



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Revised: April 20, 2020

April 23, 2020, 9:00AM to 10:30AM

Via Teleconference ([live-streamed to Mayors' Council YouTube Channel](#))

Chair: Mayor Jonathan X. Coté **Vice-Chair:** Mayor Jack Froese

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- 9:00AM** **1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - 1.1. Adoption of agenda Page **1**
 - 1.2. [Approval of Minutes \(February 27, 2020\)](#) **2**

- 9:05AM** **2. REPORT OF TRANSLINK MANAGEMENT**
 - 2.1. Update on COVID-19 Response and Recovery ON TABLE

- 10:25AM** **3. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 3.1. Next Meeting – May 28, 2020

- 10:30AM** **4. ADJOURN** to closed session

MEETING OF THE MAYORS' COUNCIL ON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Ballroom East and West, Anvil Centre, 777 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC.

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster, Chair
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township, Vice-Chair
Councillor Brent Asmundson, Coquitlam (alternate)
Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation
Mayor Neil Belenkie, Belcarra
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver
Councillor Melissa De Genova, Vancouver (alternate)
Mayor Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows

Mayor George Harvie, Delta
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby
Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District
Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Ron McLaughlin, Lions Bay
Mayor Mike Morden, Maple Ridge
Councillor Alison Morse, Bowen Island
Councillor Nathan Pachal, Langley City (alternate)
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody
Mayor Darryl Walker, White Rock
Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam

REGRETS:

Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey

ALSO PRESENT:

Sarah Buckle, Director, Enterprise Risk and Sustainability, TransLink
Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat
Geoff Cross, Vice-President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink
Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink
Eve Hou, Manager, Policy Development, TransLink

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary, Mosaic Writing Group

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jonathan Coté declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda

Draft agenda for the February 27, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, version dated February 24, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the agenda of the February 27, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2 Approval of Minutes (January 30, 2020)

Draft minutes of the January 30, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the January 30, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC DELEGATION PRESENTATIONS

The following documents were provided:

- *Report titled "Item 2 – Public Delegation Presentations", dated February 18, 2020, was provided with the agenda material*
- *Document titled "On Table Items" was provided on-table*

2.1 Malavan Subramaniam

Mr. Subramaniam expressed support for the previously approved light rapid transit project for Surrey and Langley. He urged the Mayors' Council to consider forms of rapid transit other than SkyTrain.

2.2 Roderick V. Louis

Mr. Louis advocated for a network of SkyTrain lines in the south of Fraser region to attract investment and to develop the economy. Mr. Louis suggested that the Surrey Langley SkyTrain (SLS) line be delivered through a public-private partnership.

3. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 Update on Intermunicipal Business License for Ride-Hailing

Report titled "Item 3.1 – Interim Intermunicipal Business License for Ride-Hailing Update", dated February 19, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.

Geoff Cross, Vice President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink, led the review of a presentation titled "Intermunicipal Business License for Ride-Hailing Update" and highlighted:

- Municipalities will not have the option to amend the proposed bylaw
- Municipalities that have indicated that they will bring the IMBL bylaw to Council for adoption and the associated timeframes.

During discussion, it was noted that the Province has indicated that they will develop a data sharing agreement to enable the data to be transmitted directly to municipalities. The data will also be available to TransLink.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

3.2 Transit Service Partnerships Update

Report titled "Item 3.2 – Transit Service Partnerships Policy Framework and Fraser Mills Agreement", dated February 3, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.

Mr. Cross responded to questions and comments regarding the report provided with the agenda material regarding:

- Concern regarding the reputational risk to TransLink if the service is not maintained or is not operated to TransLink's standards
- Potential benefits of transit partnerships to municipalities
- The need to balance the implementation of regionally funded projects with transit projects in municipalities that have the financial means and interested parties willing to participate in a partnership
- How the Transit Service Partnership program would be reflected in the Phase Three Plan
- The need to consider the impacts of transportation investments on the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Endorse the proposed Transit Service Partnership policy framework and direct staff to continue development of the policy; and
2. Receive this report.

CARRIED

3.3 Public Delegates Policy

Report titled "Item 3.3 – Public Delegates Policy", dated February 4, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Approve the *Public Delegate Policy at Regular Mayors' Council Meetings* as a permanent policy, effective February 28, 2020; and
2. Receive this report.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE NEW MOBILITY COMMITTEE

4.1 Update on Low-Carbon Fleet Strategy

Report titled "Item 4.1 – Update on Low Carbon Fleet Strategy", dated February 20, 2020, was provided with the agenda material.

Kevin Desmond, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, and Sarah Buckle, Director, Enterprise Risk and Sustainability, TransLink, jointly led the review of the presentation titled “TransLink’s Low Carbon Fleet Strategy (LCFS)” provided with the agenda material and highlighted:

- TransLink’s sustainability commitments
- Key findings of Phase 1 LCFS analysis
- Key assumptions of Phase 2 LCFS (2020 –2050)
- Fleet electrification transition options for the 2020 to 2029 timeframe:
 - Cautious
 - Progressive
 - Aggressive
- Projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions and costs of the three options
- Urgency of approving the LCFS and proceeding with the Aggressive option.

Discussion ensued on:

- Concern that the application of resources to an electrified fleet, rather than service expansion, will not result in the greatest regional GHG emission reduction
- The strength of the business case to move to an electrified fleet
- Concern with the potential increase in electricity prices if there is insufficient supply, given increased demand as a result of the widespread adoption of electric vehicles (EVs)
- Concern that the operational cost savings will be eroded if the price of electricity increases as a result of insufficient supply
- The LCFS supports the climate emergencies declared by many municipalities
- It would be illogical to purchase additional diesel-powered buses at this time
- The health impacts of the exposure to pollution to those living close to transportation routes
- Federal government funding available for electrification
- A detailed analysis has been conducted to determine the best routes for depot charging and on-route charging buses
- Concern regarding the impact of cold weather on the battery life
- The need to be cautious about the operational costs and reliability impacts of implementing new technology:
 - The technology has been proven in other jurisdictions
 - The battery-powered vehicles will be acquired over a length of time and will take advantage of the maturation of the technology.

Action Item: TransLink staff to follow up with the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities’ staff regarding the review of criteria for funding approval for the transition to electric vehicles.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation:

1. Recommit to its earlier direction to pursue the "Aggressive" approach in order to meet TransLink's greenhouse gas emissions targets and support Metro Vancouver's 2030 climate goals;
2. Continue to advocate for \$447 million in Federal and Provincial funding over the first ten years of the LCFS to support the "Aggressive" approach; and
2. Receive this report.

CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Next Meeting

The next Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council was scheduled for April 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the February 27, 2020 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was adjourned to a Closed Session at 12:08 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor Jonathan X. Coté, Chair

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary
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