### TransLink Quarterly Board Meeting

March 24, 2022





## **Opening Remarks**

Lorraine Cunningham, Board Chair



## **Public Delegations**

# TransLink Management Report

### CEO Kevin Quinn March 24, 2022

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# Welcoming back our customers

Third week of March boardings were 64.4% of pre-COVID levels

Over 285,000 people take transit daily.





# Over 62,000 Sweepstakes subscribers



### **Battery-electric** bus testing

Walking School

Bus

### Brentwood **Station Upgrades**











# Relief funding helps us to maintain service and address immediate challenges.



## **ITERNATIONAL VILLAGF**

Rachel

# Thank you



# BC Rapic Transit Company

# Michel Ladrak, President & General Manager

# BCRTC 2021 Q4 Update

- **2022 Priorities**
- Safety

- On-time Performance
- Rail Maintenance Update
- Capital & Major Projects
- Brentwood Station Upgrades
  - WCE Locomotive Refurbishment
  - **40-year milestone**





# **2022 Priorities**

1. Just Culture and Accountable Leadership 2. Resourcing for Success Strengthen program management as we 3. 233 grow and expand







# Safety – Lost time injuries

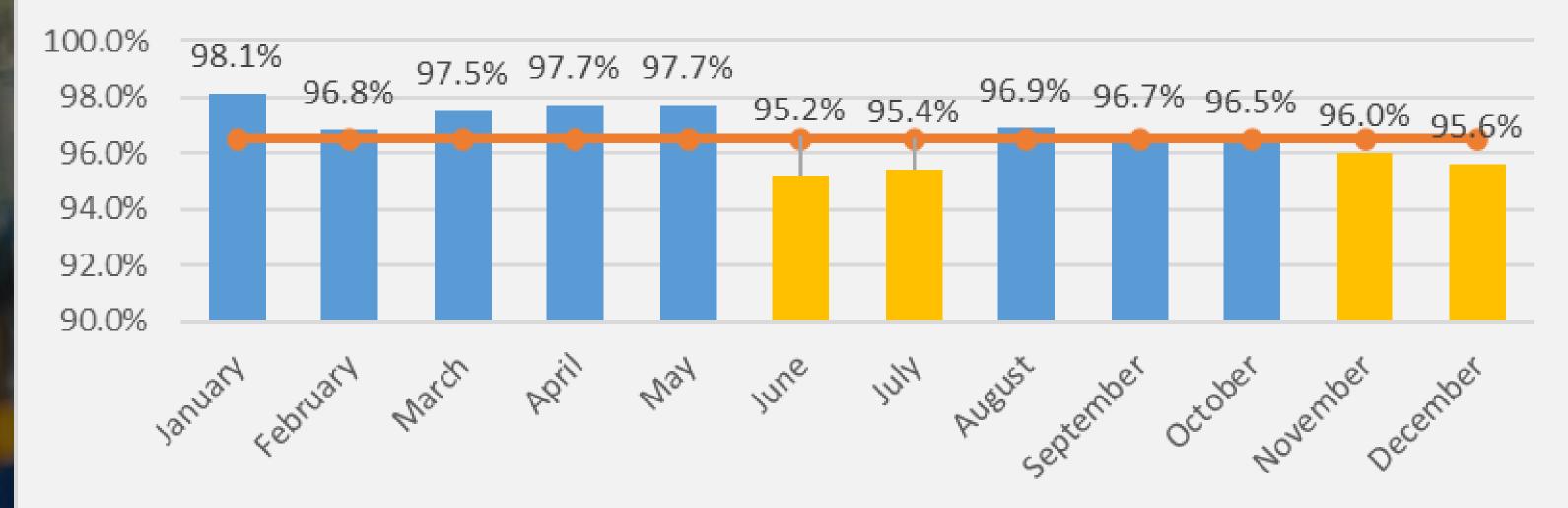
#### WorkSafeBC Lost Time Claims (YTD)



• Q4 LTIF was equal to target of 4.5 2021 rate of 3.73 is the lowest since 2016 Guideway showed incredible improvement in 2021 •

## **On-Time Performance**

#### 2021 OTP Monthly performance



Q4 OTP of 96% slightly below target of 96.5% 2021 OTP was above target  $\bullet$ Extreme heat and winter weather service adjustments affected OTP

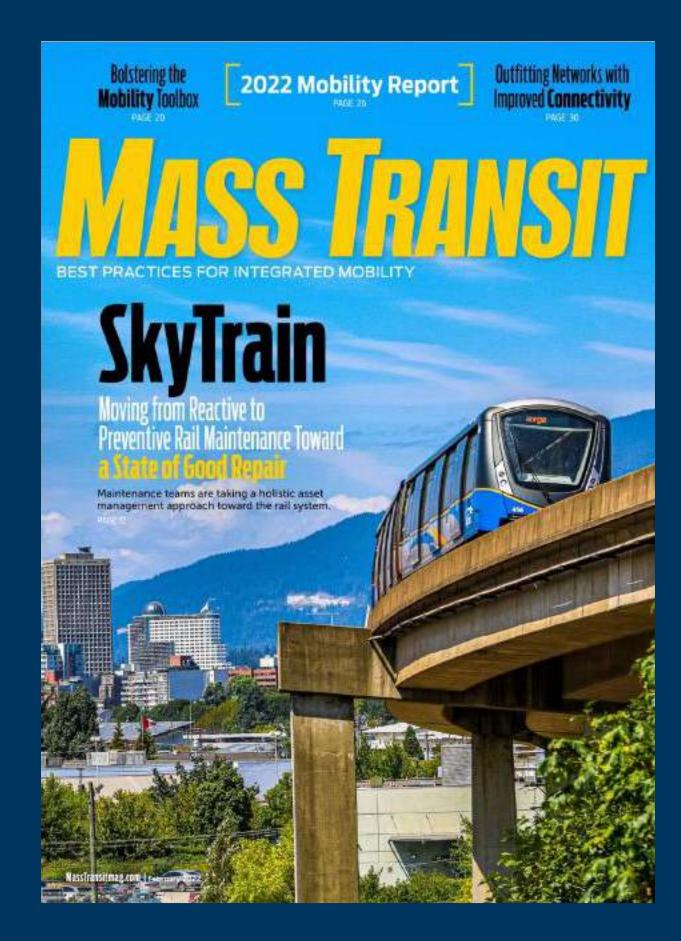
# Delays under 30 mins were equal to target but major delays

# **Rail Maintenance update**

- Teams have been inspecting and testing hotspots identified by schedule and complaints
- Hotspots will be given priority in the 2022 grinding program (starts mid- April)

### 2021 highlights

- 4 switch machines replaced for a total of 21 for 2021.
- 10 full switch replacements in 2021, as well as 15,000 rail pads and 7,200 metres of running rail.





# Capital & Major Projects

- BCRTC and TransLink's ambitious expansion program progressing
- OCC2, OMC4, OMC1 & escalator upgrades
- Launched Wave 1 of EAM (March 2022





# **Brentwood Station upgrades**

The upgrades will include:

 A new elevator and two new escalators An expanded mezzanine with more fare gates and customer space • Replaced staircases with enclosed glass to provide weather protection Additional real-time passenger information displays Improved lighting

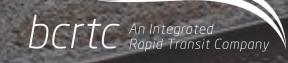
THE AMAZING

# WCE Locomotive Refurbishment



Unit 907: Teardown and blast completed. Rust repairs almost completed.
Unit 903: to start refurbishment work end of March.





