

TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF— October 1, 2003

Here are the main points from the October 1st meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, featuring the specific actions taken by the Board on the agenda items. The complete agenda and supporting reports for every Board meeting are posted on TransLink's web site (www.translink.bc.ca). The Board-in-Brief is also available on the web site.

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.

Item 4.1—10 Year Transportation Outlook and Three-Year Financial Strategy

The Board:

- Approved the release of the 10 Year Transportation Outlook and Three-Year Financial Strategy discussion paper;
- Adopted the “Transportation 10 Year Outlook and Three-Year Financial Strategy Communications and Consultation Plan”

The GVTA's current three-year Transportation and Financial Plan ends in 2004. It is possible to meet current service levels using existing sources of funds until 2006, but thereafter additional funding will be required.

The Richmond-Airport-Vancouver line, Northeast Sector line and the replacement of the trolley buses are all substantial capital commitments, and additional funds will be need to meet these requirements.

The Outlook sets the stage for a discussion of which transportation projects and initiatives should proceed in the next decade building on the past improvements. It reviews both the opportunities and the challenges the region faces in the coming decade and presents an outlook for where the region could be in 2013 if it adopts a clear vision.

Item 4.2—Richmond Airport Vancouver Project – Federal Funding Commitment

The Board re-affirmed its commitment to fund up to \$300 million (2003 dollars) plus interest during construction in capital funds subject to:

- The Vancouver Airport Authority committing to pay for actual costs of the Airport connector (estimated at \$250M) and a portion of common system costs (estimated at \$50M), the province committing at least \$300M (2003) dollars and the federal government committing to at least \$300M toward the project;
- The province entering into a legal agreement with the federal government regarding the federal contribution to the RAV Line; and
- The GVTA entering into legal agreements with YVR and the province regarding each party's commitments to the RAV Line.

In late August 2003, the federal government publicly announce that it will commit \$300 million towards capital cost of the project at this time. Their funding is currently contingent upon equal contribution from each of TransLink and the Province and at least \$300 million in private capital funding. They have also agreed to consider additional funding in the future depending on the results of the RFP process and provincial priorities and requirements. TransLink's funding commitment to the project was based on a requested contribution of \$50 million from the federal government. As the present public funding and anticipated private sector contribution are sufficient to achieve the lower range of the estimated project costs, it would be prudent to receive marketplace proposals for the project.

Item 4.3—Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows HandyDART

The Board:

- Approved the selection of D-W Services Ltd. As the preferred service provider for the Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows HandyDART service effective January 01, 2004;
- Directed staff to finalize the Operating Agreement with D-W Services Ltd. For the delivery of HandyDART service in Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows for the period January 01, 2004 to December 31, 2006.

D-W Services Ltd. has been the HandyDART service provider in the Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows area for approximately 9 years and has consistently met the service requirements.

Item 4.4—Request for Exemption from Hydro Regional Transit Levy

The Board exempted Mr. G. Howes of 25691 84th Avenue, Langley, BC from payment of the power levy for his second hydro account and agreed to provide notice of such exemption to the collector.

Mr. Howe's request met the requirements of the act for an exemption

Item 4.5—Port Coquitlam Transit Centre Seismic Upgrades – Additional Funding Request

The Board approved additional funding of \$366,250 for the completion of Project 0221 – Port Coquitlam Transit Centre Seismic Upgrades.

This report is an update on the upgrade to the Port Coquitlam Transit Centre administration and maintenance buildings that was previously approved by the Board. Additional budget of \$366,250 was requested for increased construction contract cost and interest during construction and contingency.

