



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
May 20, 2005

Here are the highlights of the May 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 of Directors' meeting and should not be interpreted as such. The minutes for this meeting will be adopted at the next board meeting.

REPORTS

1. Bylaw for Assessing Tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge

The bylaw for assessing tolls for the Golden Ears Bridge received approval in principle from the board in February 2005. The board was asked to take the next step and formally adopt the bylaw.

The board took the following action:

Introduced the bylaw and read it a first, second and third time.

2. Major Road Network (MRN) Bylaw Replacement

The board considered a bylaw to add the following road segments to the Major Road Network in the Village of Anmore:

- East Road (from Sunnyside Road to the Port Moody/Anmore border)
- Sunnyside Road (from East Road to the park access road at Buntzen Lake recreation area)

The board took the following action:

The board adopted the bylaw.

Golden Ears Bridge: Request to Advance Expenditure

The Golden Ears Bridge project requested \$44.34 million to advance the acquisition of property to reduce the risks and costs of delay in providing land to the contractor. In addition, the project requested \$2.33 million to conclude the transaction process to evaluate, award and negotiate the contract to build the bridge. The intent is to recover all expenditures from the contractor once the contract is signed.

The board took the following action:

Approved advancing the expenditure of \$46.67 million on the Golden Ears Bridge for project development and property acquisition, with all such funds being transferred from TransLink's Major Road Network Major Capital budget, previously approved but unexpended to date.

4. Proposed 2005 MRN Minor Capital Program

The report recommends the approval of \$11.7 million for 26 proposed projects under the 2005 MRN Minor Capital Program. The program enables municipalities to apply for cost-sharing with TransLink for minor capital projects on designated major roads, such as improvements at intersections, road widening and new traffic signals.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the proposed projects for inclusion in the 2005 MRN Minor Capital Program as outlined in this report, and
- B. Reserved any remaining 2005 MRN Capital Program funding, as identified in this report, for the board's consideration of any additional projects that may be recommended by the Major Roads and Transportation Advisory Committee in 2005.

5. 2005 Capital Program Projects – Specific Project Approval:

The board took the following action:

Provided specific project approval for the following capital projects and programs:

- \$1 million for the Major Road Network Major Capital Study Account to fund preliminary works for major road projects, and
- \$5.12 million for a sixth locomotive for the West Coast Express to operate as a dedicated spare for the five locomotives operating in regular service.

6. South Surrey Park & Ride – Specific Project Approval

Staff sought specific project approval for the construction of a new, 450-stall Park & Ride lot in the southeast corner of the interchange between Highway 99 and

King George Highway. The lease has expired on the current site located on 32nd Street near Highway 99 and cannot be renewed.

The board took the following action:

Provided specific project approval for the following capital project:

- \$4.92 million for the South Surrey Park & Ride lot.

7. Newspaper Distribution at TransLink Facilities

Staff recommended an increase in fees for newspaper distribution at TransLink facilities to offset increased costs of litter management and to better reflect the benefit publishers derive from access to transit customers. The recommended option – option three – would implement a two-tiered system for newspaper box placement, with one fee for Superboxes displaying multiple publications and higher fees for stand-alone, branded boxes. Option three would also impose stricter controls on where and how newspaper distribution can take place on TransLink facilities.

The board took the following action:

Asked staff to consult with the publishers of newspapers and magazines distributed at TransLink facilities to develop an equitable fee structure.

8. Revisions to Board Procedures

Staff reviewed the current Rules of Procedure and proposed numerous minor amendments to improve their clarity and to include a provision for the position of vice chair.

The board took the following action:

The board adopted the new Rules of Procedure.

9. Ratification of Appointments to the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Systems Corporation

The board took the following action:

- A. Accepted the resignation of Geoff Freer from the Ministry of Transportation and appointed Mike Proudfoot, Gateway Program Director, Ministry of Transportation, as his replacement, effective Feb. 4, 2004.
- B. Accepted the resignation of Kevin Molloy from the Vancouver International Airport Authority and appointed Mike Brown, Senior Planner, Vancouver International Airport Authority, as his replacement, effective April 26, 2004.

- C. Accepted the resignation of Chris Boxall of the Insurance Corporation of B.C. and appointed John Pump, Manager, Road Improvement Program, Insurance Corporation of B.C., as his replacement, effective Jan. 20, 2005
- D. Accepted the resignation of Igor Zahynacz as the Major Roads and Transportation Advisory Committee representative and appointed Colin Wright as his replacement, effective May 12, 2005.

10. Consent Resolutions in Lieu of Subsidiary Annual General Meetings

The board took the following action:

Designated the chair as the proxy to sign the Consent Resolutions in Lieu of the Annual General Meetings of:

- B.C. Rapid Transit Co.
- Coast Mountain Bus Co. Ltd.
- Fraser River Marine Transportation Ltd.
- Intelligent Transportation Systems Corp.
- Pacific Vehicle Testing Technologies Ltd.
- West Coast Express Ltd.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The board received the following information reports:

1. 2004 Annual Report
2. Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority Police Services – Status Update
3. Development of GVTA Fleet Emissions Policy
4. 2005 Operations, Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program Funding
5. 3-Year Plan Proposed Major Capital Road Program – Status of Projects
6. Review of Millennium Line Ridership Growth
7. Vancouver and UBC Area Transit Plan Update and Public Consultation Schedule
8. Urban Transportation Showcase – Status Update
9. Contract Award Information – Jan. 1, 2005, to March, 31, 2005

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Minutes of Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, March 30, 2005

The next TransLink Board meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on June 22, 2005.