

TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
April 19, 2006

Here are the highlights of the April 19 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

1. TransLink Response to Provincial Gateway Project

The Board approved a motion directing staff to forward the TransLink staff report and recommendations to the GVRD and its member municipalities for comment.

2. Parking Site Tax

The Board passed the following resolutions:

1. Directing staff to begin discussions immediately with the Provincial Government towards obtaining alternative sustainable funding sources, such as an increase in fuel tax revenues, to generate sufficient revenue that the parking site tax can be eliminated permanently.
2. Directing staff to work with stakeholders and the TransLink Governance Review Panel to request that the Province provide the GVTA with an additional sustainable funding source as an alternative to the parking site tax that would generate at least \$20 million per year in net revenue.
3. Supporting the collection of the parking site tax until an alternative sustainable funding source becomes available, at which time the parking site tax would be repealed.
4. Instructing staff to work with the Federal and Provincial governments to find sustainable funding for the 10 Year Outlook and the operating and capital expenses it requires.

5. Amending the Parking Site Tax By-Law, to reduce the rate from \$1.02 per square metre to 78 cents per square metre.

3. Bicycles on SkyTrain

The Board approved a permanent change to the rules allowing bicycles to be brought on SkyTrain. Bikes may board via any door, up to a maximum of two bicycles per car, during extended hours of access.

4. 2005 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

The Board approved the 2005 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

5. Specific Project Approvals

The Board approved the following capital projects:

- \$34.2 million for conventional bus expansion
- \$35.4 million for conventional bus replacement
- \$815,000 for articulated bus replacement
- \$3.9 million for Community Shuttle expansion
- \$3.5 million for expansion and replacement of HandyDART vehicles
- \$2.5 million for the Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program
- \$450,000 for TransLink owned Bicycle Infrastructure
- \$1.3 million for SkyTrain Guideway Barriers at five SkyTrain Stations
- \$1,980,000 for Canada Line Project Support and Resources