



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
December 13, 2006

Here are the highlights of the Dec. 13 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

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Please note: Board-in-Brief is not the official minutes of the TransLink board meeting and should not be interpreted as such. The minutes for this meeting will be adopted at the next TransLink board meeting.

REPORTS

4.1 2007 Capital Program

The GVTA Board approved the 2007 Capital Program as outlined in the report, constituting Step 1 Approval in Principle for each of the proposed projects in the Capital Program. Thirteen new projects in the capital plan, including an expansion of the SkyTrain operations and maintenance centre as well as the bus security camera and safety program, will cost an estimated \$117.27 million, which is funded in TransLink's 2005 – 2007 Three Year Plan.

4.2 2007 Capital Program Projects – Specific Project Approval

The GVTA Board provided Specific Project Approval for the **Transit and ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) Minor Capital Account** of \$5.5 million.

4.3 2006 Capital Program Projects – Specific Project Approval

The GVTA Board provided Specific Project Approval for the **Knight Street Bridge Seismic and General Rehabilitation**: Budget: \$15,730,000.

4.4 Golden Ears Bridge – Emergency Services Costs and Protocol

The GVTA Board:

- (a) Supported the policy recommendation that the cost of providing emergency services for the Golden Ears Bridge project, including fire, ambulance and police services, should remain with the municipalities and the Province as per their current mandate;
- (b) Directed staff to forward a copy of the report to the affected municipalities; and
- (c) Directed staff to work with the adjacent municipalities to develop a protocol for emergency calls during the construction of the Golden Ears Bridge.

4.5 Regional Commuter Greenways

The GVTA Board:

- (a) Directed staff to work with municipal partners, other levels of government and community stakeholders to develop a Regional Commuter Greenway Network (RCGN) proposal as part of the next Ten Year Outlook;
- (b) Authorized staff to seek funding and partnership agreements to plan and construct Phases 1 and 2 of the RCGN, including:
 - Phase 1: Completion of Central Valley Greenway to a regional standard; and
 - Phase 2: An upgrade of the BC Parkway to a regional standard and construction of links to connect the Canada Line pedestrian / cycle bridge to the local cycling network in Vancouver and Richmond; and
- (c) Directed staff to submit a development plan, timeline and budget requirements for RCGN Phases 1 and 2 for consideration as part of the next Three Year Plan.

4.6 Principles for Public Consultation and Community Engagement

The GVTA Board adopted the "Principles for Public Consultation and Community Engagement" as outlined in Attachment A to the report, as a matter of corporate policy.

4.7 Update on Bus Technology and Alternative Fuels Demonstration Project

The GVTA Board received this report, outlining the first phase of research into a number of new technologies, including advanced diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), hydrogen/CNG mixture (HCNG), diesel-electric hybrid and the new fleet of electric trolleys. The report surveyed the capital and operating costs, efficiency of the technologies and the emission levels of each technology.

4.8 Greater Vancouver Goods Movement Study – Project Update

The Board received this update on the first phase of a study into the movement of goods through the Greater Vancouver area.

4.9 Third Quarter (Jul-Sept) 2006 – Capital Project Summary Report

The Board received this report, outlining the status of TransLink's capital program to the end of September. Thirteen projects totaling \$45.1 million were initiated in the July to September period. In total, TransLink's current capital program, consisting of 131 projects, is budgeted at \$1,704,000,000. The total forecast cost of these projects is .07 per cent less than budgeted. Projects included the acquisition of new buses and SkyTrain cars as well as infrastructure, facilities and equipment.