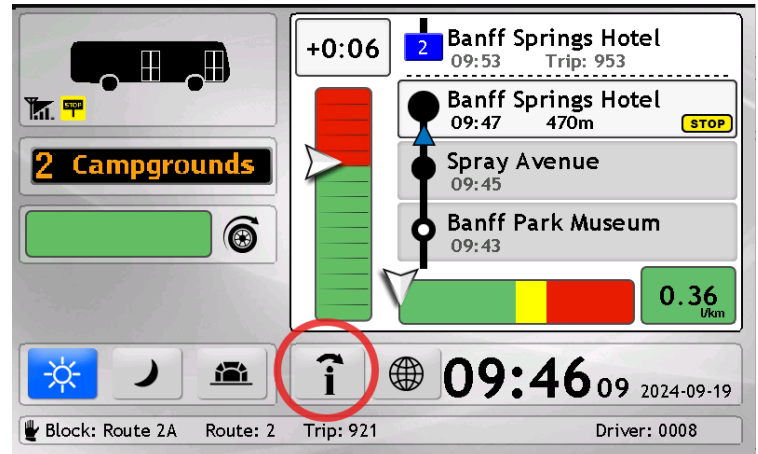
- Banff High School Transit Hub
- Banff High School Field
- 9th Street Transit Hub
- Marmot
- Banff Gondola
- Hidden Ridge
- Lake Louise Lakeshore
- Lake Minnewanka
- Hawk Ave Operations Building
- Tunnel Mountain Campground I
- Johnston Canyon
- Moraine Lake

Pre-Departure: Drivers should not start the engine more than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled departure which will ensure the vehicle is ready for operation without excessive idling.

Driver Responsibility: It is the driver's responsibility to monitor their next scheduled departure time. If a layover or break exceeds 5 minutes, the driver must turn off the engine to minimize unnecessary idling.

Reminder: Consat will send you a reminder to turn off your bus only if your schedule includes a layover of 5 minutes or longer. This reminder will be sent even if you're running late, but we will only ask you to turn off the bus if you're stopped for more than 5 minutes

The message will appear like any other Consat message. To view it, click on the 'i' icon (circled in red below). It's a good practice to check this frequently to ensure you don't miss any important messages.



Procedure: We would like to remind all drivers that it is essential to follow the correct procedure by applying the park brake whenever stopped at any layover bus stop. This practice is particularly important when shutting down the engine.

Unless if it is time for your break, you should turn your bus to Night Park (the last dial on Vicinity and Nova buses) or to CLID (Proterra). This will ensure that your lights and accessories will stay on. For MCI, you can turn off the bus and then put the ignition switch back on. During your break, everything should be off to preserve the battery.

Compliance: All drivers are required to adhere to this policy at all times. Supervisors will perform regular spot checks and monitor idling times. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, retraining, or other corrective measures as needed. Following this policy not only helps avoid corrective measures but also ensures we maintain strong relationships with organizations that share our bus stop locations, while contributing to our broader environmental goals.