



PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

Version: July 19, 2024

Thursday, July 25, 2024, 9:00AM to 10:45AM

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

Chair: Mayor Brad West **Vice-Chair:** Mayor Mike Hurley

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9:00AM	1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS	
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9:50AM	5. REPORT OF THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE	
	5.1. Report on Potential Transit Service Impacts	TO COME
10:25AM	6. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	
	6.1. Report on Mayors' Council Asks of Provincial Parties	TO COME
10:40AM	7. OTHER BUSINESS	
	7.1. Next Meeting – September 26 at 9AM (Metro Vancouver Boardroom, 28th Floor, Metrotower III, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, BC and via videoconference)	
10:45AM	8. ADJOURN to closed session	

** Note that Mayors' Council members may participate in-person or via Zoom videoconferencing. Zoom connection information sent separately via e-mail. Members of the public are welcome to observe via the live stream on the [Mayors' Council YouTube Channel](#) or in-person. Public Delegates will be required to appear in person in order to present to the Mayors' Council at this meeting.*

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 June 27, 2024 in the Metro Vancouver Boardroom, 28th Floor, Metrotower III, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, BC, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Mayor Brad West, Port Coquitlam, Chair
Councillor Brent Asmundson, Coquitlam
(alternate)

Mayor Ken Berry, Lions Bay

Mayor Linda Buchanan, North Vancouver City

Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Richmond

Mayor George Harvie, Delta

Mayor Patrick Johnstone, New Westminster

Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Vancouver
(alternate)

Mayor Megan Knight, White Rock

Mayor Meghan Lahti, Port Moody

Mayor Andrew Leonard, Bowen Island (arrived
at 9:25 a.m.)

Mayor Mike Little, North Vancouver District

Mayor Brenda Locke, Surrey

Mayor Nicole MacDonald, Pitt Meadows

Director Jen McCutcheon, Electoral Area A

Mayor John McEwen, Anmore

Mayor Nathan Pachal, Langley City

Mayor Jamie Ross, Belcarra

Mayor Dan Ruimy, Maple Ridge

Mayor Mark Sager, West Vancouver

Councillor Bryce Williams, Tsawwassen First
Nation (alternate)

Mayor Eric Woodward, Langley Township

REGRETS:

Mayor Mike Hurley, Burnaby, Vice-Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

Mohamed Bhamani, Ernst and Young (EY) (Item 4.1.1)

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

Patricia Lucy, Director of Brand, Marketing and Ridership Development (Item 5.2)

Jordan Potter-Davey, EY (Item 4.1.1)

Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink

Sarah Ross, Vice-President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink

Steve Vanagas, Vice-President, Customer Communications and Public Affairs, TransLink

PREPARATION OF MINUTES:

Carol Lee, Mosaic Writing Group

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brad West declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1. Adoption of the Agenda

Draft agenda for the June 27, 2024 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, version dated June 21, 2024, was provided with the agenda material.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the agenda of the June 27, 2024 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

1.2. Approval of Public Meeting Minutes (May 30, 2024)

Draft minutes of the May 30, 2024 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 30, 2024 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Report re: "ITEM 2 – Public Delegate Presentations", dated June 21, 2024, was provided with the agenda material.

2.1. Nathan Davidowicz

Mr. Davidowicz suggested that Item 5.1 – Transit Fare Affordability be deferred until a new fare structure is developed.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reported:

- The Mayors' Council continues to advocate for additional funding from both the federal and provincial governments
- TransLink management has identified ways to decrease costs to reduce the structural deficit, without impacting transit service.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF TRANSLINK MANAGEMENT

4.1. Report on TransLink Efficiency Review

4.1.1. Efficiency Review Results (Final Report)

Report re: "ITEM 4.1.1 – Efficiency Review Results (Final Report)", dated June 27, 2024, was provided with the agenda material.