### 40-year Milestone – March 1 groundbreaking



#### Ground broken for ALRT By GILLJAN SHAW

Premier Bill Bennett, a \$40 million cheque from Ottawa in hand. scooped the first shovel of earth to mark the start of construction on the Lower Mainland a long-awaited rapid transit line today.

Federal, provincial and local politicians gathered under rainy skies at the corner of Main and Terminal in Vancouver, site of the first station. to be built on the rapid transit line from downtown Vancouver to New Westminister.

Senators Ray Perrault and Jack Austin were on hand to represent Ottawa's stake in the system, less than a fifth of the estimated \$330 million cost for the 22-kilometre

"They told us to bring a big cheque." Perrault said, as aides lifted a metre-high cardboard model of the cheque on to the stage. "Vancouver's advanced light rapid transit

Richmond decision due, A3

avatem is the first application of an all-Canadian intermediate capacity urban transportation system."

He said Vancouver's system. which will provide a showcase for the Ontario-built ALRT technology. will "help capture the world market" in transit technology. The ALRT system is scheduled for completion in 1986 to coincide with Expo 86. But the future of the transportation fair has been cast in doubt by the failure of Ottawa and Victoria to agree on who should pay how much. hough some politicians.





reh 2, 1982 British Columbia First phase, ALRT See BBBB Possible fature rootes **Urban Transit** ALRT Authority 0.0 Map shows the routes planned for Vencouver's rapid transit.

# Thank you

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# Coast Mountain Bus Company

Michael McDaniel President and General Manager





# Agenda

- Transit Operator & Worker Appreciation Day
- Service
- HandyDART
- Accessibility
- Low Carbon Fleet
- Innovation
- Our People



# **Transit Operator** and Worker **Appreciation Day**

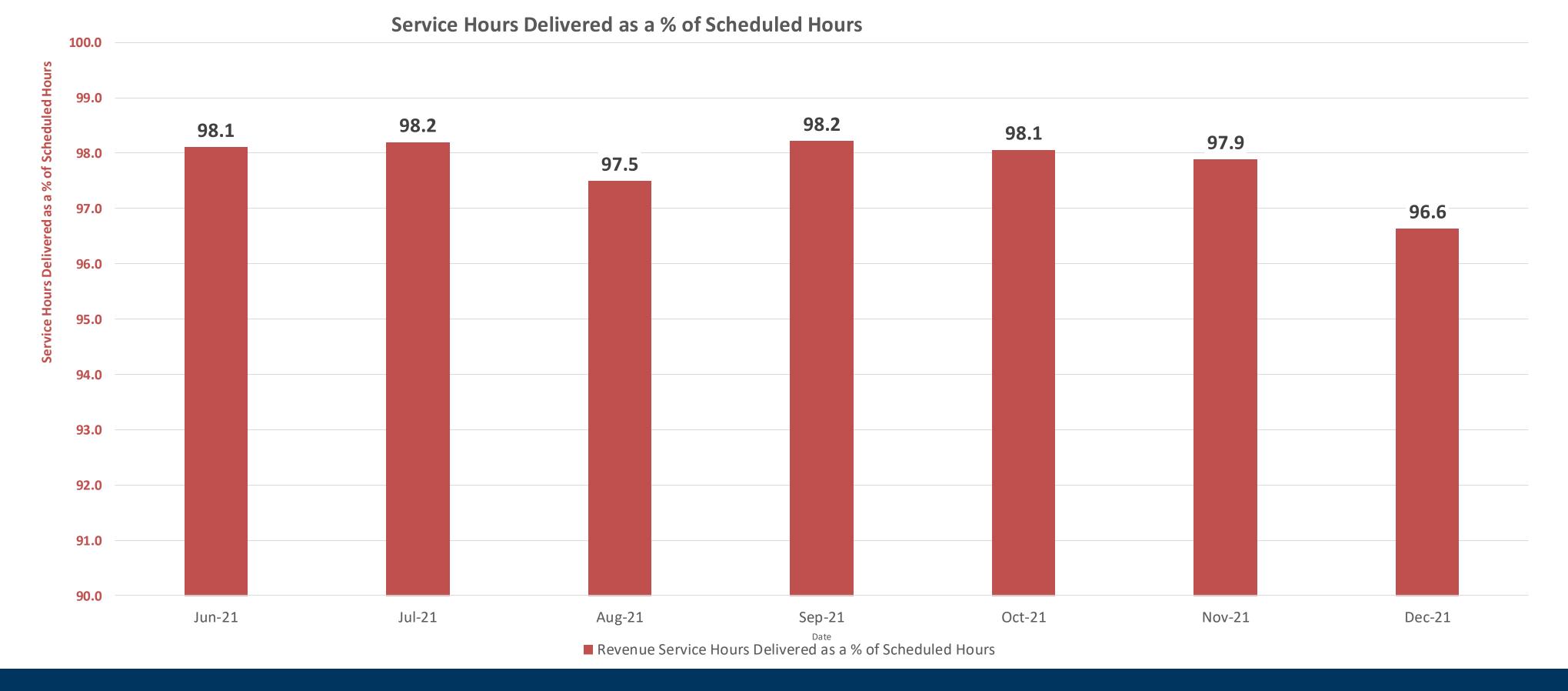
- Friday, March 18
- Thank you to all our employees on the front lines and behind the scenes!







## **Our service**



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# HandyDART

#### Service

- As of Dec. 31, 49% of budgeted trips delivered
  - 77% of budgeted service hours
  - 7% delivered by taxi

#### **Modernization Project**

- Compass used by 73% of trips in December 2021
- Application process changes moving forward







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# Braille bus stop signs

### Signs include:

- Bus stop ID number
- Bay number (if applicable)
- Routes serving the stop
- Phone number for assistance

## **Project timeline:**

Goal is to install all 8,400 bus stop signs in 2022





# **Battery-electric bus testing** Next order of 15 buses – Buses will fully electrify Route 100 - Based out of Hamilton Transit Centre **Testing the new Nova**

- Next-generation battery-electric bus
- Demo bus arrived in January
- Undergoing cold-weather testing of the new platform

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## **Innovation: double-decker buses**







### Issue

 Two diesel spills occurred in 2021 as a result of cracked *plastic* fuel filters

#### Innovation

- Develop a *metal* guard to protect fuel filters
- Design and manufacture in-house
- Install on all double-deckers



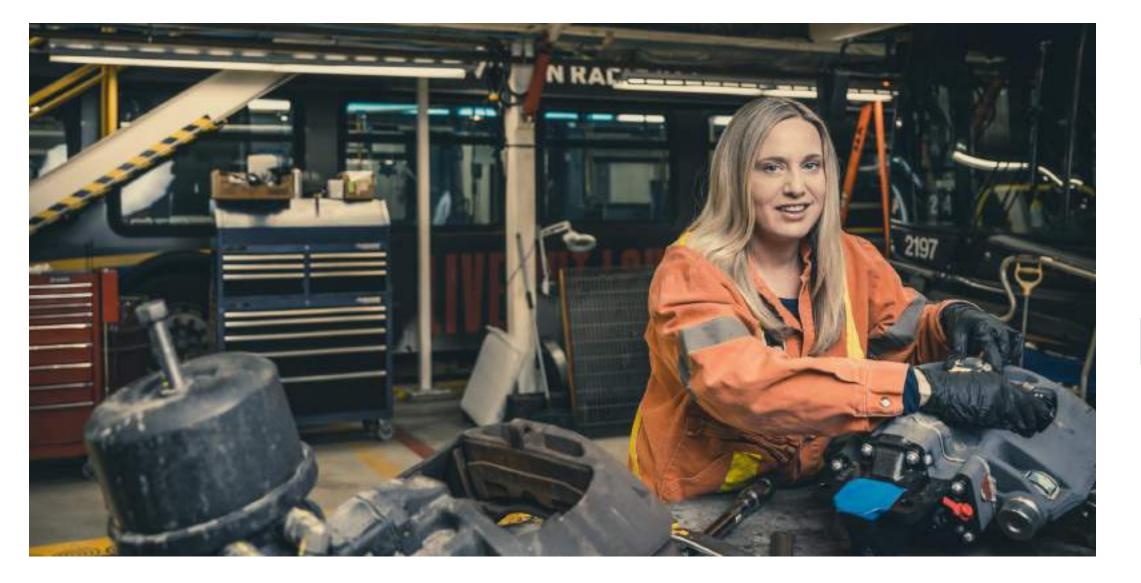
# Keep our region moving

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# Female-focused recruitment

