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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation – Cure Congestion Campaign

As your mayor, I want to share with you a campaign led by the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation directed at the federal government. The campaign is asking all federal parties and candidates in the upcoming election to make public transit and road congestion a 2019 election issue - and we need your help. With only a couple of weeks until the official pre-election period begins, we need to act now to secure permanent federal funding, so projects like the extension of Skytrain from Surrey to Langley can move forward.

With demand for public transit growing at a record pace - and another one million people arriving in Metro Vancouver over the next two decades - the pressures on our transportation network will only increase. It's time to send Ottawa a message. I'm asking you to join me and the Mayors' Council in our call for a Congestion Relief Fund that would deliver \$375 million in annual, reliable, dedicated transit funding for Metro Vancouver.

We know that bringing Skytrain to Langley will be a game changer for our city, but we need funding from all levels of government if we are going to make it happen.

Here's how you can help:

- Write your Member of Parliament and federal candidates using the simple online tool at www.curecongestion.ca - including pre-loaded recipient emails based on your local representative and candidates
- Share the suggested social media content below with your network, using the hashtag #CureCongestion
- Retweet, repost, and "like" CureCongestion campaign content
- Visit [this page](#) and use the social media filters to build momentum
- Ask your friends and family to do the same

I have also included a Fact Sheet below for your reference.

Beyond the frustrations we experience from congestion, the federal investments we are calling for will have a significant impact on key issues that matter to our community. This includes economic growth through better movement of people and goods; reduced GHG emissions; better air quality; improved affordability; and more options for people who may not drive or may not be able to afford a car. The addition of better transit services will make it more viable for people to leave their cars at home.

Metro Vancouver is a key battleground in the federal election, and Ottawa is watching. Let's make the most of this opportunity, and together, let's cure congestion—in Langley and beyond.

Thank you for your support.

Yours truly,



Val van den Broek
Mayor, City of Langley

Suggested social media content:

- There's only one way to get #SkyTrain to #Langley, and that's by securing funding support from the federal govt. Visit curecongestion.ca and email your local MPs/candidates to call for a Congestion Relief Fund
- The South East region saw the highest growth in ridership in #MetroVan in 2018 at 15.6%. In order to keep up with demand, we need a federal Congestion Relief Fund. Join in our call and e-mail your federal MP/candidates through our website! #CureCongestion curecongestion.ca
- Sick of congestion in #MetroVan? In this federal election, the @mayors_council is calling for a permanent Congestion Relief Fund to keep Metro Vancouver moving! Do your part by visiting curecongestion.ca and emailing your local MPs/candidates #CureCongestion
- The @mayors_council is calling on federal parties to establish a Congestion Relief Fund to help fund future transit projects across our region, especially right here in Langley. We need your help to #CureCongestion in #MetroVan! Visit curecongestion.ca and email your local MPs/candidates!

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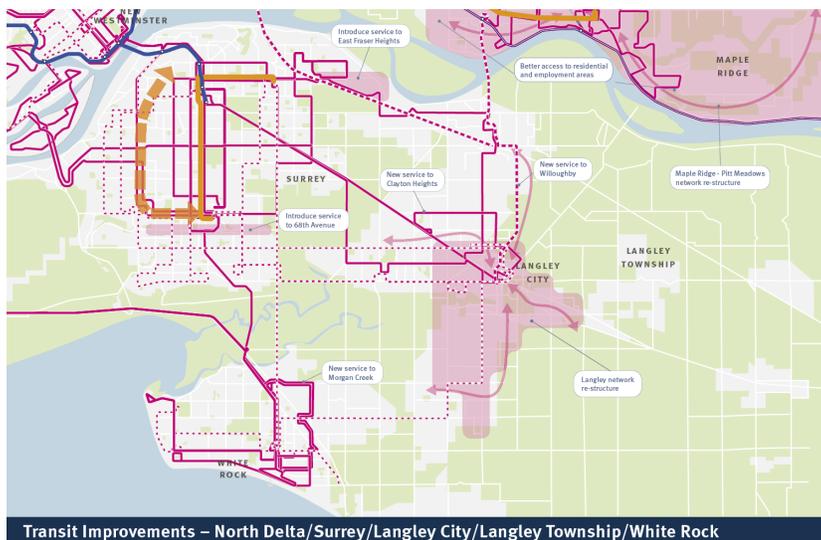
IT'S TIME TO CURE CONGESTION!