Mohamed Bhamani, Ernst and Young (EY), reviewed the presentation titled "Efficiency Review-Final Report Presentation", and highlighted:

- Workstreams reviewed:
 - Administration and operation costs
 - Review of BCRTC expansion and operational readiness costs
 - Review of service level planning
 - Review of reliability of operating cost budgets and forecasts

- Key observations
- Financial saving, productivity improvement and risk management opportunities identified.

During discussion, concern was expressed regarding the potential for efficiency improvements to jeopardize transit service reliability.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

4.1.2. Management Responses to Efficiency Review

Report re: "ITEM 4.1.2 – Management Responses to Efficiency Review", dated June 20, 2024, was provided with the agenda material.

Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, reviewed the presentation titled "Management Response: External Efficiency Review" and highlighted:

- TransLink's current administrative costs represent a lower percentage of transit fares, compared to other transit agencies
- TransLink is undertaking \$90 million in corporate cost reductions

Member Arrived

Mayor Andrew Leonard joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

- TransLink's funding model is no longer fit for purpose due to the rate of adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the region and inflationary pressures.

Discussion ensued on:

- Expectation that some program reductions will be reintroduced in the future, following the resolution of TransLink's financial crisis
- Acknowledgement that there are limited cost measures that can be implemented without negatively impacting transit service.

Action Item (01): *TransLink management to provide a semi-annual progress report on the implementation of the cost saving measures.*

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

5.1. Report on Transit Fare Affordability

The following documents were provided with the agenda material:

- *Report re: "ITEM 5.1 – Transit Fare Affordability", dated June 17, 2024*
- *Presentation titled "Transit Fare Affordability".*

Sarah Ross, Vice-President, Transportation Planning and Policy, TransLink, reviewed the presentation provided with the agenda material and noted:

- Competitiveness of TransLink's fares compared to driving and to peer transit agencies

- Discounts currently available to improve affordability
- The principle for affordability enhancements is to link fares to the ability to pay:
 - Currently, there is low correlation between people over the age of 64 and their ability to pay.

During discussion, concern was expressed regarding the potential increase in fare evasion as bus drivers may be unable to determine the age of youth who claim eligibility for free transit.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

1. Include low-income transit fare discounts in the Mayors' Council policy platform for the 2024 provincial election; and
2. Receive this report.

CARRIED

5.2. Update on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Customer Experience Vision

Presentation titled "Metro Vancouver's BRT Customer Experience Vision Update", dated June 27, 2024, was provided with the agenda material.

Patricia Lucy, Director of Brand, Marketing and Ridership Development, TransLink, reviewed the report provided with the agenda material and noted:

- Key feedback themes from customer focus groups
- The implementation of BRT must be focused on reliable service
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued on:

- Learnings regarding the implementation of BRT from the international BRT workshop hosted by TransLink on June 26, 2024
- The need for BRT to be seen as TransLink's flagship service
- Suggestion to inform small businesses of the benefits of BRT.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

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

CARRIED

6. REPORT OF THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.1. Report on 2025 Investment Plan – Proposed Approach

Report re: "ITEM 6.1 – 2025 Investment Plan – Proposed Approach", dated June 4, 2024, was provided with the agenda material.

S. Ross reviewed the presentation titled "2025 Investment Plan", provided with the agenda material and noted:

- Streams of work:
 - Funding strategy
 - Advancing Canadian Public Transit Fund (CPTF) agreements
 - Investment scope
- Major transit investment plan decisions

- Key risks and mitigations
- Proposed timing for the 2025 Investment Plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation endorse the proposed schedule and approval timing of a 2025 Investment Plan, as presented on June 27, 2024.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1. Next Meeting

The next Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council will be held on July 25, 2024 in the Metro Vancouver Boardroom, 28th Floor, Metrotower III, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, BC, and via videoconference.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the June 27, 2024 Public Meeting of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation was adjourned to a Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.

Certified Correct:

Mayor Brad West, Chair

Carol Lee, Recording Secretary
Mosaic Writing Group

TO: Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation
FROM: Gemma Lawrence, Coordinator, Mayors' Council Secretariat
DATE: July 16, 2024
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](#).