### **Transit Operators**

Coast Mountain





- Focus groups with female
   Operators
- Recruitment process review
- Female-focused recruitment campaign

### **Maintenance Trades**

 BC Women in the Trades: meetings, managers' workshop



# **Giving back**

### **Toys for Tots**

- Mr. and Mrs. Claus & "Sparky" spread cheer
- 2,600 toys donated

#### **Reindeer buses**

- 9 buses in total

### **United Way**

- 2021 totals coming soon
- Unifor employees raised almost \$200,000!

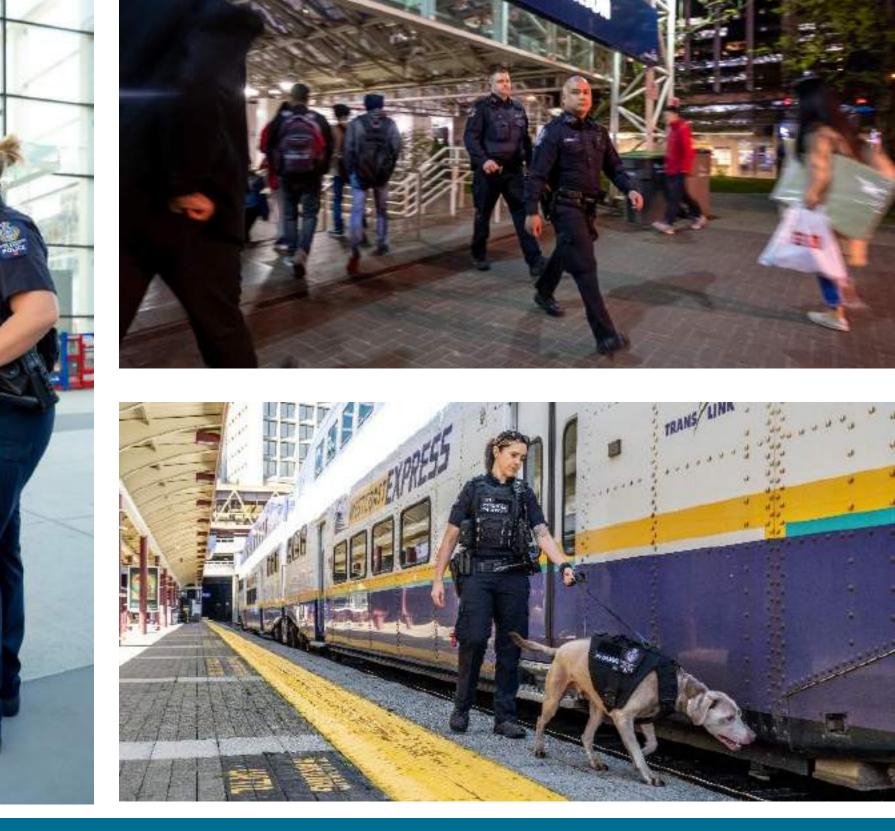








# **Transit Police Update March 2022**





**METRO VANCOUVER** TRANSIT POLICE

# **Blue Eagle Cadets (Surrey)**

Program has now expanded into second municipality, after successfully launching in Vancouver in 2021.

Surrey Program is supported by Surrey community, educational and civic organizations, as well as the Surrey RCMP and Surrey Police Service.



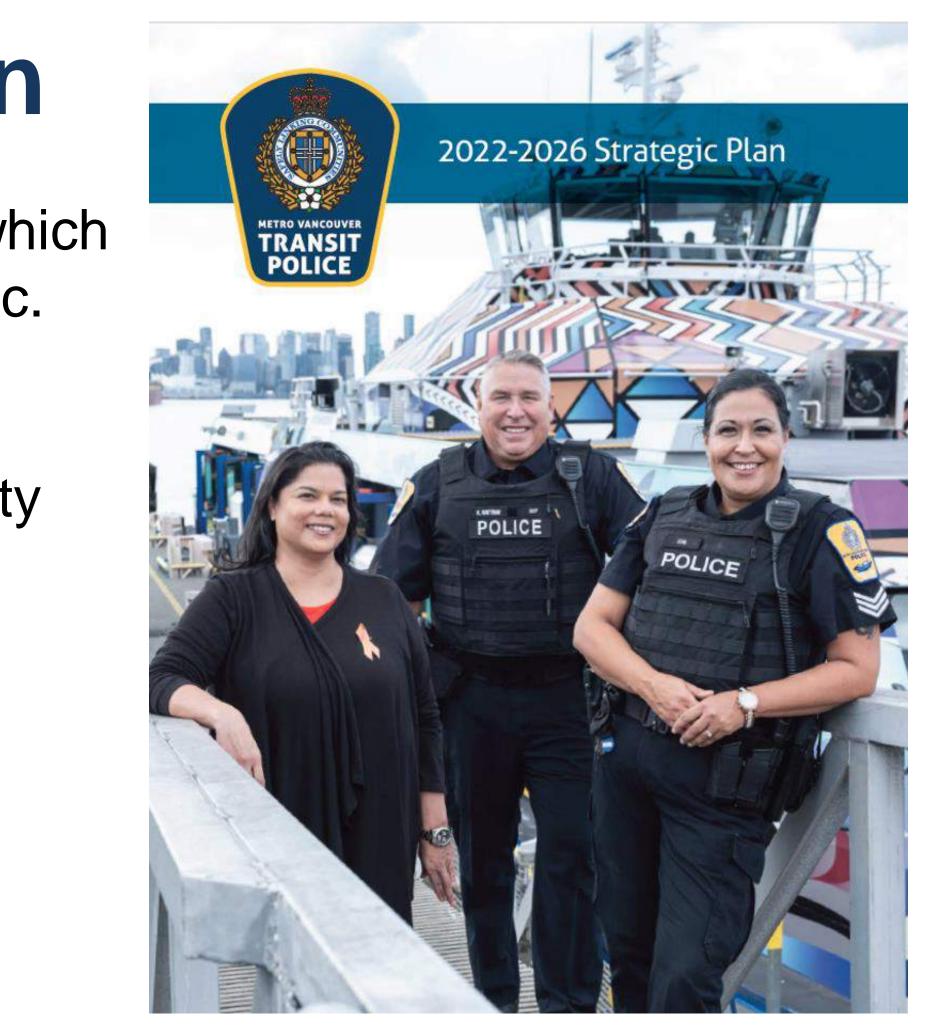


# 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Plan was developed over a two-year period, which included a one-year delay due to the pandemic.

Outreach and consultation took place with TransLink, regional police agencies, community organizations, transit riders and Indigenous partners.

Plan is centered on three Pillars with 19 Key Performance Indicators.



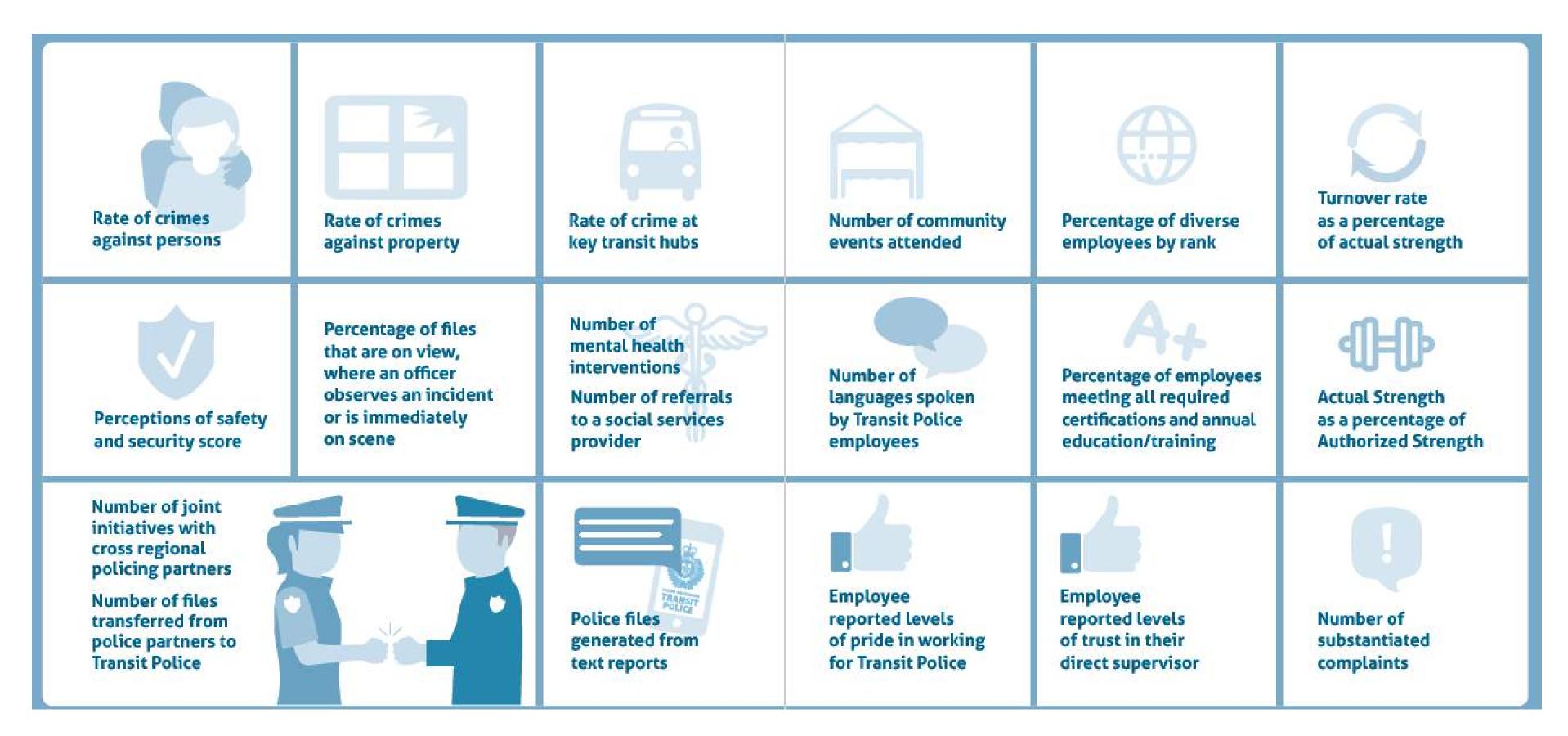




# **Engaged Community Partners**



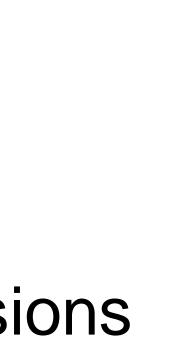
# **Key Performance Indicators**

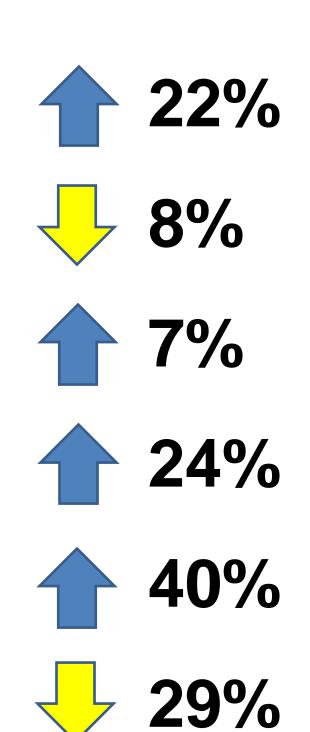


# **2021 Statistics**

Police Files Generated from Text Reports Rate of Crimes Against Persons Rate of Crimes Against Property Section 28 Mental Health Apprehensions Arrests – Warrants Executed Arrests – New Charges



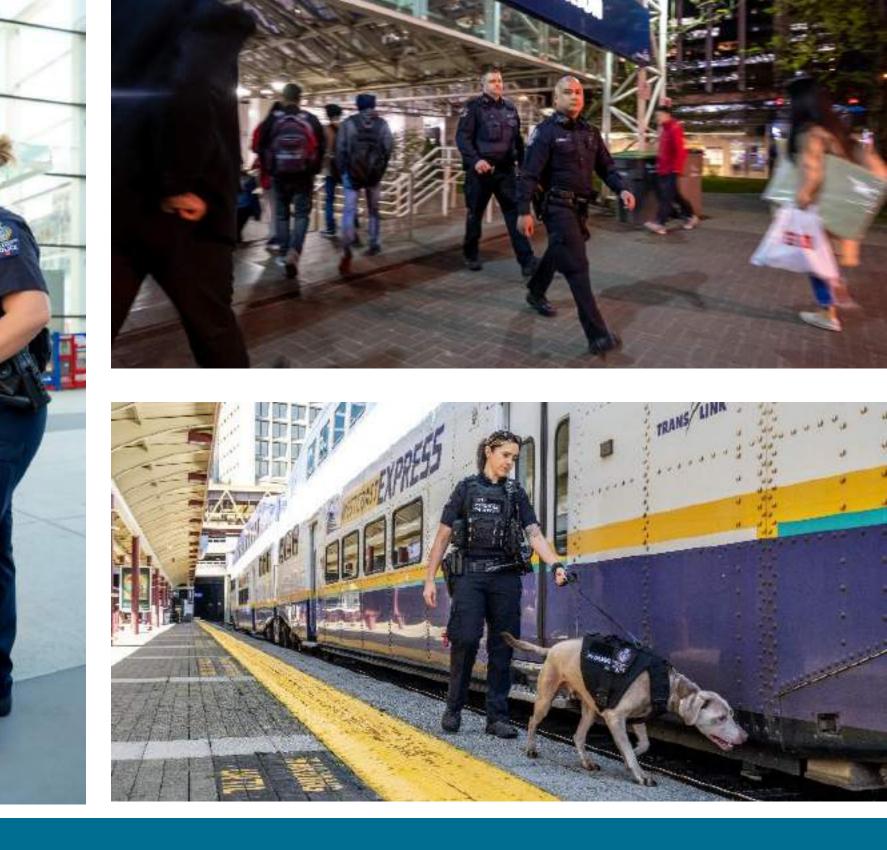














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# Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

Sarah Clark, Committee Chair

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# Planning and Stakeholder Committee Chair Report

Mayor Jonathan Coté, Committee Chair Human Resources and Governance Committee Chair

# Report

Marcella Szel, Committee Chair

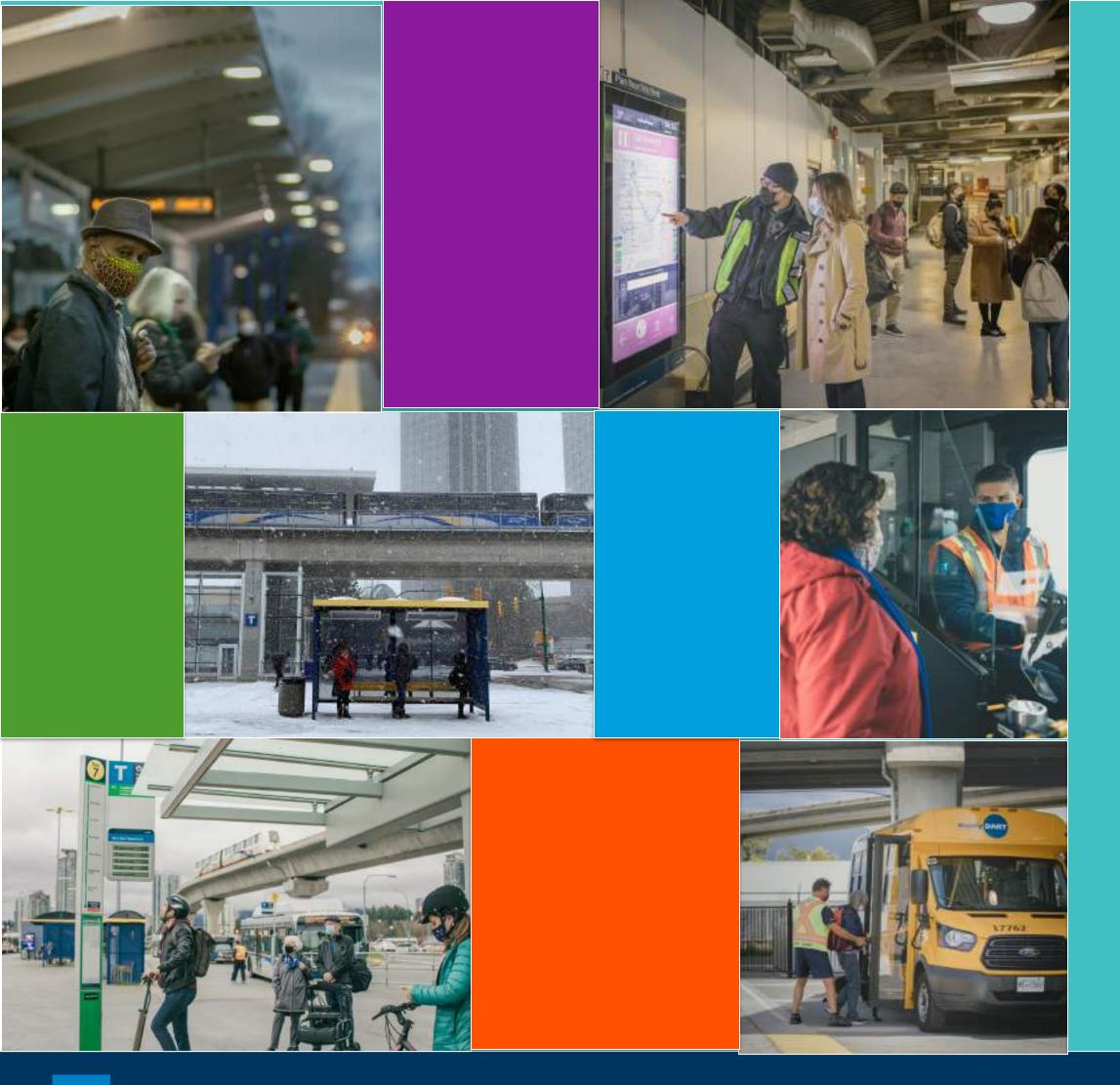




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# Information Technology **Committee Chair Report**

Karen Horcher, Committee Chair







# CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE ACTION PLAN 2.0:

Identifying the moments that *matter* 

Steve Vanagas Vice President, Customer Communications & Public Affairs TRANSLINK









# We are building on the foundations of **Customer Experience 1.0**





#### **OUR BRAND STORY**

#### **2019-25 CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE ACTION PLAN**





#### **TO ALWAYS PUT YOU FIRST-**

Your safety, your time, and your connection to the people and places that matter most.

#### **OUR CUSTOMER PROMISE**











# Since 2019...

Since 2019, we delivered **82%** of the customer facing projects outlined in the first CX Action Plan. We Improved reliability, expanded services and introduced new amenities.

#### **Projects and initiatives included:**

- Tap-to-Pay with credit cards
- Double-decker buses
- Passenger Information Displays on the SkyTrain system
- 5 new RapidBus routes
- New, modernized translink.ca website
- Introduced the Burrard Chinook, our newest SeaBus
- Increased the number of bike facilities across the system













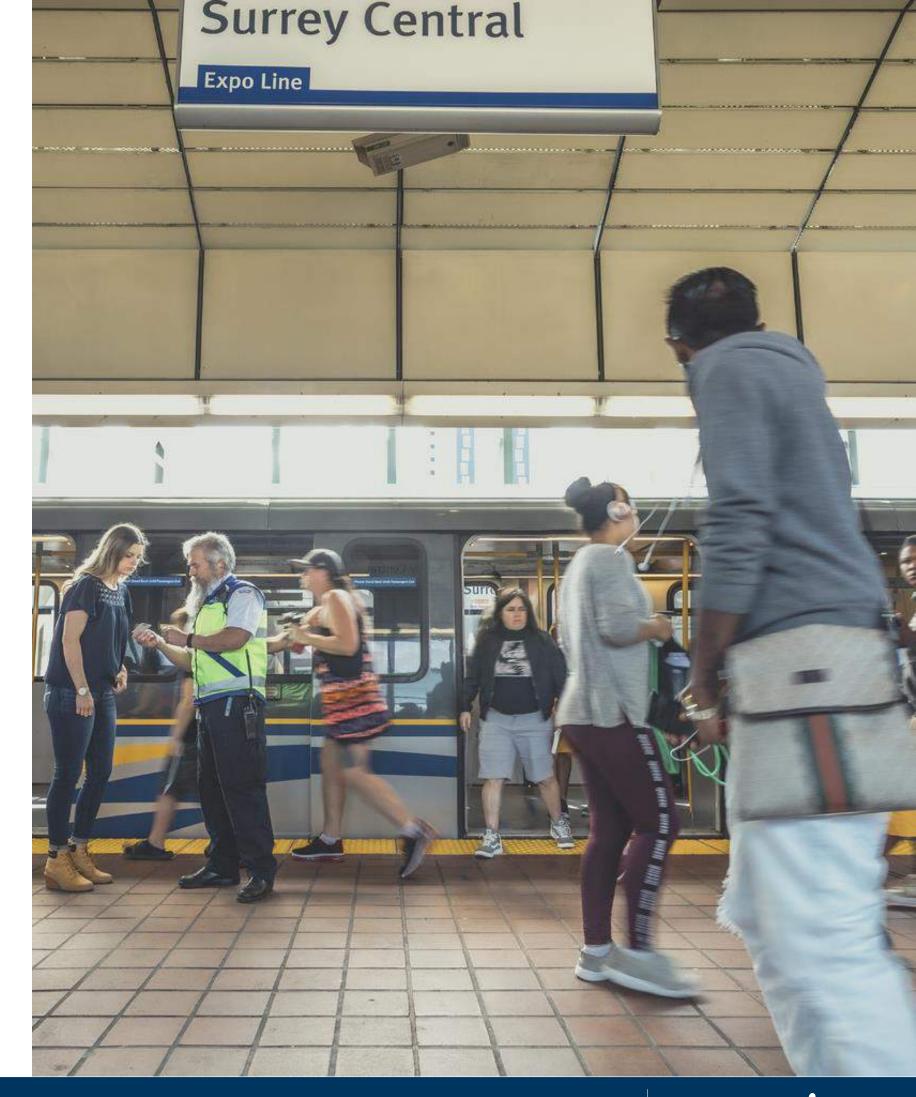


# Creating the new 2022-27 Customer Experience Action Plan

- Extensive research & industry trends
- Review of best customer practices of other sectors
- Feedback from customers through surveys and interviews
- Focus groups with front-line transit workers across the TransLink enterprise
- Aggregation of current and future customer-related projects and initiatives

















