

**JOINT MEETING OF THE TRANSLINK BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
THE MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

January 27, 2022

Minutes of the Public Joint Meeting of the Mayors' Council and TransLink Board of Directors held virtually on January 27, 2022 at 10:15 am.

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Kevin Quinn, CEO
Jennifer Breeze, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Fran Corlett, Assistant Corporate Secretary

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Co-Chair Mayor Jonathan Coté called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Due notice having been given and a quorum being present, the meeting was properly constituted.

Co-Chair Coté acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional and unceded territories of the Halq'eméylem, Semiahmoo and Skwxwú7mesh speaking people. These refer to the language groups that more widely encompass the Indigenous people of many nations who use and continue to use the land on whose territories TransLink works, operates and serves. It was noted that the Board and the Mayors' Council recognize the importance of doing their best to build respectful relationships that contribute to stewarding the land and waters in the community with integrity and consideration for future generations.

2. Approval of Transport 2050 (T2050)

Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer led the review of a presentation titled "Transport 2050: Regional Transportation Strategy" and highlighted:

- Achieving the vision in T2050 will require the collaboration and cooperation of regional partners;
- Strategic lenses;
- Five goals for the regional transportation system;
- Public engagement undertaken during the development of T2050, noting support expressed for the T2050 strategy; and
- Next steps.

The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister Responsible for TransLink, and the Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of State for Infrastructure, joined the meeting and provided the following remarks:

- Alignment of T2050 with the priorities of the provincial government;
- Support provided by the provincial and federal governments to enable TransLink to continue to provide public transit services during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- T2050 is the culmination of years of collaboration between the Metro Vancouver region and the provincial government;
- Some of the work included in T2050 is already underway;
- Opportunities and benefits that can be achieved through T2050; and
- Significant investments in transit now will shape the region for decades to come.

Ministers Heyman and Ma left the meeting.

Change in Chair

Co-Chair Lorraine Cunningham assumed the chair.

2.1. TransLink Board Motions

The following comments were provided by members of the TransLink Board of Directors:

- The exceptional collaboration with the provincial and other governments to develop T2050;
- Rapid changes in the last 30 years;
- The importance of the focus on reconciliation, climate change and the connection between land use and transportation in T2050;
- The breadth of engagement in the development of T2050;
- The importance of the focus on safety of people, providing service for those who are transit-dependent and movement of goods in T2050; and
- Importance of attention placed on the fundamental freedom of mobility, addressing the climate change emergency and affordable housing.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the TransLink Board of Directors:

1. Approve the long-term strategy titled Transport 2050, attached as Annex A to the January 21, 2022 report, "Approval of Transport 2050"; and
2. Provide the long-term strategy titled Transport 2050, attached as Annex A to the January 21, 2022 report, "Approval of Transport 2050" to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation.

CARRIED

Change in Chair

Co-Chair Coté assumed the chair.

2.2. Mayors' Council Motions

The following comments were provided by the Mayors' Council:

- Significant engagement with municipalities and regional partners to develop T2050;
- T2050 provides the building blocks for the future livability, mobility and economic prosperity of the Metro Vancouver region;
- The importance of the focus on 15-minute communities in T2050;
- T2050 is a signal to the public of the continued focus on the future, despite the COVID-19 pandemic;
- T2050 is bold and ambitious, while being realistic;
- The significance of T2050 in addressing emerging challenges and opportunities that will transform the region; and
- Anticipated challenges to the implementation of T2050.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Approve the long-term strategy titled *Transport 2050* attached as Annex A to the January 21, 2022 report, "Approval of Transport 2050"; and
2. Receive this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY WEIGHTED VOTE

3. Report on 2022 Implementation Priorities

Sarah Ross, Acting Vice-President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink, reviewed the report titled "Transport 2050 Implementation: 2022 Priorities" provided with the agenda material and highlighted initial areas for development to implement T2050:

- New 10-Year Vision;
- Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from on-road transportation;
- TransLink Corporate Climate Action Strategy and Low Carbon Fleet Strategy;
- Indigenous relations framework and reconciliation;
- Regional Social Equity Framework;
- Regional Resilience Strategy; and
- T2050 implementation monitoring program.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Ask staff to bring back options for a new naming convention for the "New Vision" document for consideration at the next meeting; and
2. Receive this report for information.

CARRIED

4. Update on Transport 2050 Action to Eliminate Regional GHG Emissions from On-Road Transportation

Caitlin Cooper, Lead Planner, Transport 2050 Implementation, TransLink, led the review of the report and presentation titled "Status Update on Transport 2050 Action to Eliminate GHG Emissions from On-Road Transportation within Metro Vancouver" and highlighted:

- Science-based GHG reduction targets included in T2050 and the Metro Vancouver Climate 2050 Transportation Roadmap;
- Focus on reducing emissions from on-road cars and trucks and medium and heavy-duty vehicles;
- Achieving the 65% reduction target by 2030 using existing tools will require accelerating their adoption and turning up intensity to levels seen only in other leading jurisdictions; and
- Actions required to be strengthened:
 - Faster transition to low/zero emission vehicles;
 - Reducing usage of the remaining fossil-fuel-powered vehicles; and
 - Coordination between the Province, Metro Vancouver and TransLink.

Discussion ensued on:

- The need for creative thinking to utilize the transit system to reduce GHG emissions from urban freight movements
- Suggestion to leverage the involvement of the private sector
- Priority TransLink actions to achieve the 65% reduction of GHG emissions from transportation by 2030
- Alignment of TransLink's GHG reduction targets and timing with those of the Province and Metro Vancouver
- The urgent need for bold, coordinated policies to achieve the GHG emissions reduction target
- The need for TransLink facilities to be constructed to net-zero emission standards
- The role of municipalities and the Vancouver Port Authority to influence the reduction of GHG emissions
- The need to address the issue of limited power generation to enable transition to an electric fleet.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receive this report.

CARRIED

The Joint Public Meeting concluded at 12:02 pm.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by Lorraine Cunningham

Original signed by Jennifer Breeze

Lorraine Cunningham
Board Chair

Jennifer Breeze
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary