PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Version: October 15, 2021

October 22, 2021, 9:00AM to 9:45AM
Via Videoconference (live streamed to Mayors’ Council YouTube Channel)

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

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| 9:45AM | 5. ADJOURN to closed session |

Note that Mayors’ Council members and Public Delegates will be participating via Zoom videoconferencing. Zoom connection information sent separately via e-mail.
Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors’ Council) held Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference.

PRESENT:
Mayor Jonathan Coté, New Westminster, Chair
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township, Vice-Chair
Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation
Councillor Christine Boyle, Vancouver (alternate)
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Mayor Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows
Mayor George Harvie, Delta
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby (arrived at 9:21 a.m.)
Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District
Mayor Doug McCallum, Surrey
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
Mayor Jamie Ross, Belcarra
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody
Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City
Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam

REGRETS:
Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Mayor Darryl Walker, White Rock

ALSO PRESENT:
Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat
Matt Craig, Senior Manager, Transportation and Land Use Planning, TransLink
Geoff Cross, Vice-President, Transportation and Planning, TransLink
Christine Dacre, Chief Financial Officer, TransLink
Olga Kuznetsova, Vice-President, Financial Services, TransLink
Teresa O’Reilly, Manager, System Analytics, Strategic Planning and Policy, TransLink
Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink
Steve Vanagas, Vice-President, Customer Communications and Public Affairs, 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 9:03 a.m.

Chair Coté acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the unceded and traditional territories of the Halq’eméylem, Semiahmoo and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh 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. As a council, we recognize the importance of doing our best to build respectful relationships that contribute to stewarding the land and waters in the community with integrity and consideration for future generations.
Chair Coté advised that TransLink will be recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021 and it is looking at barriers and challenges in its system that disadvantage Indigenous peoples. Chair Coté encourage all to spend some time tomorrow reflecting on this important day in our country.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
   1.1. Adoption of the Agenda
   Draft agenda for the September 29, 2021 Public Meeting of the Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation, version dated September 23, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

   It was MOVED and SECONDED

   That the agenda of the September 29, 2021 Public Meeting of the Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, with an amendment to delete Item 2.
   CARRIED

   1.2. Approval of Minutes (July 29, 2021)
   Draft minutes of the July 29, 2021 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 July 29, 2021 Public Meeting of the Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, as presented.
   CARRIED

2. PUBLIC DELEGATES
   Report titled “Item 2 – Public Delegate Presentations”, dated September 20, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

   In accordance with Item 1.1, this item was deleted from the agenda.

3. REPORT OF TRANSLINK MANAGEMENT
   3.1. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report
   Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), announced with sadness that the bus driver who was critically injured in the September 27, 2021 incident has passed away. The incident is being carefully and thoroughly investigated by external authorities.

   On behalf of the TransLink and the entire enterprise, Mr. Quinn expressed deepest condolences to the employee’s family and asked all to observe a moment of silence.

   Mr. Quinn led the review of a presentation titled “TransLink Management Report” and highlighted:
   • Initial observations about TransLink and the Metro Vancouver region
   • Activities planned for Truth and Reconciliation week
   • Initiatives implemented to respond to the region’s needs

   Members Arrived
   Councillor Craig Cameron and Mayors Richard Stewart and Brad West joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.
• Ridership update
• Capital project updates
• Congratulations to Prime Minister Trudeau and the Liberal Party of Canada on the results of the September 20, 2021 federal election.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation receives the report. CARRIED

4. REPORT FROM THE NEW VISION WORKING GROUP

4.1. New 10-Year Vision Workplan Overview

Report titled “Item 4.1 – New Vision Workplan Overview”, dated September 16, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

Geoff Cross, Vice-President, Transportation and Planning, TransLink, referenced the report provided with the agenda material and highlighted:
• Establishment of a New Vision Working Group to oversee the development of the New Vision
• The scope of the New Vision
• Planned public engagement and timelines.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation receives the report. CARRIED

4.2. New 10-Year Vision Budget

Report titled “Item 4.2 – New Vision Project Budget Allocation”, dated September 16, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

Mr. Cross and Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat, referenced the report provided with the agenda material and highlighted:
• The concurrent development of T2050 and the New Vision was not budgeted or included in the workplan

Member Arrived

Mike Hurley joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

• Recommendation that the project management and public consultation activities for the New Vision be funded from the Mayors’ Council 2022 budget
• The proposed allocation from the Mayors’ Council’s budget to the New Vision Project fits within the Mayors’ Council’s legislated budget envelope and is consistent with the Mayors’ Council’s purpose.

