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TransLink Seeks Community Input on Fall 2019 B-Line Rapid Bus Service

Maple Ridge, BC: TransLink has launched a community consultation of the new B-Line Rapid Bus Service that will launch in the fall of 2019.

“We are excited to see the work moving forward on the new B-Line Rapid Bus Service from the Haney Place Transit Exchange into Coquitlam to connect with the Evergreen Skytrain Station,” said Mayor Nicole Read. “This new service will run from 5:00 am until midnight every day and during peak hours will depart every ten minutes with limited stops. A lot of work needs to be done between now and the launch and Council encourages citizens to have their say as part of the community consultation, online and in the community between now and the end of May.”

TransLink has announced the launch of their online survey at translink.ca/bline to capture citizen input on the new service. In addition to the online engagement, TransLink staff will be seeking input in the community:

- 1) Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Maple Ridge Earth Day Festival at Memorial Peace Park
- 2) Monday, May 7 from 6:00 am until 9:00 am at the Haney Place Transit Exchange located at Edge Street and McIntosh Avenue just north of Haney Place Mall
- 3) Saturday, May 12 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at The ACT Arts Centre located at 11944 Haney Place on the east side of Memorial Peace Park

“It’s really important that TransLink hears from both current transit users and people who might convert from using their vehicles to a reliable rapid bus service,” said Mayor Read.

In addition to the community consultation on the B-Line Rapid Bus Service, TransLink has also launched work on an Area Transport Plan (ATP) for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. There is a

separate online survey for the ATP at translink.ca/mrpm that will be open until the end of May. Information on the ATP will also be available at all of the community events noted above.

“The Area Transport Plan is an opportunity for residents of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows to have their say about transportation in their area, whether you drive, walk, cycle, or take transit,” said Sarah Ross, TransLink’s director of system planning. “We want to know what’s working, what isn’t, and what the needs are, so we can make decisions that make it easier for everyone to get around. This transport plan will help us set the priorities in the short term and over the longer term, as funding comes available.”

“The City of Maple Ridge will be working closely with TransLink on the Area Transport Plan development over the next year. TransLink is an important funding partner for many projects in our community and our staff work closely with their planners to identify where we can have the greatest impact to improve our network for transit, vehicles, bikes and pedestrians. We also look for ways to leverage funding opportunities from senior government to advance work that we identify as a priority,” said David Pollock, Municipal Engineer for the City of Maple Ridge.

For more information about the local implications of the B-Line planning and ATP please contact David Pollock, Municipal Engineer for the City of Maple Ridge, by phone at 604-467-7496 or by email at dpollock@mapleridge.ca.