



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Revised: March 21, 2018

March 23, 2018, 1:30PM to 1:50PM

Metro Vancouver, 28th Floor Committee Meeting Room South (Room 2816), Burnaby, BC

Chair: Mayor Derek Corrigan

Vice-Chair: Mayor Richard Walton

- 1:30PM** **1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - 1.1.** Call to order
 - 1.2.** Adoption of agenda Page **1**
 - 1.3.** [Approval of Minutes \(February 15, 2018\)](#) **2**

- 1:35PM** **2. REPORT OF THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Report added: **2.1.** [Next Steps on Phase Two Investment Plan](#) **7**

- 1:50PM** **3. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 3.1.** Upcoming meetings:
 - Mayors’ Council: April 20 at 9:00AM

- 1:50PM** **4. ADJOURN**

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

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council) held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 427/428, TransLink Offices, 287 Nelson's Court, New Westminster, BC.

PRESENT:

Mayor Derek Corrigan, Burnaby, Chair
Mayor Richard Walton, North Vancouver District, Vice-Chair
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Mayor Karl Buhr, Lions Bay
Mayor Mike Clay, Port Moody
Mayor Jonathan Côté, New Westminster
Mayor Jack Froese, Langley Township
Director Maria Harris, Electoral Area A
Mayor Lois Jackson, Delta

Councillor Craig Keating, North Vancouver City (alternate)
Councillor Vera LaFranc, Surrey (alternate)
Mayor John McEwen, Anmore
Mayor Greg Moore, Port Coquitlam
Mayor Nicole Read, Maple Ridge
Mayor Gregor Robertson, Vancouver
Mayor Ted Schaffer, Langley City
Mayor Murray Skeels, Bowen Island
Mayor Michael Smith, West Vancouver
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam

REGRETS:

Mayor Wayne Baldwin, White Rock
Mayor John Becker, Pitt Meadows
Mayor Ralph Drew, Belcarra
Chief Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First Nation

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Rae Ratslef, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. Preliminary Matters

1.1 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

Draft Agenda for the February 15, 2018 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, version dated February 9, 2018, was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the agenda for its Public meeting scheduled February 15, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2018

Draft Minutes of the January 25, 2018 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation adopts the minutes of its Public Meeting held January 25, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED

2. Report of the Joint Finance Committee

On-table presentation titled "Item 2: Report of the Finance Committee Next Steps on the Phase Two Plan", was provided with the agenda material.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Finance Committee Chair, discussed the Mayors' Council and TransLink Board of Directors' Joint Finance Committee (Joint Finance Committee) meeting held on February 8, 2018. At the meeting there was agreement to further develop the Terms of Reference in relation to quorum and composition, and to approve the workplan. It is anticipated that there will be several more Joint Finance Committee meetings in the next several weeks.

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat, referred to the on-table presentation (also projected), and highlighted:

- Entire 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation (10-Year Vision) indicating what is funded in the Phase One Investment Plan, not funded in Phase Two (in progress), and not funded (future Investment Plan)
- Phase Two Plan of the 10-Year Vision – working timeline for plan approval

- Next steps on the Phase Two Plan:
 - Timeline and approval realities
 - Regional funding gap
 - TransLink's contributions
 - Work plan to stay on schedule
 - Alternatives are to reduce scope of Phase Two Plan; stretch out 10-Year Vision over more than 10 years; or delay the Phase Two Plan until 2019 or later.

Discussion ensued on:

- Costs to the region if the Phase Two Plan is delayed
- Potential risks to federal funding because of the competition from different cities for Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) funding on an annual basis
- Importance of taking a long-term view of funding the regional portion
- Need to make a stronger pitch to the Province about the need for the Mayors' Council to have the tools necessary to implement
- Recognition that both the Federal and Provincial Government have to look at alternatives and be prepared to accept those if there is no agreement reached
- Importance of the three levels of government working together to realize mutually acceptable benefits for the residents of the region
- Recognition that the Provincial and Federal Governments have made significant commitments, however, there is a tight timeframe to reach a final agreement.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

3. Report of TransLink Management

On-table presentation titled "Item 3: TransLink Management Report", was provided with the agenda material.

Geoff Cross, Vice President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink, led a review of the on-table presentation (also projected), and highlighted:

- 2017 record ridership, surpassing 400 million boardings with increases across all modes (with the exception of West Coast Express as a result of the Evergreen Line)
- Table illustrating ridership trend in Canada and the U.S., Year to Date (YTD), third quarter 2017
- Maps illustrating Phase One transit improvements for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Discussion ensued on:

- Co-relation between age and condition of a system with ridership trends and the perception of safety
- Quality of the service and the level of supply
- Much of the older systems are working to bring things to a state of good repair after years of neglect
- Suggestion that TransLink has done a good job of keeping the system in a state of good repair.

