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2019 B-Line Rapid Bus Service Prompts Lougheed Corridor Land Use Study

Maple Ridge, BC: In the fall of 2019 the B-Line rapid bus service will begin between Maple Ridge Town Centre connecting with the Millennium Line in Coquitlam. At peak hours the service will run every ten minutes with limited stops in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Port Coquitlam along Lougheed Highway. The projected trip time is 40 minutes.

Council has directed staff to undertake a study to review the impacts of the new service along the Lougheed Highway corridor from 222 Street through to the western border of Maple Ridge. The study area will include properties to the south of Lougheed Highway and extend to properties on the north side of Dewdney Trunk Road.

The future B-Line rapid bus service is expected to increase regional transportation connectivity for Maple Ridge. The study will begin with a review of current land uses along the B-Line bus route and surrounding area. Working in consultation with the community, recommendations will be developed to ensure that Maple Ridge has a long term plan to manage the housing demands and desired forms of development along this important corridor. The overall goal of the study is to ensure that jobs, services, and multi-family housing are integrated with the future B-Line bus service.

The City of Maple Ridge will participate in Metro Vancouver's Lougheed Corridor Land Use and Monitoring Study which will advance the background work for the first phase of the study. The second phase of the work, starting in January of 2019, will involve community consultation through workshops, open house meetings and a community wide survey. The final phase of the study will see recommendations around land use designations brought forward to for review by the community and Council in the summer of 2019.

For more information on the B-Line Rapid Bus Service or Lougheed Corridor Land Use Study please contact Amelia Bowden, Planner by email at abowden@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7493.