# The 5 customer mindsets

### Practical

These customers prioritize reliability and convenience - public transit is critical to their mobility.

## Flexible

These customers make transport decisions 'onthe-fly', seeking simple, enjoyable trips with lower concern for spend or time.

### **Cautious**

These riders prioritize safety and cleanliness, planning their transportation routines to reduce anxiety associated with their mental or physical health.

- Confident
- Efficient
- Dependent

- Impulsive
- Particular
- Connected

- Vulnerable
- Cautious
- Vigilant

#### Advantageous

These riders value freedom and convenience with their mobility options, typically defaulting to a personal vehicle.

### Accessible

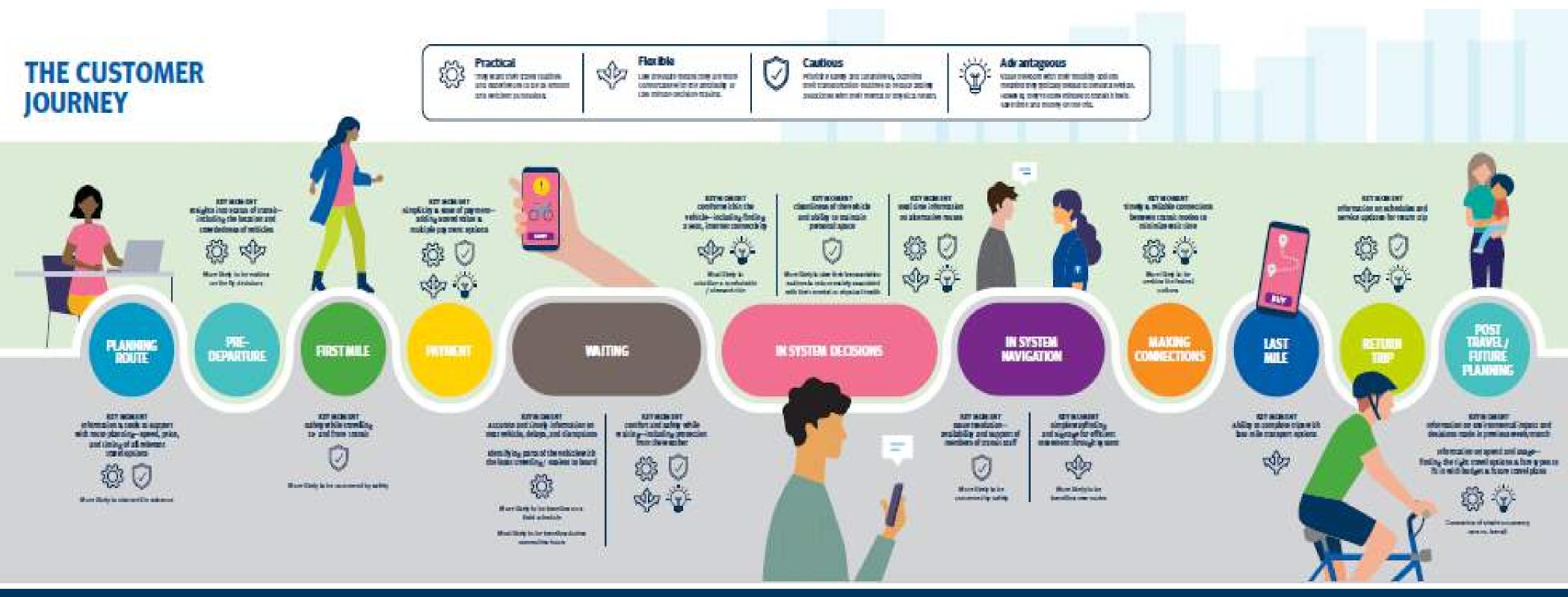
These customers have varying degrees of mobility and confidence and are seeking accessible and inclusive services that enable them to travel independently.

- Resourceful
- Relaxed
- Considered

- Determined
- Prepared
- Respectful



# We have key moments to interact and connect with our customers



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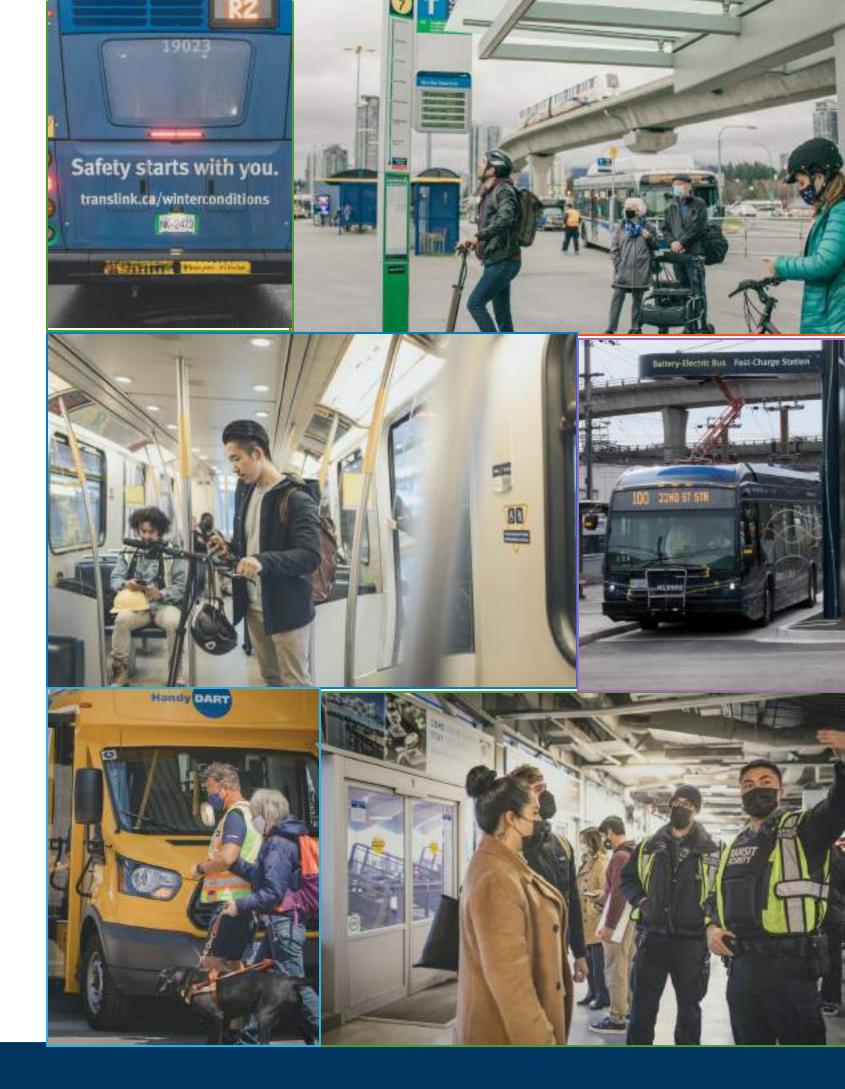


