



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF

April 20, 2005

Here are the highlights of the April 20 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

The complete agenda and supporting reports for every Board meeting are posted on TransLink's website (www.translink.bc.ca). The Board-in-Brief is also available on the website.

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. Development of the Accessible Transit Strategic Plan

The report summarized the broad consultation process for the Accessible Transit Strategic Plan and outlined recommendations for extending the contracts of three HandyDART contractors.

The Board took the following action:

- A. Approved the broad consultation process; and
- B. Authorized staff to negotiate and enter into contract extensions with the following HandyDART Contractors to December 31, 2006:
 - Pacific Transit Cooperative: Vancouver;
 - Semiahmoo House Society: Langley and White Rock
 - Greater Vancouver Community Services Society: New Westminster, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody;to ensure the stability of existing services and to allow time for consultation with users, service providers and their employees and other stakeholders on the specific plan proposals for the delivery of HandyDART service.

2. Lions Bay Community Shuttle

Staff recommended implementing new Community Shuttle service to Lions Bay on September 1st. The board was asked to approve the assignment of the Lions Bay Community Shuttle service contract to West Vancouver Transit, to ensure consistency in customer service in the West Vancouver service area.

The Board took the following action:

- A. Approved the assignment of the contract to West Vancouver Transit; and
- B. Authorized staff to negotiate an operating agreement with West Vancouver Transit for the provision of the Lions Bay Community Shuttle service for the period September 1, 2005 to December 31, 2008.

3. Corporation of Delta's Request for River Road (Nordel Way – Fraser Surrey Docks) Truck Restriction

The Corporation of Delta requested that TransLink approve a ban on truck traffic on River Road between Nordel Way and Fraser Surrey Docks in North Delta. Staff recommended that the Board not support this request, but to reaffirm its support for the implementation of the provincial South Fraser Perimeter Road, in accordance with the *Livable Region Strategic Plan*.

The Board took the following action:

- A. Reaffirmed its support for the provincial South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) and urged its implementation as a priority for the region, since it supports the *Livable Region Strategic Plan* (LRSP);
- B. Directed staff to continue to liaise with the Ministry of Transportation's Gateway Program staff in the development of the SFPR project, and to work with affected municipalities and the Major Roads & Transportation Advisory Committee (MRTAC) in supporting the SFPR; and
- C. Directed staff to advise the Corporation of Delta that its request for a complete ban on truck traffic along River Road between Nordel Way and the Fraser Surrey Docks is not supported at this time.

4. Request from Anmore to Modify Major Road Network (MRN) Designation

The Board was asked to approve the modification of the existing Major Road Network (MRN) in the Village of Anmore to include East Road (Sunnyside Road-Anmore/Port Moody Boundary) as a result of significant seasonal traffic volumes being experienced on some non-MRN road sections and associated significant maintenance requirements in Anmore.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the modification of the existing Major Road Network (MRN) in the Village of Anmore to include all of Sunnyside Road and East Road. As a result of this decision, Anmore will receive funding from TransLink of \$12,000 per lane kilometer to cover operating, maintenance and rehabilitation costs of these roads.

5. 2004 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

The Board took the following action:

- A. Approved the 2004 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements; and

B. Appointed the Board Chair and Finance and Audit Committee Chair to sign the approved Audited Consolidated Financial Statements.

6. Authorization for Travel by Directors Kingsbury and Trasolini

In December, 2004, Light Rail Transit (LRT) was selected as the technology for the Coquitlam Rapid Transit Line. Although the technology is new to Vancouver, it is widely used in North America, with the newest and most recent technology being used in Portland, Oregon. Staff recommends that Directors Jon Kingsbury and Joe Trasolini travel to Portland to meet with political and community and agency leaders involved in the system.

The Board took the following action:

Authorized Directors Jon Kingsbury and Joe Trasolini to travel to Portland, Oregon to lead a delegation of elected officials from the northeast sector to meet with political, community and agency leaders involved in the Portland MAX LRT system.

7. 2005 Capital Project – Specific Project Approval

The report detailed the projects requiring specific approval for release of project funds.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the following projects and programs:

- Minor Capital Account: Budget: \$4,000,000
- 2004 TransLink Owned Bicycle Infrastructure Program: Budget: \$500,000
- LIM Reaction Rail Retrofit Program Stage 5: Budget: \$380,000

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Board received the following information reports:

1. 2004 Annual Transit Services Performance Report
2. Transit Service Improvements
3. 2004 Revenue and Expenditure Report
4. Tender/Contract Award Information – October 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board received the following information item:

1. Minutes of Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, November 24, 2004

The next TransLink Board meeting will take place on May 20, 2005.