

Motion – Cancel Surrey Newton Guildford (SNG) – LRT and build SkyTrain from the King George SkyTrain Station to Langley City

Motion

WHEREAS in the October 20, 2018 municipal election, the citizens of Surrey strongly expressed a desire to cancel the SNG – Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project and build SkyTrain from the existing King George SkyTrain station to Langley City; and,

WHEREAS the authority responsible for delivering transit services in Surrey is TransLink under the authority given in the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act by the Province of British Columbia; and,

WHEREAS the SNG-LRT project is part of TransLink’s current “Phase Two Investment Plan: 2018-2027” which is funded by Federal, Provincial and Regional governments; and,

WHEREAS TransLink has the responsibility to deliver, operate and maintain the project in the Phase Two Investment Plan; and,

WHEREAS the Mayors’ Council in its 10-Year Vision on Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation has committed to build 27KM of rapid transit connecting Surrey Centre with Langley, Guildford and Newton as part its “Phase Two” and “Phase Three” Investment Plans.

Be it resolved:

THAT Council direct staff stop all work on the SNG-LRT project and immediately start working with TransLink on a SkyTrain extension from the existing King George SkyTrain Station to Langley City; and,

THAT Council request the Mayors’ Council and the TransLink Board to cancel the SNG-LRT Project and immediately initiate a new SkyTrain Extension Project along Fraser Highway by changing the technology originally proposed in the Phase Two Investment Plan to SkyTrain, and re-allocating all available funds in the Phase Two Plan dedicated for rapid transit in Surrey and Langley to start the SkyTrain extension towards Langley as soon as possible; and,

THAT Council request the Mayors’ Council to seek the required funding for the Phase Three Plan of the 10-Year Vision as soon as possible, to complete all 27KM of rapid transit in Surrey and Langley.