# **5** Priorities for the next **5** Years

- more personalized
- easier to use
- more timely and reliable
- a safer, more pleasant experience
- offers a better reason to ride















# TransLink's 2022-2027 Customer Experience Action Plan

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### TRANSLINK'S 2022-2027 CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE ACTION PLAN











# Context (2020 & 2021)

Across 2020 and 2021, TransLink ensured continuity of essential service and the safety of customers and employees, in the context of the significant financial uncertainty arising from the pandemic:

- maintained pre-COVID service levels to facilitate appropriate physical distancing and to ensure 0 essential services are available to our customers;
- implemented COVID-19 Safe Operations Action Program;
- secured \$661 million Senior Government relief funding;
- achieved savings forecast to total \$270 million across 2020 and 2021; Ο
- promoted affordability of transit fares for our customers impacted by the pandemic; and
- recalibrated the capital program to prioritize the state of good repair.





# INDIGENOUS RELATIONS

# March 24, 2022

# TransLink | IR Vision

TransLink's mandate is to connect Metro Vancouver and create a more livable region. In doing so, we will be inclusive of Indigenous peoples, their cultures and their perspectives. We uphold reconciliation and the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in collaboration with Indigenous governments, organizations and businesses in the pursuit of thriving and sustainable Indigenous communities.





# Indigenous Relations Guiding Principles

**RECOGNITION:** TransLink recognizes the legal and constitutional rights of Indigenous Nations and peoples and the relationship between Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources;

**RESPECT:** Respect for Indigenous history, culture, and knowledge;

**PERSPECTIVES:** seek to understand and incorporate Indigenous communities' perspectives and solutions in TransLink's decision making and the delivery of TransLink services, including those of urban Indigenous peoples;

**INCLUSION:** Increase inclusion and diversity of Indigenous peoples within TransLink's business and expand opportunities for Indigenous businesses;

**CELEBRATE:** Celebrate engagement and inclusion of Indigenous employees and Indigenous businesses and participate in Indigenous celebrations;

**COMMUNICATION:** Timely, consistent, appropriate and meaningful consultation and engagement, and open two-way communication based on honesty, integrity and respect.





# **Indigenous Relations Next Steps**

# Indigenous Engagement

• Participation in the T2050 Ten-Year Priorities

# **Reconciliation Action Plan**

- Annual report on policy development
- T2050 commitments and transit needs
- Respond to new legislative requirements

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# 2021 Financial Year In Review

# Christine Dacre, Chief Financial Officer





The COVID-19 pandemic continued to shape TransLink's operations and finances in 2021, but the latter half of the year was more encouraging and is indicative of an increasingly favourable outlook for the region ahead.

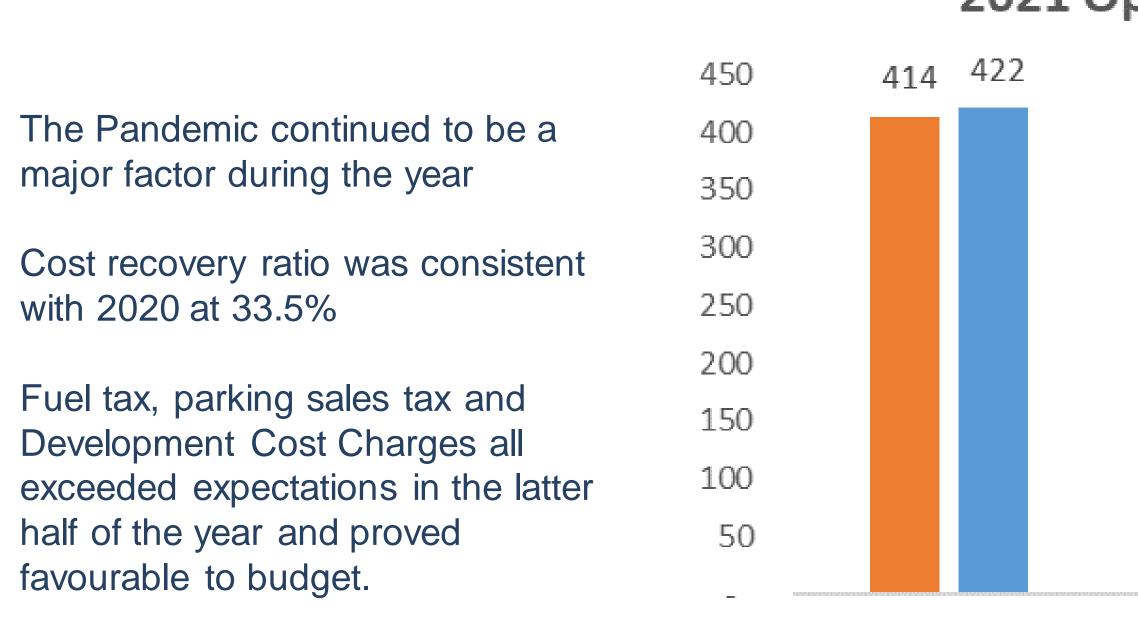
Relative to 2020:

- **Ridership increased 2.3%:** 31 million journeys in 2021
- Transit Revenues increased 7.3%: \$414M in 2021
- Service hours increased 1.3%: 7.0 million in 2021
- **Performance rating maintained:** 8.2 in 2021





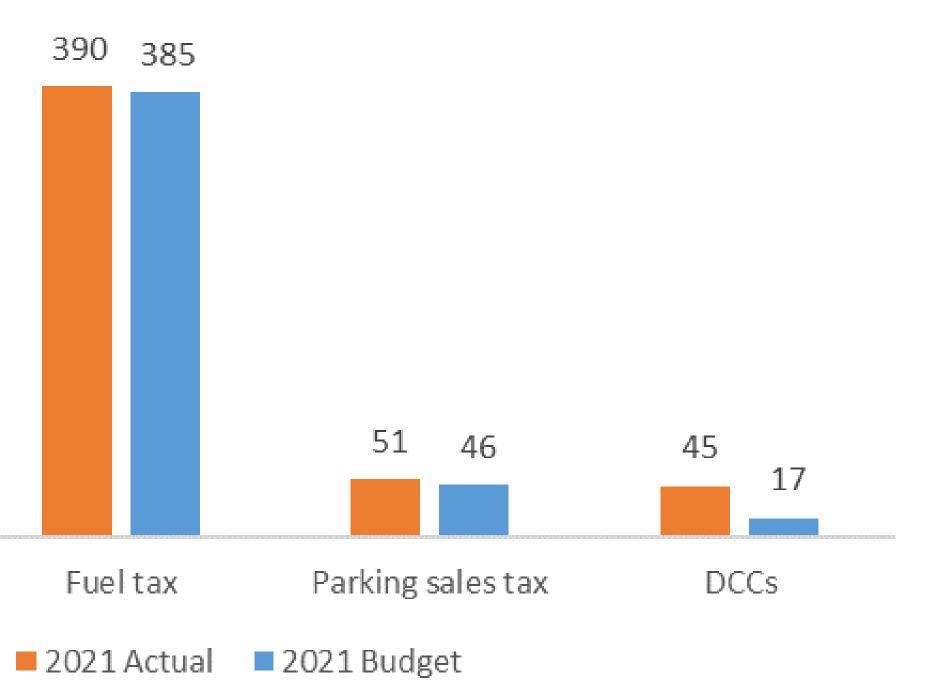
## **Operating Revenues**



Transit revenues

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## 2021 Operating Revenue (\$ millions)

