

October 2, 2025

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Transportation and Transit
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Translink Board of Directors
VIA Email: board@translink.ca

Re: Call for Advocacy to Bring HandyDART in House

At its September 29, 2025 Regular Council meeting, Langley City Council considered correspondence from the President of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1724 requesting Council's support and advocacy to bring HandyDART in house. Council subsequently passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS HandyDART is a vital door-to-door transit service for seniors and people with disabilities who cannot access conventional public transit without assistance;

AND WHEREAS the current outsourced HandyDART model has resulted in long-standing issues relating to service reliability concerns, safety issues, and increased reliance on subcontracted taxi services;

AND WHEREAS the BC NDP committed to bringing HandyDART in-house during the last provincial election, and multiple municipalities across Metro Vancouver have passed resolutions in support of this transition;

AND WHEREAS in 2023, City Council became a signatory to "Save our HandyDART" Coalition's open letter to the province which included a request that the TransLink Board develop and implement a plan to bring HandyDART in-house as a subsidiary of TransLink;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Langley City Council formally endorse the transition of HandyDART services to a publicly operated, in-house model under TransLink;

AND THAT Council send a letter of support to the TransLink Board of Directors and the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit, urging the Government of BC to act on this commitment and prioritize the transition in THIS upcoming provincial budget;

AND THAT this resolution be shared with the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and the Save Our HandyDART Coalition

Yours truly,
CITY OF LANGLEY



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