Item 4.6—Appointment of External Auditor

The Board appointed the firm of KPMG as the external auditor for the GVTA for the five years 2003-2007

Item 4.7—Ratification of Appointments to Subsidiary Boards

The Board resolved that:

- (i) John Lenahan, Manager Transportation Planning, Vancouver International Airport Authority, replaces Peter Bianconi as Director of 592040 BC Ltd. (ITS Corporation) as of January 1, 2002;
- (ii) Dirk Nyland, Chief Engineer, Ministry of Transportation, replaces John Dyble as Director of 592040 BC Ltd. (ITS Corporation) as of June 26, 2003;
- (iii) Tarek Sayed from the University of British Columbia replaces Frank Navin as Director of 592040 BC Ltd. (ITS Corporation) as of July 15, 2003;
- (iv) Kevin Molloy, Manager Transportation Planning, Vancouver International Airport Authority, replaces John Lenahan as Director of 592040 BC Ltd. (ITS Corporation) as of September 15, 2003;
- (v) Geoff Freer from the Ministry of Transportation replaces Frank Blasetti as Director of 592040 BC Ltd. (ITS Corporation) as of September 17, 2003; and
- (vi) Doug Kelsey, President, replaces Larry Ward as Director of British Columbia Rapid Transit Company Ltd. as of January 1, 2003

Item 4.8—Vancouver’s Stanley Park “S-Curve” Project – Reconstruction of Pipeline Road

The Board approved the City of Vancouver’s request to utilize its eligible 2003 MRN (Major Road Network) Minor Capital Program funding towards the cost of reconstructing a portion of Pipeline Road (New Stanley park Entrance – New transit loop), to a maximum of \$187,500 (50%) of the \$375,000 project cost, on the basis that this should not be considered to be a precedent.

This is the second request for increased funding for this project. In May 2001 the Board approved an additional \$750,000 toward the project to cover increased costs. The current request for funding is due to significant cracking and rutting of the pavement outside the new bus loop, which was hastened by the increased bus traffic on the road.

Information Reports

The Board received the following reports for information only.

Item 4.9—Platform Edge Tactile Warning System

The replacement of the new Platform Edge Tactile Warning System on the existing platform edge panels for the Expo Line stations was successfully completed 7 weeks ahead of schedule and under the revised project budget.

Item 4.10—September Transit Service Improvements – Initial Review

The report provides an initial review of the transit service improvements that were implemented on September 1, 2003, including U-pass at UBC and SFU, Community Shuttle service in the Northeast Sector, New Westminster and Langley, continued NightBus service, and improved transit service throughout the region.

Item 4.11—Northeast Sector Rapid Transit: Status Report

The scope of the work for this project was outlined in the July 30 report to the board. This update was to inform the board that work is proceeding with the objective of reaching a decision on the preferred option for the NES rapid transit line by late 2003 or early 2004.

Item 4.12—AirCare Update

TransLink staff is developing options to address the AirCare surplus. A comprehensive report will be brought forward for the Board's consideration at the October 24th meeting.

Item 4.13—Second Quarter (Apr – Jun) – 2003 Capital Project Summary Report

The total current capital budget of \$873.4 million indicates a capital savings of \$12.4 million against the budget forecast of \$861.0 million.

Item 4.14—Second Quarter 2003 Revenue and Expenditure Forecast

An annual surplus of 3.89 million is projected for the year, 2.88 million (42.5%) lower than the annual budget.

Item 4.15—Tender/Contract Award Information – April 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003

Contracts valued at more than \$250,000 include:

1. Dominion Fairmile Construction Ltd. \$343,204.00
2. Pacific Northern Rail Contractors Ltd. \$445,232.26

Item 4.16—Interactive Voice Response System (IVR)

The Customer Information Centre launched the new IVR system on July 20, 2003 to help meet the increasing demand for information on transit services and programs. Although it's too soon to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the IVR system, the anecdotal feedback from customers praising the 24x7 access, their ability to work with the system and reports from people who say they don't get busy signals as often, indicates the immediate benefits of the IVR system.

Item 5.1—Letter from Granville Entertainment Group

Thank you for late night service

Other Business

Item 6.1—Delegates for Cascadia Conference in Portland

The board approved three directors to attend the conference: Director Brodie, Director Bass and Director Cadman

Item 6.2—Director Trasolini’s Notice of Motion regarding Late Night Transit Service

Motion was made to reinstate late night transit service. The motion was tabled until staff report back on the 6 month night bus pilot project in March 2004.