



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
June 22, 2005

Here are the highlights of the June 22 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 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. Golden Ears Bridge – Master Agreement

Staff sought authorization from the board to enter into a five-party agreement that would define the scope and standards of the Golden Ears Bridge project and establish the responsibilities and obligations of all parties.

The board took the following action:

Authorized the TransLink Chief Executive Officer or her designate to execute an agreement with the Township of Langley, District of Maple Ridge, District of Pitt Meadows and City of Surrey in relation to the Golden Ears Bridge project.

2. Golden Ears Bridge – Tolling Bylaw

This item was deferred.

3. Parking Tax Bylaw

The board was asked to approve a bylaw required to enable the creation of a parking site roll. When the parking site roll has been completed, this bylaw and a final determined tax rate will be forwarded to the Greater Vancouver Regional District for ratification. The tax will help finance major transportation improvements approved as part of TransLink's 2005-2007 Three-Year Plan and 10-Year Outlook.

The board took the following action:

- A. Introduced and read the bylaw a first, second and third time.
- B. Reconsidered, passed and adopted sections 1 to 11 and 15 of the bylaw.
- C. Approved the recommended consultation plan based on a preliminary rate of \$1.02 per square metre.
- D. Directed staff to monitor the impact of the parking tax on the Livable Region Strategic Plan and report back to the board a year after its implementation.
- E. Directed staff to continue discussions with the Vancouver International Airport Authority regarding the waiver of its parking tax exemption.

4. Recent Trends in Travel Characteristics: Analysis of the 2004 Greater Vancouver Trip Diary Survey

The report summarized the results of the Trip Diary Survey that was conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of Transportation in 2004.

The board took the following action:

Directed staff to forward the report to municipalities, the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and the provincial and federal ministers of transportation.

5. Transit Capacity Study

A recent Transit Capacity Study confirmed that customers are experiencing extreme levels of crowding on a number of bus routes throughout the region. SkyTrain service at Broadway Station is also at maximum capacity. To meet the demand, staff proposed to accelerate bus and SkyTrain car purchases to allow for additional hours of service to be introduced sooner.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the following additional service for the bus system to be included in the Annual Program Plans and Budgets:
 - 1. 83,000 hours for 2006 at a cost of \$2.2 million (\$6.5 million annualized)
 - 2. 26,000 hours in 2007 at a cost of \$650,000 (\$2.05 million annualized)
 - 3. 48,000 hours in 2008 at a cost of \$1.2 million (\$3.9 million annualized)
- B. Approved advancing 50 buses originally planned for delivery in 2008 and 2009 to 2006 and 2007 at a projected capital cost of \$25.7 million.

- C. Directed staff to investigate the feasibility of accelerating the 34 SkyTrain vehicles proposed for delivery in 2009 to 2008 and report back to the board.
- D. Directed staff to forward the report to municipalities, the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and the provincial and federal ministers of transportation

6. Minor Fare Zone Amendments: Lions Bay, Annacis Island and Bowen Island

Staff sought authorization for minor amendments to the Transit Tariff to address fare-zone boundary anomalies between Lions Bay and West Vancouver; Annacis Island and Delta; Bowen Island and West Vancouver. The proposed changes would lower transit fares and offer some potential for slight increases in local ridership.

The board took the following action:

- A. Approved the removal of the fare zone boundary between Lions Bay and West Vancouver, effective Sept. 6, 2005.
- B. Approved amending the status of Annacis Island, effective Sept. 6, 2005, so that it becomes part of the same fare zone as the remainder of Delta and is treated as a common zone to both Delta and Burnaby-New Westminister.
- C. Directed staff to consult with the public and the Bowen Island Municipality by holding a public meeting on Bowen Island and discussions with Bowen Island Municipal Council to review the fare options outlined in the report, including the removal of the fare zone boundary between Bowen Island and West Vancouver and report back to the board with a specific recommendation in July, 2005, which would also take effect on Sept. 6, 2005.
- D. Directed staff to report back to the board in July, 2005, with a specific recommendation and a bylaw to amend the Transit Tariff to accommodate the proposed changes for Lions Bay and Annacis Island, effective Sept. 6, 2005.

7. 2005 Capital Program Projects: Specific Project Approval

The board took the following action:

Provided Specific Project Approval for the following capital projects:

1. \$350,000 for an Automatic Passenger Counting System Study (all transit modes)
2. \$400,000 for Scott Road Station settlement
3. \$23 million for Fraser Highway widening (Phase B)

8. 2004 Schedules of Financial Information

Staff presented the 2004 Schedules of Financial Information, which outlined the remuneration and expenses paid to or on behalf of TransLink employees and payments to suppliers for goods and services. (The public can view the schedules or purchase a copy for \$5.)

The board took the following action:

Approved the 2004 Schedules of Financial Information.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The board received the following:

1. First Quarter 2005 Transit System Ridership Report
2. Letter from the City of Vancouver, City Clerk's Department regarding Women in Transit Presentation by the Bus Riders Union

The next TransLink Board meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2005.