

TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
May 24, 2006

Here are the highlights of the May 24 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

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REPORTS

4.1 Pattullo Bridge Phased Safety Improvement Program

The Board directed staff to

A-1. request the provincial Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General install fixed, dedicated cameras for automated speed enforcement on the Pattullo Bridge; and

A-2. restrict buses and large trucks from the inside (centre) lanes on the bridge as soon as practicable; and

B. Review the impact of reducing the Pattullo Bridge from four lanes of traffic to three lanes with counter-flow operation.

4.2 Evergreen Line – Project Definition

The Board approved additional funding of \$3 million for the completion of Project 0308 – Evergreen Line Project Definition Phase, bringing the total budget for this phase of the project to \$43 million, consisting of \$8 million for preliminary design and public consultation (\$6 million from GVTA and \$2 million from the Province) and \$35 million for property acquisition.

4.3 Extension of HandyDART contracts

The Board directed staff to extend the current Operating Agreements for all HandyDART contracts to December 31, 2007, and authorized staff to negotiate operating budgets for fiscal 2007 with each of the handyDART contractors for delivery of HandyDART service in their respective service areas. These

extensions will allow service to be maintained while TransLink completes its work on an Accessible Transit Strategic Plan.

4.6 2006 Capital Program Project

The Board gave Specific Project Approval for two major capital projects:

- Fraser Highway Widening Phase C: Budget: \$5,900,000
- SkyTrain Running Rail Replacement West of Broadway Station: Budget: \$975,000

4.7 2005 Minor Capital Program – Supplementary Project

The Board approved a supplementary project for the City of Burnaby -- Lake City Overhead (Gaglardi Way overpassing Eastlake Drive). The budget for this is \$405,000 from the 2005 Minor Capital Program budget.

4.8 2006 Major Road Network Minor Capital program

The Board approved investing a total of \$11,346,656 on cost-shared roadwork projects around the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and approved reserving the remainder of the \$20 million MRN Minor Capital Program budget (slightly over \$8.6 million) for any additional projects that may be recommended by the Major road and Transportation Advisory Committee in 2006.

4.10 Revision to “Conflict of Interest – Directors” Policy

- A. The Board clarified that the contract approval process, described in the second paragraph of Section 3 “Specific Prohibitions” of the “Conflict of Interest Policy – Directors” does not apply to transactions between GVTA subsidiaries and Associates (as defined in the policy) of GVTA Directors; and
- B. Approved the revisions to the “Conflict of Interest Policy – Directors”.

4.11 Revision to “Capital Project Approval” Policy

The Board approved changes to TransLink’s process for approving capital projects to reflect changes in the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants handbook and to adjust the maximum cost criteria for Minor Capital Account projects to \$500,000 from \$250,000 to reflect the typical costs associated with minor capital projects.

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