



Mayors Council Moves Forward With Phase One of the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation

Detailed plan for region-wide transit and road improvements will go to consultation in October; If approved, TransLink will deliver new services and upgrades beginning January 2017

Sept. 16, 2016 (Vancouver, BC) – Metro Vancouver Mayors have released a plan for \$2 billion in transit and road improvements to be implemented as [Phase One](#) of the [10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation](#), taking an important step toward improving the region’s transit and transportation system.

Phase One of the *10-Year Vision*, funded through regional funding sources to match investments by the provincial and federal governments, will:

- Increase bus service by 10% across the region, starting in early 2017, including five new B-Line express routes;
- Purchase 50 new SkyTrain cars for the Expo, Millennium, Evergreen and Canada Lines, plus five new West Coast Express cars and a new SeaBus;
- Increase SkyTrain service in early 2017, by providing more service during mid-day and early evening hours;
- Improve the region’s major road network;
- Improve and expand walking and cycling infrastructure across the region;
- Improve access to transit stations and stops;
- Continue planning and design work for the Broadway subway and Surrey light rail; and
- Continue investing in system maintenance and performance.

“Moving forward with Phase One of the Mayors’ Council’s 10-Year Vision will kick start immediate and urgently needed improvements to Metro Vancouver’s transit and transportation network, and deliver long-overdue transit service to keep people moving across the region,” says Mayor Gregor Robertson, Chair of the Mayors’ Council. “Phase One of the 10-Year Vision will see Metro Vancouver’s biggest transit expansion since 2009, and lays the groundwork for partnership with the provincial and federal governments on significant long-term projects like the Broadway Subway and Surrey LRT.”

The Phase One plan includes regional funding sources so that TransLink can begin rolling out new services and projects identified in the Vision starting in January 2017 – with the goal of reducing traffic and making transit commutes faster and more comfortable in communities across the region. The Phase One plan will bring the first expansion of the region’s transit service since 2009 – a period during which 250,000 new residents have moved to Metro Vancouver.

Details of the plan are available at tenyearvision.translink.ca. Metro Vancouver residents will have an opportunity to provide input in a public consultation beginning October 11.

The Mayors also called on the provincial government to intensify its work with the region to implement the next phases of the Vision, improve TransLink’s governance, and to make the long term funding commitment necessary to match the federal government’s offer to fund up to 50% of major infrastructure projects.

With the Phase One plan, Metro Vancouver Mayors are taking a fair and balanced approach to funding the region's share, including reallocating existing TransLink resources through the sale of surplus property, a modest property tax increase of about \$3 per year, raising transit fares by an average of 2% to 3% per year for three years to keep pace with inflation, and a fee on new developments.

"The federal government has offered Metro Vancouver a once-in-a-generation opportunity with billions in federal funding available to fund up to 50% of projects in our transit system. We will need the Government of British Columbia to work with us and commit the long-term provincial funding we will need to move forward with Surrey Light Rail, the Broadway Subway, additional improvements to SkyTrain, Canada Line and West Coast Express, and the replacement of the Pattullo Bridge identified in future phases of the 10-Year Vision," says Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner, Vice-Chair of the Mayors' Council."

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Summary: [Ten-Year Vision Phase One Summary](#)

Backgrounder: [Phase One Funding Strategy](#)

Backgrounder: [Phase One Process](#)

Backgrounder: [Fair Share Funding for 10-Year Transit & Transportation Plan](#) – June 2016

Press release: [Metro Mayors Ready to Move Forward on 10-Year Regional Transportation Plan](#) – May 26, 2016

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