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Metro Vancouver's Cycling Advocates



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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to you on behalf of the VACC Vancouver/UBC Committee regarding the proposed TransLink 2012 Supplemental Plan and Outlook, which will be discussed today, October 4th, at the Special Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic Meeting.

We strongly support all of staff's recommendations outlined in the Administrative Report. We believe that it is critical to ensure that TransLink receives the necessary funding to achieve its described goals in the Plan and Outlook and we encourage following avenues such as increasing the gas tax in order to fund necessary cycling and transit improvements.

It is evident to us that for the continuing liveability of the region, we need greater funding to provide for necessary cycling as well as transit improvements. Transit improvements not only benefit society as a whole but cyclists feel those benefits specifically with respect to increased options for multi-modal travel especially on longer journeys and with reduced motor vehicle traffic on roads, allowing for more comfortable cycling.

We urge you to vote in favour of the recommendations put forward by staff and to encourage all regional mayors to support the TransLink Moving Forward Plan at the Mayors' Council on Friday October 7th.

Sincerely,

Lisa Slakov
Co-Chair VACC Vancouver/UBC Committee