



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Bus Rapid Transit Corridor on 200 Street to
Proposed 203 Street SkyTrain Station

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the City of Langley supports the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes across the Region as identified in the Mayors Council “Transport 2050: 10 Year Priorities”;
 2. THAT the 200 Street BRT route should terminate at the 203 Street SkyTrain Station and Transit Exchange in the City of Langley; and
 3. THAT TransLink be notified of the City of Langley’s endorsement of BRT and the integration with the proposed 203 Street SkyTrain Station and Transit Exchange.
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PURPOSE:

TransLink’s Regional Transportation Strategy, known as Transport 2050 was adopted in 2022 and sets out a vision for the next thirty years through a combination of projects, services and policies. A significant component of Transport 2050 is the construction of the Surrey Langley SkyTrain, bolstered by the implementation of several Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes including between the cities of Langley and Maple Ridge via the 200 Street corridor.

The intent of this report is to seek Council’s support for BRT across the Region and specifically endorsement of the BRT route along the 200 Street corridor, terminating at the proposed 203 Street SkyTrain Station in the City of Langley.

POLICY:

The provision for Transit Orientated Development (TOD) and overall increased housing densities as well as multi-modal transportation options are embedded within the City's strategic plans including the OCP and the Strategic Transportation Plan.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

Adopted in January, 2022 the Regional Transportation Strategy, known as Transport 2050 identifies five goals for regional transportation: convenient, reliable, affordable, safe and comfortable, and carbon-free. Over one hundred actions to improve all modes of transportation have been identified.

The Mayors Council "Transport 2050: 10 Year Priorities" document outlines the specific transit project priorities that are proposed across the Region and is available at the following hyperlink.

https://www.TransLink.ca/-/media/TransLink/documents/plans-and-projects/regional-transportation-strategy/transport-2050/t2050_10yr-priorities.pdf#view=fitH

The Surrey Langley SkyTrain (SLS) is a transformative transportation element for South of the Fraser and the 200 Street BRT, one of nine across the Region is extremely important to connect the regional town centres of Langley and Maple Ridge with fast, frequent and high-capacity transit service.

The SLS will terminate in the centre of the City of Langley at 203 Street and a new Transit Exchange will be constructed adjacent to the station to tie into the bus transit network.

Through the adoption of the current OCP the City of Langley has established a Transit Orientated Development land use that is suited to rapid transit and will facilitate new housing and employment opportunities around the new SkyTrain corridor as well as the BRT. Having the 200 Street BRT terminate at the 203 SkyTrain Station will support long term growth within the City in alignment with the Mayors Council's stated priorities. Benefits of routing the 200 Street BRT to the 203 Street SkyTrain Station and Transit Exchange include:

- Supports future TOD development, including high density mixed-use residential, commercial and light industrial uses, along the Langley Bypass. The City has committed to facilitating TOD development along Langley Bypass, between Willowbrook Mall and the vicinity of the 204 Street overpass, as stated in the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain (SLS) Supportive Policies Agreement (SPA) that the City signed with TransLink in May 2022.

- Provides excellent, centralized rapid transit access to employment areas in the heart of the City and Langley Bypass, including Downtown, Industrial and Mixed Employment areas.
- Provides an enhanced level of transit service to low income households concentrated within 800 metres of the 203 Street Station owing to the large inventory of social housing and affordable market rental units in the area.
- The enhanced transit service levels will also support parking reductions for new below-market housing rental units in the City.
- Supports the viability and continued growth of the KPU campus in accordance with the KPU 2050 Plan. BRT service will also provide easy access to KPU for students and faculty that live in the rapidly growing Maple Ridge and 200 Street corridor areas.
- Augments ongoing efforts to attract new employment generating uses and hi-tech and research investment into the Innovation Boulevard area that is located just to the northeast of the 203 Station.
- Provides excellent access to transit users that are using the new Transit Exchange and further reinforces the 203 SkyTrain Station as the gateway into the regional rapid rail network and a regional bus transit hub.
- Routing BRT over the 204 Street overpass will improve travel times and transit reliability.

TransLink is currently undertaking an evaluation of the nine BRT corridors and state that quick implementation requires that local governments support and champion the projects.

Providing endorsement of the transit components in the Mayors Council “Transport 2050: 10 Year Priorities” and stating the need for the 200 Street BRT to route into the City of Langley and terminate at the 203 Street SkyTrain Station and Transit Exchange will demonstrate the City’s commitment to provide a full multi-modal transportation network, not only in the City of Langley but across the Region.

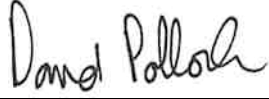
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

None provided.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Concurrence:



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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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