Action (01): Staff was requested to report back with information on transit ridership trends in cities with newer systems, e.g. Calgary and Edmonton.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

4. Public Delegations

4.1 Laura Jane, HUB Cycling

Ms. Jane indicated that HUB has 2,000 members, and a mission to increase the number of people cycling. HUB supports Phase Two becoming a reality as soon as possible as it results in more people choosing healthy and sustainable transit modes.

4.2 Jeneen Sutherland and Carol Sartor, North Shore Safe Route Advocates (NSSRA)

Mses. Sutherland and Sartor, provided information on NSSRA, and expressed support for reaching a funding arrangement to realize the 10-Year Vision, which is carefully crafted and takes into consideration all modes of transportation. Cycle routes are currently a patchy connection of bike lanes and transit is not always reliable or convenient. It is important to invest in safe routes to schools so that parents are comfortable and can encourage their children to embrace an active lifestyle and walk/cycle to school. Many families believe in the 10-Year Vision. NSSRA is asking all levels of government to come together and make the 10-Year Vision a reality.

4.3 Ray McDonald, North Vancouver

Mr. McDonald shared his story of suffering a stroke in 2011, which took away his ability to drive, and led to his discovery of new hobbies and therapies. His Compass Card gave him the ability to utilize transit to take his grandchildren to school, to attend stroke clubs, and to participate in research studies across the lower mainland. This is how past investment in transit enhanced his life. Vital to him going forward is: 1) extend the Millennium Line Broadway Extension and eliminate the 99-B train, 2) improve HandyDART, 3) improve pedestrian safety, including better control of left turns at Griffiths; Barrisford, Rumble and Oakley; and 4) reduce traffic congestion and its negative effects on health and the environment. He indicated his support to fund the Phase Two Plan and to give people who do not have the option to drive the freedom to enjoy life.

4.4 Dr. Lisa Mu, Vancouver

Dr. Mu indicted, as an independent public health physician, she believes transportation is critical for the health of our region. Transit shapes how we get around and whether we can access the resources we need to live healthy and thriving lives. Transit infrastructure allows people to get around, but also allows them to re-engage in life and reconnect. Currently, 15.7% of our population is over 65 years of age and that percentage will increase. We need infrastructure to allow our seniors to live healthy and thriving lives. Data indicates that commuters using active transportation are 33% less likely to be overweight and obese. There is need to make the healthier choice the easiest choice for people. She urged the Mayors' Council to consider that investment in transit is an investment in the health of the communities, and hoped that a funding agreement could be reached to allow Phase Two of the 10-Year Vision to be implemented as soon as possible.

4.5 Tom Green, David Suzuki Foundation

Mr. Green noted appreciation for the commitments to date by all levels of government regarding the 10-Year Plan, which the David Suzuki Foundation sees as critical. The Province of Ontario has been paying up to 100% of capital costs for transit. We cannot afford any more delay. It is of benefit to peoples' health and ability to connect to their community, reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and reduce costs in the community. He encouraged the Mayors' Council to work hard with the Province to find an agreement because the alternative is unacceptable. Once the funding is in place, use Smart Growth principles in planning and land use to ensure the best use of the investments in public transit. The solution is building housing near transit corridors.

The Chair thanked Mr. Green, and encouraged residents to make their local Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) aware that this is a high priority.

5. Adjourn

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Public Meeting held February 15, 2018 be now terminated.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:01 a.m.)

Certified Correct:

Mayor Derek Corrigan, Chair

Rae Ratslef, Recording Secretary
Raincoast Ventures Ltd

Next Steps on Phase Two Plan

March 23: Mayors' Council endorsement of Project Partnership Agreements /

April 20: Mayors' Council finalization of design of revenue tools, approval of Phase Two Investment Plan Discussion Guide for consultation

Early May: Public consultation on Phase Two Plan

May 24: Board and Mayors' Council update on public consultation results

June 28: Board and Mayors' Council approval of Phase Two Investment Plan

July onwards: Procurement and service delivery of Phase Two projects

Public Consultation for Phase Two Plan

Scope of consultation activities

- April 30 – May 11
- 7-8 open houses held on the Engagement Bus at public events
- Public survey on tenyearvision.translink.ca
- External statistically-significant research survey



Item 2.1

Public Consultation for Phase Two Plan

Preliminary consultation dates throughout the region

DATE	LOCATION	REGION
Wednesday May 2	Coquitlam Centre	Northeast sector
Thursday May 3	BMO Marathon registration at Vancouver Convention Centre	Vancouver
Friday May 4	Shipyards Market	North Shore
Saturday May 5	Maple Ridge Home Show	Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows
Sunday May 6	Trout Lake Farmer's Market	Vancouver
Tuesday May 8	City Hall Plaza	South of Fraser
Wednesday May 9	Metrotown	Burnaby/New Westminister
Saturday May 12	Richmond Public Works Open House	Southwest Area

Draft dates and locations, subject to finalization