VOTE "YES" FOR BETTER TRANSIT IN BURNABY & NEW WESTMINSTER

Burnaby and New Westminster are growing and facing transportation-related challenges, including congestion, long and unreliable commute times, air pollution and capacity constraints. Congestion is bad for the air we breathe, it's damaging to our economy, it erodes family time and it hurts our health. With over one million new residents expected in Metro Vancouver over the next 30 years, we need to take action to reduce congestion by investing in our region's transportation system.

VOTE "YES" TO REDUCE CONGESTION BY INVESTING IN OUR REGION'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

The Mayors' Council, after an extensive review of current and future transportation needs and potential investments in Metro Vancouver, has identified priority transportation improvements to reduce congestion and travel time, and to provide commuters, travellers and businesses with more transportation choices. For drivers, the Plan will reduce congestion on the roads through improved transit service that provides a real alternative to driving. For transit users, the Plan will improve and extend bus service and expand the rapid transit system. The Plan will also allow for walking and cycling to become safer and more viable travel choices.

VOTE "YES" FOR A NEW FOUR-LANE PATTULLO BRIDGE

The Pattullo Bridge, opened in 1937, requires replacement due to age and safety concerns. The bridge is an important element of the region's Major Road Network (MRN). It connects the City of Surrey and the City of New Westminster, and carries about 75,000 vehicles per weekday, 10% of which are trucks.

A new four-lane bridge will replace the existing Pattullo Bridge. It will have modern lane widths, better connections, a centre barrier and high-quality cycling and pedestrian facilities. The new bridge will be designed to keep the possibility of future expansion to six lanes, if need arises, to meet demand increases beyond current forecasts.

The new bridge would include:

- Modern lane widths that meet safety standards
- A centre barrier separating northbound and southbound traffic
- User pricing to fund the majority of its cost
- Effective cycling and pedestrian facilities

VOTE "YES" TO DOUBLE PEAK CAPACITY ON THE EXPO AND MILLENNIUM LINES

The Expo and Millennium Lines will receive upgrades to its vehicles and facilities to double its peak capacity by 2041. Within the next 10 years, this means about 200 new cars and upgrades at 15 stations. The expansion of fleet vehicles, fleet storage, operations and maintenance facilities will increase the capacity of both the Expo and Millennium Lines.

Key Benefits

- ✓ Increased travel reliability
- ✓ Bridge will be protected from earthquakes and river currents
- ✓ Better connections between regional centres in Metro Vancouver
- ✓ Effective pedestrian and cycling facilities

VOTE "YES" FOR BETTER TRANSIT

To provide a fast and efficient transportation system in a growing region, the Plan is proposing new and better service, expanded infrastructure and other investments to keep the region's people and goods moving, including:

NEW B-LINE RAPID BUS SERVICE

- New B-Line: Downtown Vancouver to SFU Burnaby via Hastings Street
- New B-Line: Metrotown to Capilano University via Willingdon Avenue
- New B-Line: Richmond–Brighouse Station to Metrotown via Knight Street, Bridgeport Road and Garden City, with connection to Bridgeport Station for service to YVR Airport

INCREASE IN BUS SERVICE - MORE RELIABLE, MORE FREQUENT, MORE HOURS

- Improve and expand frequent all-day service: service runs at least every 15 minutes in both directions throughout the day and into the evening, every day of the week, e.g., 8th Avenue in New Westminster
- Improve and expand frequent peak service: service runs at least every 15 minutes during highest-demand time periods, e.g., 12th Street in New Westminster and Burnaby Lake/Government Road in Burnaby
- Increase the frequency and span of service on the existing NightBus network
- 30% more HandyDART service

BUS EXCHANGE UPGRADES

- Upgrades and expansion to 13 transit exchanges across the region to meet growing demand, including SFU exchange

WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

- Better connections to transit through pedestrian improvements at or near transit stops and stations
- Investments in cycling routes in partnership with municipalities: 2,700 kilometres of bikeways including 300 kilometres of fully traffic separated routes region-wide
- Investments in bike parking at transit stations

ROAD INVESTMENT

- An additional $36 million per year will go towards maintaining and upgrading the Major Road Network, in a cost-share with municipalities around the region to keep people and goods moving

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