



TRANSLINK BOARD-IN-BRIEF
May 7, 2004

Here are the highlights of the May 7 meeting of the TransLink Board of Directors, including specific actions taken on agenda items.

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REPORTS

1. Appointment of Director to RAVCO Subsidiary

The Board took the following action:

- A. Approved the change in the Board structure of RAV Project Management Ltd. as set out in the report; and
- B. Confirmed the appointment of David Unruh as an independent director nominated by the GVTA as set out in the report.

2. Richmond Airport Vancouver Rapid Transit Project – Summary of Request for Proposal Stage and Proceeding with Best and Final Offer Stage

The Board took the following action:

- A. Decided not to proceed to the Best and Final Offer stage under the current procurement process for the Richmond Airport Vancouver Rapid Transit Project.
- B. Resolved that the GVTA/TransLink staff, with the assistance of SkyTrain staff and GVRD staff, develop a plan to provide public or private rapid transit between Richmond, Vancouver and the Airport, and as an extension of the Millennium Line to the Northeast Sector, within the available funding commitments and

with due regard to ridership, cost, support of the Liveable Region Strategy and such other factors as staff or the Board may advise.

- C. Resolved that the GVTA/TransLink Board urge the Federal and Provincial governments and the Airport Authority to remain committed to their proposed funding and cooperate and assist in the planning to achieve our goal of an enhanced urban transit system based on the immediate, cost-efficient construction of both proposed lines.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Receipt of Report on the Review of the Public Sector Comparator for the RAV Project

The Board accepted the report from Pat Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer and Sheri Plewes, Vice President, Capital Management and Engineering. The report advised the Board of the receipt of the final report of George Morfitt, former Auditor General of B.C. Morfitt concluded that the methodology used to compare the costs of building the RAV project as a public-sector project versus a public-private partnership is reasonable.

The next Board meeting will take place in Richmond at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2004.



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May 19, 2004

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REPORTS

1. Approval of Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transit Plan

The area transit plan calls for significant improvements to both local and regional transit services. Fully implemented over five years, the plan would add 125,900 annual bus and Community Shuttle service hours.

The Board took the following action:

- A. Approved in principle the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transit Plan as summarized in the report and directed staff to forward copies of the plan to the District of Maple Ridge and the District of Pitt Meadows for their review and comment prior to the final approval of the plan by the Board.
- B. Directed staff to incorporate recommendations of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transit Plan as part of the development of TransLink's Three-Year Plan (2005-2007) that will be forwarded to the Board in September 2004.

2. Fraser River Crossing – Municipal Framework

TransLink staff recommended that the board authorize TransLink to enter into an agreement-in-principle with the municipalities of Surrey, Langley Township, Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge. The agreement would define the roles and responsibilities of the contractor, TransLink, and the municipalities in the construction and operation of the new Fraser River Crossing.

The Board took the following action:

The Board, subject to final Board approval, authorized TransLink's CEO or designate to conclude negotiations and enter into an agreement-in-principle with the four immediately affected municipalities on the basis of the principles, terms, and conditions outlined in the report.

3. Transit Service Guidelines

TransLink's current transit service guidelines were last updated in 1991. TransLink would use the new guidelines to improve the quality of existing transit services and to assist decisions on introducing new services.

The Board took the following action:

- A. Received the report; and
- B. Adopted the new Transit Service Guidelines attached with the report and directed staff to proceed with implementation in co-operation with TransLink's operating subsidiaries and contractors.

4. Permanent Policy Proposal to Allow Bicycles on SkyTrain

TransLink staff recommended that bikes be allowed on SkyTrain during off-peak hours on a permanent basis. A year-long pilot project that allowed bikes on SkyTrain during off-peak hours was a success.

- A. Subject to approval from the BC Safety Authority (SA), the Board voted in favour of permitting the carriage of bicycles on SkyTrain on a permanent basis; and
- B. Directed staff to review the existing policies governing the carriage of bicycles on SkyTrain and report back within six months on any changes.

5. Termination of HandyDART Service Contract – City of Vancouver

The report recommended that staff enter into an interim agreement with Pacific Transit Cooperative to ensure service continuity while an RFP process is put in place to select a new service contractor for the Vancouver HandyDART service for the period Jan. 1, 2005 to Dec. 31, 2007.

The Board took the following action:

- A. Approved the termination of the current Operating Agreement with Pacific Transit Cooperative (PTC) for the delivery of HandyDART service in the City of Vancouver effective July 31, 2004;
- B. Authorized staff to negotiate an Interim Operating Agreement with Pacific Transit Cooperative for the period August 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004; and

- C. Authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Vancouver HandyDART service covering the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2007.

6. Federal Fuel Tax

TransLink staff recommended that the board reaffirm its commitment to secure annual federal funding equivalent to five cents of the federal fuel tax, beginning in 2008. TransLink would seek the support of the provincial government in securing such federal funding.

The Board took the following action:

- A. Reaffirmed the Board's position that five cents of the federal fuel tax be used as a funding source for the GVTA's 10-Year Transportation Outlook and Three-Year Transportation Plan;
- B. Requested that the GVRD Board reaffirm its position that the federal transfer of sustainable funding for GVRD municipalities should be used to fund GVTA's 10-Year Transportation Outlook and Three-Year Transportation Plan; and
- C. Directed staff to solicit support from GVTA stakeholders to assist in facilitating the return of five cents of federal fuel tax to the GVTA.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Renaming Stadium SkyTrain Station

The Board took the following action:

Directed staff to look into the implications of renaming the Stadium Skytrain station. The proposed new name would be Stadium-Chinatown station to reflect the community where the station is located.

The next TransLink Board meeting will take place in North Vancouver on Friday, June 18, at 9 a.m.