During discussion, the importance of the 10-Year Plan to establishing the shorter-term priorities within Transport 2050 (T2050) was noted.
It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation:
1. Direct the Executive Director to develop the Mayors’ Council’s 2022 budget such that it includes an allocation of up to $345,000 to TransLink to support the development of the new 10-Year Vision in 2022; and
2. Receive this report.  

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5.1. Transit Ridership Update

Report titled “Item 5.1 – Ridership Recovery Update Report”, dated September 20, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

Teresa O’Reilly, Manager, System Analytics, Strategic Planning and Policy, TransLink, and Mr. Cross, jointly led the review of a presentation titled “2021 COVID-19 Weekly Ridership Report PRELIMINARY, Updated September 27, 2021” and highlighted:

- Increase in average weekday and weekend journeys, compared to pre-COVID-19 levels
- Total boardings have recovered more than journeys, compared to pre-COVID-19 levels
- Ridership is trending upward
- The weekly recovery of transit ridership compared to bridge vehicle volumes will be monitored closely.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation receives the report.  

CARRIED

5.2. Update on George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project

Report titled “Item 5.2 – Update on George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project”, dated September 22, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

Matt Craig, Senior Manager, Transportation and Land Use Planning, TransLink, reported that TransLink has been supporting provincial decision-making on the integration of the George Massey Tunnel replacement with the regional transportation network.

Discussion ensued on:
- Concern regarding the 10-year timeframe to complete construction of the George Massey Tunnel replacement
- The need to ensure dedicated transit lanes are included in the George Massey Tunnel replacement.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation receives the report.  

CARRIED
6. OTHER BUSINESS
6.1. Next Meeting
The next Public Meeting of the Mayors’ Council was scheduled for October 22, 2021 and will be held via videoconference.

7. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the September 29, 2021 Public Meeting of the Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation was adjourned to a Closed Session at 9:33 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor Jonathan X. Coté, Chair
Carol Lee, Recording Secretary
Mosaic Writing Group
TO: Mayors’ Council on Regional Transportation  
FROM: Gemma Lawrence, Coordinator, Mayors’ Council Secretariat  
DATE: October 13, 2021  
SUBJECT: ITEM 2 – Public Delegate Presentations

RECOMMENDATION:

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

PURPOSE:

To introduce the objectives and process for hearing from public delegates.

BACKGROUND:

Public participation at meetings is valued by the Mayors’ Council, and 30 minutes is set aside at each open meeting to receive public delegations. The Mayors’ Council will only receive public delegations who intend to speak on matters that are within the authority of the Mayors’ Council.

Individuals can apply to be a delegate by completing the online Application Form up until 8:00AM, two business days prior to the meeting. In situations where there isn’t enough time to hear from everyone wishing to speak, the Mayors’ Council encourages written submissions be sent to mayorscouncil@translink.ca.

The webpage for public delegates includes a Protocol for Public Delegates that notes:

- the Mayors’ Council Chair will exercise discretion in maintaining a reasonable level of order and decorum;  
- delegates and all meeting participants are reminded that different points of view are respected, and discussions are kept above the level of personal confrontation, disruptive behaviour and profanity.

DISCUSSION:

The deadline to apply to speak to the Mayors’ Council is 8:00am two days prior to the meeting. At the time of this report, not all prospective speakers will have had a chance to complete applications. Accordingly, the list of approved speakers, as well as any written submissions or presentations, will be provided on table. Any presentations provided by delegates will also be provided to Mayors’ Council members only, on table (up to 10-pages maximum). Each delegation will be given a maximum of three minutes to address the Mayors’ Council. As a general rule, there are no questions or discussion between Council and delegates. The policy governing Public Delegates can be found online.