



Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association Supports Mayors' Council Transportation Strategy

Surrey, BC (June 20 2014) – The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association (DSBIA) commends the Mayors' Council on its recently released 30-year vision and action plan for regional transportation, which proposes vast improvements to the transportation infrastructure across Metro Vancouver. The DSBIA advocates for the revitalization and continual community development of Surrey's downtown core, which will be supported by improved transit and roads across South of Fraser communities.

"The Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association represents more than 1,400 businesses in Downtown Surrey," says DSBIA CEO Elizabeth Model. "Through our Economic Development scope, outlined in our *'Strategic Plan 2013 and Beyond,'* we advocate for improved transit South of the Fraser. The DSBIA fully supports the Mayors' Council Transportation Strategy, as it aligns directly with our vision."

According to the Mayors' Council, this improved transportation in South of the Fraser communities will help ease traffic congestion, shorten commute lengths, increase availability of transit and help stimulate transit-oriented development, which will directly benefit the City of Surrey, its businesses, and its residents, as it embraces its rapid growth and aims to be a dynamic and sustainable metropolitan centre.

Specifically for South of the Fraser communities, the Mayors' Council's strategy proposes an additional 27 kilometers of Light Rail Transit (LRT), upgrades to existing LRT lines, expansion of the Pattullo Bridge, additional bus services, improvements to cycling and walking routes, and increased investments allocated to build and repair roads.

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