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**REPORT OF THE RICHMOND RAPID TRANSIT PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND COUNCIL**

The objective of the Richmond Rapid Transit Public Advisory Committee ("RRTPAC") is:

To advise Council on the overall planning of the Richmond/Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit line, particularly in the evaluation of the different scenarios developed to determine the timing of the implementation of the line, in accordance with Richmond's Official Community Plan and the City Centre Transportation Plan.

RRTPAC has had four meetings with Richmond/Airport-Vancouver Rapid Transit ("RAV") Project leaders since its formation in December 2000. We have received various reports and findings outlining the different perspectives or "accounts" used in the Multiple Account Evaluation of the timing question. Our questions and comments have been well received and considered by City and RAV Project staff.

The Committee has agreed on the following points.

1. RRTPAC supports the position of building sooner rather than later. In fact, significantly sooner than 2010 if feasible.
2. Of the six accounts examined in the Study Summary, RRTPAC feels most strongly about revitalizing the economy and protecting our environment.
3. RRTPAC supports the advancement of the project to the next phase. It was recommended that in an effort to save time, the data that was identified through Rapid Transit studies be used rather than starting from scratch.
4. RRTPAC is a valuable forum for providing input to the Project. Therefore, we support the retention of the Committee for the next phase. As some delays are anticipated before the next phase, the Committee will be dormant for some time.
5. RRTPAC was pleased with the venues used for public consultation. It is felt that a more interactive display for the open houses, with take away handouts, would be advantageous.
6. RRTPAC feels the following issues should be considered in addition to alignment and technology in the next phases.
 - ✓ How does the bus system interface with Rapid Transit?
 - ✓ What is the best venue to provide the greatest ridership?
 - ✓ How could routes be optimized to maximize on ridership?



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We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Transportation team at the City Of Richmond for listening and encouraging this Public Advisory Committee.

Respectfully Submitted
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