Public transit is the backbone of livable, competitive and sustainable cities. That's why in this federal election, the Mayors' Council is calling on all parties and candidates to commit to creating a permanent, predictable, direct funding mechanism for modern public transit across Canada - a **Congestion Relief Fund**.

BENEFITS FOR LANGLEY

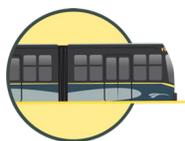
For Langley, TransLink is already delivering new services approved in the Phase One and Phase Two Plans of 10-Year Vision, including:



- New Fraser Highway B-Line between Surrey Centre and Langley (coming in 2019)
- Bicycle parkade at Carvolth Exchange
- 48th Avenue road widening and new bike lanes
- North Langley Connector Phase 1, including mixed cycling facilities on River and Glover roads
- Langley Township Fraser Highway widening and intersection improvements
- Restructuring the Langley shuttle network
- Reduced wait times for the 342, 364, 501, and 555 routes
- Reduced overcrowding for the 555: Carvolth Exchange/Lougheed Station
- New funding for municipal and regional cycling facilities, pedestrian infrastructure, and new mobility projects, including new Duncan Way sidewalks and multi-use paths, and Aldergrove walking infrastructure.
- A 7% increase in HandyDART service

The Mayors' Council is asking all federal political parties and Metro Vancouver voters:

JOIN US IN MAKING CONGESTION AN ISSUE IN THE 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION!



We need your help - go to CureCongestion.ca to send a message to your local MPs and candidates. Tell them you support better transit - for our environment, our economy and our quality of life.

Transit ridership across the region is growing, with a 17% increase in ridership in Metro Vancouver since 2016, and 7% in 2018 alone. For the South of Fraser region, annual growth from 2017-2018 was also strong, including:

- The South of Fraser sector had the largest percentage growth in the region by 15.6% over 2017. This is a massive increase of nearly 6.8 million annual boardings – the same as the Vancouver/UBC sub-region.
- The South of Fraser sub-region had phenomenal growth in one year, but this contributed to wide-spread overcrowding. In fact, South of Fraser also had more than double the number of trips with overcrowding.
- Annual bus boardings up 6,765,000, a 15.6% increase
- Annual bus service hours up 47,100, a 4.8% increase
- Notable routes include:
 - **The 502 Surrey Central/Langley Centre experienced the largest numerical growth in Langley** by 343,000 annual boardings, an increase of 2.1%.
 - **Three quarters of the routes in the South of Fraser had double digit percentage growth.** This is a large increase for any bus route, let alone multiple bus routes, and it surpassed the regionwide bus growth rate of 8.0%.
- The top five routes in 2018 were: the 319, 96, 502, 321, 335
- Routes improved over this time include: the 96 B-Line, 104, 310, 312, 319, 320, 321, 323, 325, 335, 337, 345, 351, 372, 388, 555

Why “Cure Congestion”?

Anyone who tries to get around this region knows: **Metro Vancouver is still suffering from a bad case of congestion.** People experience this congestion every day. It's the overcrowding on our transit system. It's bottlenecks on our roads that delay people and commerce. With demand for public transit growing at a record pace, and another one million people arriving in Metro Vancouver over the next two decades, the pressures on our transportation network will only increase.

We know that investments in transit make a big impact on local communities across the region. From commuters to seniors to those who can't afford a car, transit offers an affordable, practical option for getting around. Transit investments are also good for business and the environment: the more people using transit, the more road space is freed up for the efficient movement of goods, and fewer cars on the road will lead to better air quality and fewer GHG emissions.

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