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Her Worship Mayor Val van den Broek
City of Langley
20399 Douglas Cres
Langley BC V3A 4B6

Dear Mayor van den Broek:

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, regarding emergency funding for TransLink. As Minister responsible for TransLink, I am pleased to respond on the Premier's behalf, and I apologize for the delay.

I appreciate your concerns for the people living in your community and their need to access essential services during these difficult and unprecedented times. TransLink continues to move thousands of people every weekday, many of whom are essential service workers, and we are pleased to see TransLink prioritizing service for them. As you are likely aware, on May 8, 2020, TransLink and its operating companies announced that the service reductions planned to begin on May 18, 2020, were suspended and the layoff notices issued to approximately 1,500 employees on April 20, 2020, were rescinded.

I assure you that the Province is working closely with TransLink to ensure they can provide the safe service people need as ridership in Metro Vancouver begins increasing. In addition, we are working with TransLink on long-term solutions so the region can continue advancing important transit expansion projects that will benefit communities across Metro Vancouver.

At the same time, the Federal Government also has a critical role to play in helping to keep essential services like transit viable and available so Canadians across the country can safely return to work and help restart the economy. Our government looks forward to continuing discussions with the Federal Government to refine the details of the recently announced federal-provincial safe-restart agreement to ensure this support helps deliver the services that British Columbians need.

I want to thank you for the work you are doing on behalf of the people in the City of Langley. As we begin to move into recovery, I look forward to working with all levels of government to ensure the success of B.C.'s Restart Plan.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read 'Selina Robinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Selina Robinson
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier