

Statement by the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation: April 9, 2017

Today's announcements by two provincial parties on the future of the tolling system in Metro Vancouver demonstrate that transportation will be a key issue in this election. However, neither party has yet committed to workable solutions that will reduce congestion across our region over the long term. Completing the 10-Year Vision should be the first priority for our provincial and regional governments if we want to relieve congestion, improve affordability and protect the quality of life in Metro Vancouver.

The Mayors' Council's #CureCongestion campaign (www.curecongestion.ca) presents a comprehensive plan to tackle congestion on our roads and transit system. We are looking for all parties to respond to our 6 point plan to fully fund the 10-Year Vision for Transit and Transportation in Metro Vancouver, including support for the Broadway Subway, Surrey LRT, critical upgrades to the existing SkyTrain system, replacing the Pattullo Bridge, and improving bus and HandyDART service across the region.

We look forward to receiving responses from the parties to our 6 platform priorities. Commitments to individual projects or specific policy prescriptions are welcome contributions to the debate over curing congestion, but we need to hear from all parties on how they plan to work in partnership with the region's leaders to fund and deliver a broad-based plan for improving transit and transportation in Metro Vancouver.