

TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
October 18, 2006

Here are the highlights of the Oct. 18 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

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REPORTS

4.1 Financial Context: Setting the Stage for Future Decisions

The Board received this report for information

4.2 2007 Transportation Plan

The Board approved the 2007 Transportation Plan as outlined in the attachment to the above named report and directed staff to

- proceed with the implementation of those initiatives;
- forward a copy of the 2007 Transportation Plan to the Minister of Transportation, stressing the importance of commencing a new planning cycle; and
- commence the planning cycle for the next 3 Year Plan / 10 Year Outlook.

4.3 2007 Annual Budget

The Board approved the Annual Budget for 2007.

4.4 Evergreen Line Project Definition Phase: Business Case and Preferred Preliminary Design

The Board:

- A. received the report for information;
- B. approved the Preferred Preliminary Design described in the report;
- C. approved additional funding of \$16 million for the detailed design of the Evergreen Line. This brings the total project budget to \$59 million, consisting of \$8 million for preliminary design and public consultation (\$6 million from

- the GVTA and \$2 million from the Province), \$35 million for property acquisition and \$16 million for detailed design;
- D. will request additional funding from the provincial and federal governments to close the funding gap of \$400 million, with the intention of having full project funding in place by April 2007; and
 - E. will request a meeting with the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Transportation to discuss additional funding for the Evergreen Line.

4.5 2006 Capital Program Projects Specific Program Approval for SkyTrain Fleet Expansion

The Board provided Specific Program Approval for SkyTrain fleet expansion:
Budget: \$147,000,000.00

4.6 David Avenue Connector Request for Additional Funding

The Board approved in principle the City of Coquitlam's request to use its share of the 2007 and 2008 Major Road Network (MRN) Minor Capital Program funds to cover part of the costs of the David Avenue Connector project, subject to final Board approval of those two funding programs and their policies through GVTA's normal budget and planning process.

4.7 Memorandum of Understanding with VANOC

- A. The Board approved the principles described in the report to guide the GVTA's Olympic and Paralympic readiness and the GVTA's relationship with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC); and
- B. Authorized the Chief Executive Officer to undertake negotiations with VANOC and execute a Memorandum of Understanding and subsequent agreements with VANOC.

4.8 AirCare test fee schedule, Jan. 1, 2007 Dec. 31, 2011

The Board approved the following AirCare test fee schedule, effective Jan. 1, 2007:

- \$45.00 for 1992 and newer model year vehicles (biennial test schedule);
- \$23.00 for 1991 and older model year vehicles (annual test schedule); and
- \$23.00 for all re-inspections

4.9 2006 Capital Project Specific Project Approval

The Board provided Specific Project Approval for the following capital projects:

- 2007 HandyDART Vehicle Expansion: Budget \$1,960,000;
- 2007 HandyDART Vehicle Replacement: Budget 4,615,000;
- 2006 Transit Related Road Infrastructure Program: \$2,600,000; and
- 2006 Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program: \$2,550,000.

4.10 Public Transit Funding Agreement

The Board authorized the Chair and the Chief Executive Officer, or her designate, to execute an agreement with the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) to receive \$40,311,588.00 through the Public Transit Funding Agreement.

4.11 Sustainable Funding From Federal Government Sources

The Board voted to support the Canadian Urban Transit Association's resolution to:

- A. Make permanent federal government investment in public transit provided under the Public Transit Capital Trust announced in Budget 2006;
- B. Ensure that this investment is distributed equitably to all transit systems across Canada; and
- C. Ensure that this investment is over and above any existing federal or provincial funding already in place.

4.12 Jack Bell Foundation Loan Guarantee Agreement

- A. The Board approved the request to guarantee a term loan of the Jack Bell Foundation, provided the guarantee is limited to the immediate amount of \$500,000; and
- B. Authorized the Chief Executive Officer and Corporate Secretary of the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority to execute, and affix the corporate seal to the Guarantee and Postponement of Claim and all over documents in connection with the above guarantee.

4.13 International Walk to School Week

The Board:

- A. Ratified the staff decision to allow all school-age children within the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) to ride the transit system free of charge during International Walk to School Week (Oct. 2-6, 2006); and
- B. Approved an ongoing annual commitment to allow all school-age children within the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) to ride the transit system free of charge during International Walk to School Week, conditional upon the participation in the event by at least one school district in the GVRD.