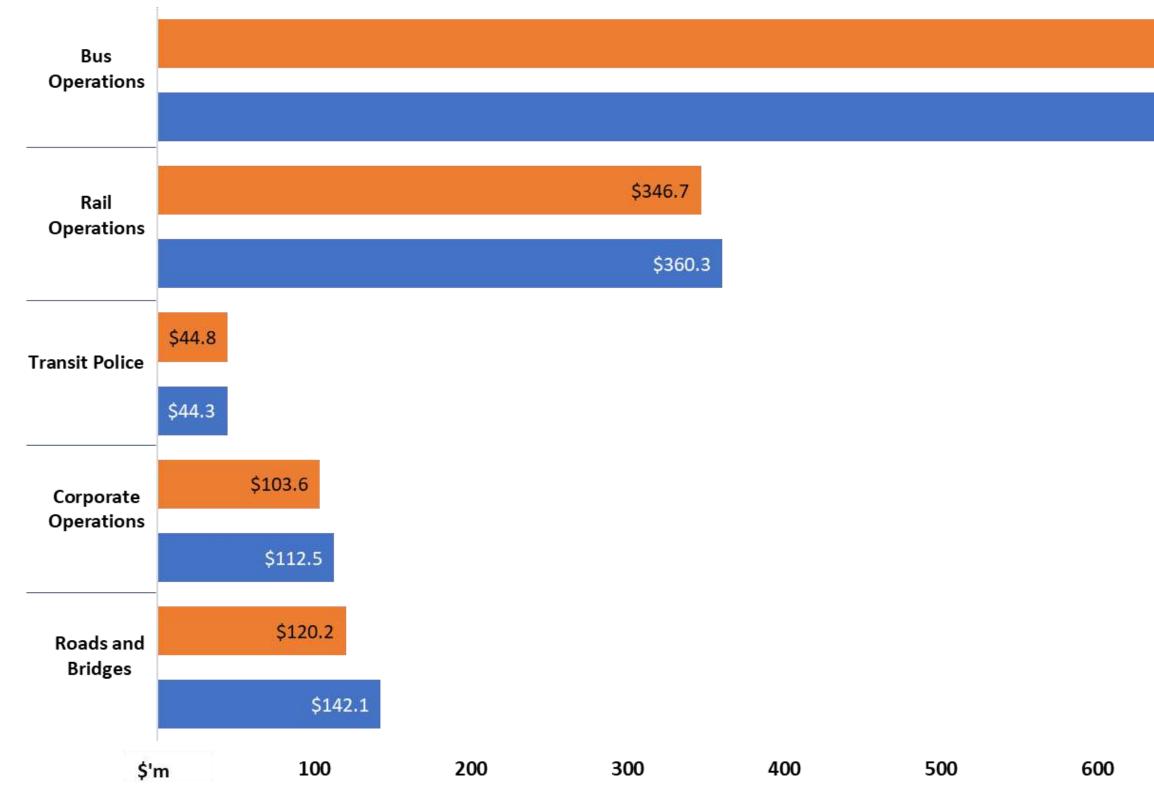




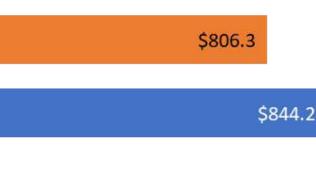
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# Cost Savings (\$ million)/ Expenses by Segment (\$ million)

#### Before amortization and interest, \$81.8M of savings from continuing operations were achieved across the Enterprise







Actuals
Budget

#### **Cost Savings (\$ million)**

- Service-related savings 37.0
  Non-service-related savings 22.9
  Capital infrastructure contributions <u>21.9</u>
  - Total Cost Savings21.981.8



# 2021 Investment in Capital Summary (\$ millions)

#### Vehicles, \$50.5, 14%

**Top 3 projects:** 

2020 Conventional Bus Expansion \$16.6M 2021 Community Shuttle Replacement \$11.7M 2020 Conventional Bus Replacements \$9.3M

Technology, \$39.3, 11%

Major Construction, \$144.4, 41% Top 3 projects:

Expo and Millennium Upgrade Program - Fleet Acquisition \$86.7M New Operations and Maintenance Center \$19.5M

Edmonds OMC Capacity Upgrade \$15.2M

### \$353.0 million

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#### Equipment, \$30.0,9%

#### **Infrastructure**, **\$88.8**, **25% Top 3 projects:**

Expo Line Escalator Replacement-Phase2 \$19.9M 2021 Expo Line Running Rail Replacement \$6.3M Canada Line Capstan Station Design \$5.5M



## TransLink in 2021: Keeping the Region Moving

#### TransLink's paramount focus in planning for 2021 had been on cost efficiencies and cost reductions as we delivered reliable service and commitments to the region, while rebuilding ridership and planning for the post-covid paradigm.

- With the next Investment Plan deferred to 2022, historic financial strength and Senior Government relief funding lacksquareallowed us to continue providing essential services in the near term and furthering strategic priority projects
- Implemented Compass on HandyDART  $\bullet$
- Started the implementation of Braille signage on bus stops •
- Implemented Free Transit for children 12 and under
- Launched the new Burrard Chinook  $\bullet$
- Service hours increased from 2020, and the COVID-19 Safe Operating Action Plan was embedded into our routinized **Communicable Disease Prevention Plans**
- The recalibrated capital program focused on maintaining State of Good Repair with \$3.1B in active projects

# 2021 Statutory Annual Report





# 2021 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements





# 2022 Transit Tariff Amendment





# 2022 Transit Tariff Changes

- Pursuant to BC Safe Restart Agreement in 2020, TransLink cancelled the previously planned July 1, ullet2020 fare increase and lowered the 2021 and 2022 fare increases compared to those contemplated in the Phase Two Investment Plan.
- The revised fare increases are an average of 2.3% for 2022. •





# 2022 Transit Tariff Changes

#### Rate increases:

### Cash

- Adult 5 – 15 cents lacksquare
- Concession  $\bullet$
- 5-10 cents

### **Stored Value**

- Adult  $\bullet$
- Concession  $\bullet$
- 5 10 cents
  - 5 10 cents

### Monthly Pass

- \$2.30 \$4.15 Adult  $\bullet$
- Concession  $\bullet$
- \$1.30

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# **2022 Property and Replacement Tax** Bylaw





# 2022 Property Tax and Replacement Tax Bylaws

- Property and Replacement Tax Revenues help fund the investments and services lacksquareTransLink provides to the region
- These revenues are guided by legislation and the approved Investment Plan
- Total revenue increase is based on 4.5% (3% escalator plus 1.5% for development growth)
- 2022 Revenues are expected to be:

Property Tax	\$434.9 million
Replacement Tax	<u>\$ 18.0 million</u>
Total	\$452.9 million



# 2022 Property Tax and Replacement Tax Bylaws

- Actual rates charged to property owners will decrease over the previous year due to the increase in completed roll assessments.
- Residential class rates down 12.6% (rate per \$1,000) lacksquare

2022 Rate	2021 Rate
\$0.2259	\$0.2586

The overall impact of the 2022 tax rates (both property tax and replacement tax) for an average residential property will be an increase of approximately \$8 (or 3%) over the prior year





