

## **Smart, Stephen PREM:EX**

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**From:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:38 PM  
**To:** Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Kay, Maclean PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up transit statement

Perfect... good catch Chels.

Jess, can you please get this to the GCPE editors to format (I should be the contact at the bottom) and send out province-wide asap.

Thanks all!

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**From:** Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:36 PM  
**To:** Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Smart, Stephen PREM:EX; Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Kay, Maclean PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up transit statement

One little extra 'and' that needs to be removed – in red below.

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**From:** Chin, Ben PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:35 PM  
**To:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX; Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up transit statement

Looks great

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:27 PM  
**To:** Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; Dolan, Chelsea PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up transit statement

Adding Ben into the mix... made a few tweaks...

Statement from Premier Christy Clark on the recently signed federal/provincial bilateral funding agreement.

Today, B.C. has become the first province to sign an agreement under the federal government's Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, representing a significant commitment that the province and our federal partners have made to invest in transit services in communities throughout the province.

This achievement demonstrates the important relationship British Columbia has made with the federal government, as we move forward with improving access to transit not only in the Lower Mainland but also in B.C. Transit communities.

The bilateral agreement provides Metro Vancouver and BC Transit with over \$314 million in provincial dollars and \$460 million in federal funding that will go toward transit-served communities in Vancouver and across the province. In Vancouver, we will invest this money into new Skytrain vehicles for the Expo, Millennium, and Canada Lines, a new SeaBus, a West Coast Express locomotive, upgrades to SkyTrain stations and for design and planning for Rapid Transit South of the Fraser and the Millennium Line Extension along Broadway.

Outside of the lower mainland, we will build new maintenance yards and bus depots, invest in new, cleaner and more efficient buses and install new technologies that will make transit users and bus operators safer.

Thanks to the great work done by Transportation Minister Todd Stone, Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Peter Fassbender and our federal and municipal partners, these dollars will have a direct impact on the everyday lives of transit users, helping to get them where they need to go in their communities. It will give people more opportunities to choose to get out of their vehicle and use a greener, more environmentally friendly mode of travel.

This is also an important step as we work towards tackling affordability challenges in Metro Vancouver by building smarter, more accessible, more connected communities and encouraging more density along major transit routes.

## **Smart, Stephen PREM:EX**

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**From:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:24 PM  
**To:** Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

Okay, let's draft up a statement of some sort from PCC, MTS, and MPF applauding the move, talking about our full amount, etc and see how that looks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:00 PM  
**To:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

Thanks - yes, very annoying - especially because there was no heads up.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:59 PM  
**To:** Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

That's not annoying at all!

I'll follow up and see if there's anything needed in terms of follow up.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:55 PM  
**To:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

Well in the funding agreements, federal government does not pay for land. So the province has to take on that cost. We will continue to push the 314 - and if asked, explain the reasoning for discrepancy.

Just spoke to Jordan on the phone - he said it was PMO policy to only highlight eligible costs. I just didn't have a heads up they were changing it before posting.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:49 PM  
**To:** Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

Just so I am clear. We are contributing to projects here that the feds are not contributing to. The land ones. Hence the difference in numbers?

> On Jun 16, 2016, at 12:40 PM, Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX <Jessica.Wolford@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> Looking like the difference is non-eligible costs (land):

> BC share of eligible costs as per project lists is \$246.433 M for

> TransLink projects and \$61.681 M for BC Transit projects for a total

> of \$308.1 M, but for the BC Transit projects there are non-eligible

> costs (i.e. land) so the provincial commitment is \$67.750 million and

> the total commitment for TransLink and BC Transit is \$314.2 million

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> So if we are asked about the difference, we will explain this.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX

> Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:26 PM

> To: 'Deagle, Jordan'

> Subject: FW: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

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> Hi Jordan, Quick question - in the version with track changes last night it sited BC contribution as 314 M - but in the final version you sent me this morning it was changed to 308M. Can you please clarify?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX

> Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 5:07 PM

> To: 'Deagle, Jordan'; Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

> Cc: Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Hage-Moussa, Vanessa; McMillan, James

> Subject: RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

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> Hi Jordan,

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> As Stephen and Ben are in transit - please see revised attached with track changes.

