



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Version: July 22, 2021

July 29, 2021, 9:00AM to 10:00AM

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

Chair: Mayor Jonathan X. Coté

Vice-Chair: Mayor Jack Froese

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8:50AM ***Technology Test:** Members please connect to the meeting early, by 8:50AM, to provide time to trouble-shoot any connection problems.*

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9:55AM	4. OTHER BUSINESS	
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10:00AM	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.

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, June 24, 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
Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond
Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City
Councillor Craig Cameron, West Vancouver
(arrived at 9:14 a.m.)
Mayor Bill Dingwall, Pitt Meadows
Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby (arrived at
9:11 a.m.)
Councillor Dylan Kruger, Delta (alternate)
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 Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver
Mayor Richard Stewart, Coquitlam
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Port Moody
Mayor Val van den Broek, Langley City
Mayor Darryl Walker, White Rock
Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Buda, Executive Director, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation Secretariat
Gigi Chen-Kuo, Interim Chief Executive Officer, 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 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. 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 commented on the tragic news of the discovery of the remains of 215 children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School and expressed support for all First Nations peoples who are struggling with the impacts of the discovery.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Adoption of the Agenda

Draft agenda for the June 24, 2021 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, version dated June 18, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the agenda of the June 24, 2021 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2. Approval of Minutes (May 27, 2021)

Draft minutes of the May 27, 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 May 27, 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 June 18, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

2.1. Nathan Davidowicz

Mr. Davidowicz suggested that the provincial government be requested to provide assistance to TransLink to ensure transit services are improved and expanded to serve the growing Metro Vancouver population.

Member Arrived

Mayor Mike Hurley joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

3. REPORT OF TRANSLINK MANAGEMENT

3.1. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report

On behalf of the TransLink enterprise, Gigi Chen-Kuo, Interim CEO, expressed deep condolences to the families of the 600 children whose remains have been discovered at the former Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan.

Ms. Chen-Kuo led the review of a presentation and highlighted:

- Partnership with Operation Lifesaver Canada, an organization that supports suicide prevention
- Funding of \$125 million provided in 2021 to all Metro Vancouver municipalities through cost-sharing programs for road, sidewalk and cycling and walking path projects

Member Arrived

Councillor Craig Cameron joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

- Kevin Quinn will be joining TransLink as the new CEO on July 19, 2021.

3.2. 10-Year Vision Implementation Update: Local Government Cost-Sharing Programs

This item was discussed under Item 3.1.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors Council on Regional Transportation receives the reports provided under Items 3.1 and 3.2.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

4.1. Fall 2021 Meeting Policy

Report titled "Item 4.1 – Fall 2021 Meeting Policy", dated June 16, 2021, was provided with the agenda material.

Mr. Buda reviewed the report provided with the agenda material and noted:

- The recommendation that the Mayors' Council adopt a hybrid approach, holding both virtual and in-person meetings, from September to December 2021
- A 2022 Meeting Policy will be submitted to the Mayors' Council for consideration at its December 3, 2021 meeting.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation (Mayors' Council):

1. Approve the delivery of meetings of the Mayors' Council and its committees via videoconference until the end of 2021, as proposed in Option 1, provided that workshops are delivered in-person, as proposed in Option 3a;
2. Ask staff to propose a 2022 Meeting Policy for consideration, including future virtual meeting options, at the December 3, 2021 meeting; and
3. Receive this report.

CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1. Next Meeting

The next Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council was scheduled for July 29, 2021 and will be held via videoconference.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the June 24, 2021 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was adjourned to a Closed Session at 9:26 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: July 20, 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](#).

TO: Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation
FROM: Geoff Cross, VP Transportation Planning and Policy
DATE: July 20, 2021
SUBJECT: **ITEM 3.2 - Transport 2050 Phase 2 Public Engagement Summary Report**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation receive the report titled "Transport 2050 Phase 2 Public Engagement Summary Report" for information.

PURPOSE

To provide an overview of the results of the second phase of Transport 2050 public engagement.

