

Statement from TransLink CEO Kevin Desmond:

In light of the resolution passed by the City of Surrey council we are pausing work on the Surrey-Newton-Guildford LRT Project and suspending the RFQ process while we await direction from the Mayors' Council and the TransLink Board.

We are committed to improving rapid transit in Surrey and Langley and we look forward to working with the Mayors' Council, the City of Surrey, and the City and Township of Langley to advance the best options for the people south of the Fraser and the entire region as quickly as possible.

The approval of the Phase Two Investment Plan sparked the largest investment in transit and transportation in Metro Vancouver's history and we are continuing to build on that momentum to deliver unprecedented increases to transit service. The implementation of the rest of Plan will continue at the same time as the discussion about options for delivering rapid transit south of the Fraser proceeds.

TransLink works closely with the communities we serve and we will continue to work closely with all of the communities south of the Fraser throughout this process to work towards improved transportation options, including rapid transit, new B-Lines, and added bus service.