

Mayors' Council releases #CureCongestion Voters' Guide

Guide compares election commitments to Metro Vancouver transit and transportation from the BC Green Party, BC Liberal Party and BC NDP

April 26, 2017 (New Westminster) -- Today, the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation released a [#CureCongestion Voters' Guide](#) summarizing commitments and policy positions from the BC Green Party, BC Liberal Party and BC NDP, related to transit and transportation in Metro Vancouver. The Guide includes responses from all three parties to the #CureCongestion questionnaire.

As mayors and community leaders responsible for setting transportation priorities for the region, the Mayors' Council launched the #CureCongestion public outreach campaign to inform residents about the 10-Year Vision – the comprehensive region-wide plan to improve transit, roads, and active transportation infrastructure – and to ask political parties aspiring to form the next provincial government to tell voters how they plan to work with the Mayors' Council to address all of the urgent priorities included in the plan.

The #CureCongestion Voters' Guide provides a quick reference chart comparing party responses to six key priorities:

- Matching federal funding for rapid transit projects in Vancouver, Surrey and Langley
- Providing at least a one-third provincial share towards replacing the aging Pattullo Bridge
- Providing \$360 million in provincial funding to upgrade the existing SkyTrain network, to provide capacity for growing demand
- Providing provincial funding support for improving HandyDART services
- Authorizing the Mayors' Council's request for a development cost charge for transit
- Supporting ongoing road improvements and expansion of public transit service region-wide, by working collaboratively with the Mayors' Council to identify fair and equitable funding sources that will keep the 10-Year Vision on track.

ABOUT #CURECONGESTION

The Cure Congestion campaign, an initiative of the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, aims to educate the region's voters about the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation and ensure transportation is a key issue in the lead up to the May 9th B.C. election. www.curecongestion.ca

ABOUT THE 10-YEAR VISION FOR METRO VANCOUVER TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION

Phase One of the 10-Year Vision, a \$2 billion plan, includes more frequent public transit service, road improvements and active transportation infrastructure. Phase One was approved in November 2016 and is being rolled out by TransLink starting this year. Two-thirds, or \$1.3 billion, of the total capital and operating costs of the plan was funded from TransLink's existing funding sources, cost savings and efficiencies, and new regional revenue sources.

Phase Two of the 10-Year Vision includes urgently-needed infrastructure such as the Millennium Line Broadway Extension in Vancouver, a new LRT system in Surrey, and replacement of the aging Pattullo Bridge, as well as additional road improvements and expansion of bus, rail and HandyDART services to meet the needs of our region's growing population.

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