BACKGROUND

The current update to the Regional Transportation Strategy (Transport 2050) was initiated in the first half of 2019, with an extensive first phase of public engagement occurring through the summer and fall of that year. After a pause in work due to COVID-19, the project was re-launched in Fall 2020. Since then, Management has been bringing forward key elements of the draft Strategy to the Mayors' Council and Board for consideration and direction. The second phase of Transport 2050 public engagement ran from April 19 to May 14, 2021. The attached report provides a summary of what we heard.

DISCUSSION

During Phase 2 engagement, we asked for input on the draft goals and three particularly transformative actions, including people-first streets, future rapid transit, and managing automated vehicles.

We undertook a broad campaign inviting people to complete an online survey. We received nearly 5,000 survey submissions and input from a representative public opinion poll. We held 40 online public and stakeholder meetings, including with elected officials and with representatives from environmental, labour, student, business, and freight sector organizations. The Transport 2050 Youth Advisory Committee partnered with CityHive to hold thirteen virtual workshops with youth, and we partnered with EmpowerMe to hold twelve workshops for those that are more comfortable providing feedback in languages other than English, including Punjabi, Farsi, Mandarin, Hindi, Arabic, and Cantonese.

In addition, and in parallel to public and stakeholder engagement on *Transport 2050*, TransLink is undertaking focused engagement with Indigenous communities and urban Indigenous people in Metro Vancouver. Through this engagement, we will ensure that we align Transport 2050 with the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the promotion of equitable access to all modes of transportation. We will confirm values and interests of the Indigenous communities within the transportation service area, and gather input to help us understand potential impacts, cultural considerations and customs that should be considered in transportation planning and decision-making.

A separate report detailing the input of Indigenous Advisory Committee members will be brought to the Mayors' Council and Board in September for incorporation into the full draft of Transport 2050 prior to Phase 3 engagement.

The attached Phase 2 engagement report summarizes our activities and what we learned, including analysis by more detailed demographic characteristics including: by type of disability, by age, by gender, by race, by indigeneity, by current employment status, by current housing situation, by household income, by main mode of transportation, and by home municipality.

Draft goals

The proposed goals were widely supported across the region and by people of all backgrounds

Action 1 – Create more people-first streets that invite walking, biking, and rolling.

This action was strongly supported with respondents generally agreeing with the aspiration to reduce the region's dependence on automobiles. However, we heard that careful attention is needed on how accessibility for people with disabilities, goods movement, and automobile parking will be addressed in more detailed design and implementation.

Action 2 – Expand rapid transit so it's a competitive choice for most longer trips.

Both network concepts were supported in equal numbers across the region, although younger people were slightly more favourable to Network A (more emphasis on above or below street rapid transit) and older people were slightly more favourable to Network B (more emphasis on street-level rapid transit).

Action 3 – Carefully manage the arrival of automated vehicles so they provide convenient access to car trips, without adding to congestion.

The actions proposed to manage the negative congestion impacts of automated vehicles were generally supported although – likely given the lack of familiarity with this new technology – many more people reported a “neutral” response compared to the other two actions. While the question was asking about actions the region could take to manage the arrival of automated vehicles, many people used the opportunity to provide their views on automated vehicle technology generally – including support for the safety and mobility benefits but concern they would exacerbate congestion and social inequalities.

CONCLUSION

In Spring 2021, the second phase of *Transport 2050* public engagement invited people to provide their feedback on the draft *Transport 2050* goals and on three particularly transformative actions. The results suggest that the draft goals are on track and that, with some refinements, the actions to create more people-first streets and to mitigate the traffic congestion impacts of automated vehicles are also generally headed in the right direction. Both rapid transit network concepts received wide support with many respondents commenting that some hybrid of both concepts is warranted.

This feedback will be incorporated into a full draft of *Transport 2050* that will be the focus for the third and final phase of public engagement in Fall 2021. Public input from this phase will be incorporated into a final draft of the Strategy which will go to the Mayors' Council and Board for approval in early 2022.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ATTACHMENT A - Transport 2050 Phase 2 Engagement Report