

Resolution on Mayor's Council on Regional Transportation's Cure Congestion Campaign

WHEREAS ridership on transit in Metro Vancouver is exploding, and another one million commuters are coming to our region over the next 20 years;

WHEREAS the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation is making historic investments to improved regional bus, SkyTrain, SeaBus, West Coast Express and HandyDART services which will help keep the region moving, reduce the impact of population growth on regional GHG emissions, and improve access to affordable housing options;

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver's North American-leading ridership growth is out-pacing the expansion planned in the 10-Year Vision, leading to continued overcrowding pressures on transit, and congestion on our roads;

WHEREAS to support these new riders and planned population growth, the remaining projects in the 10-Year Vision and the next wave of regional transit and transportation priorities to be identified in the Transport 2050 planning process must be funded and approved quickly to avoid losing momentum on addressing overcrowding and congestion;

WHEREAS local governments via the Mayors' Council establish plans for new transit/roads/active transportation projects and infrastructure for the region, with reliable federal and provincial funding being critical to making projects a reality;

WHEREAS our region needs the next federal government to continue its successful partnership with the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, TransLink and the Province of B.C., so our region doesn't go backwards with worsening road congestion and overcrowding on transit;

WHEREAS in April, 2019, the Mayors' Council released its federal election platform, "Cure Congestion," that calls on national parties to commit to work in partnership to cure congestion in Metro Vancouver;

WHEREAS the Cure Congestion platform asks all federal parties to commit to establishing a Congestion Relief Fund that would deliver \$3.4 billion annually across Canada based on ridership, delivering approximately \$375 million annually to TransLink;

WHEREAS the Congestion Relief Fund will provide a permanent, predictable source of federal funding that can be invested alongside TransLink and provincial government commitments to accelerate completion of the 10-Year Vision for Metro Vancouver Transit and Transportation and start the next phase of projects to be identified in the Transport 2050 planning process to improve the transit and transportation network in every corner of our region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT City of Langley Council supports the Mayor's Council on Regional Transportation's Cure Congestion campaign;

AND THAT candidates running in the 2019 federal election for the riding of Cloverdale-Langley City be urged to support the call for a Congestion Relief Fund.