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> Regards,

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> Jess

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> Jessica Wolford

> Executive Director, Corporate Priorities Government Communications and

> Public Engagement Government of British Columbia

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Deagle, Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Deagle@pmo-cpm.gc.ca]

> Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:01 PM

> To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX

> Cc: Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Hage-Moussa, Vanessa; McMillan, James; Wolford,

> Jessica GCPE:EX

> Subject: RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

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> Defer to your side on this. Could you add a list of three to replace the examples we used?

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> Big thing here is just a desire to ground this announcement in actual projects that people can picture/wrap their minds around.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]

> Sent: June 15, 2016 5:17 PM

> To: Deagle, Jordan

> Cc: Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Hage-Moussa, Vanessa; McMillan, James; Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX

> Subject: RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

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> Hi Jordan,

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> Thanks for that. The other issue that I wanted to flag is detailing the BC Transit projects (versus the Translink ones). We actually don't have local sign off yet with BC Transit and each municipality on those so hoping we can avoid detailing them project-by-project until they are ready to announce individually.

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> We'd propose something like below for the descriptions...

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> Let me know what you think.

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> Thanks!

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> Stephen

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> Examples of projects in Metro Vancouver include:

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- > . The purchase of additional SkyTrain vehicles for the Expo, Millennium, and Canada Lines.
- > . A new West Coast Express locomotive.
- > . A new SeaBus.
- > . Upgrades to SkyTrain stations.
- > . Design and planning for Rapid Transit South of Fraser and the Millennium Line Extension along Broadway.

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> BC Transit projects will include the following types of projects, which are identified as priorities in local government transit plans:

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> New buses:

- > . BC Transit will work with local communities to invest in new and more efficient buses, including cleaner burning CNG-fueled buses, and new buses for handyDART service expansion. New buses will go to communities where the fleet is reaching their end of its service-life - saving local communities in fuel, maintenance costs and a reduced carbon footprint.

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> New Technologies:

- > . A portion of the money is earmarked for new technologies to make the fleet safer for drivers and passengers and to give BC Transit and local communities' ridership information that will make them become even more efficient. The new technologies will also make riding transit more convenient for the many British Columbians who use these services every day.

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> New infrastructure:

- > . BC Transit will invest in new bus depots, maintenance yards and operations facilities, as well as in new CNG fueling stations, in communities across the province.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Deagle, Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Deagle@pmo-cpm.gc.ca]  
> Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 1:19 PM  
> To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
> Cc: jessica.woolford@gov.bc.ca; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Hage-Moussa,  
> Vanessa; McMillan, James  
> Subject: RE: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

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> Ah yes.

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> We can drop those for sure.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]  
> Sent: June 15, 2016 4:18 PM  
> To: Deagle, Jordan  
> Cc: jessica.woolford@gov.bc.ca; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Hage-Moussa,  
> Vanessa; McMillan, James  
> Subject: Re: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

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> Hi Jordan,

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> One issue... This mentions waste water projects. We do not yet have an agreement on those. Tomorrow's announcement is only about transit funding.

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> Let me know your thoughts on that.

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> Thanks!

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> S.

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>> On Jun 15, 2016, at 12:49 PM, Deagle, Jordan <Jordan.Deagle@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

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>> Hi Stephen -

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>> Thanks for this. Very much on board with all the products. Have a slightly different NR in mind. PMO-approved and attached. Please review and then we can chat & come to ground on it.

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>> Thx!

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>> Jordan Deagle

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>> From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX [mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca]  
>> Sent: June 15, 2016 3:28 PM  
>> To: Deagle, Jordan  
>> Cc: jessica.woolford@gov.bc.ca; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Hage-Moussa,  
>> Vanessa  
>> Subject: Fwd: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement

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>> Hi Jordan,  
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>> As per our discussion earlier today, here is our draft joint NR for tomorrow's announcement.  
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>> Thanks!  
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>> Stephen  
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>> Begin forwarded message:  
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>> From: "Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX"  
>> <Jessica.Wolford@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Jessica.Wolford@gov.bc.ca>>  
>> Date: June 15, 2016 at 12:13:26 PM PDT  
>> To: "Smart, Stephen PREM:EX"  
>> <Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca<mailto:Stephen.Smart@gov.bc.ca>>  
>> Subject: FW: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement  
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>> REVISED attached  
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>> From: Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX  
>> Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 11:42 AM  
>> To: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX  
>> Subject: DRAFT: Joint NR & BGs - Transit Announcement  
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>> <160615\_NR\_BC transit announcement.doc>

## Chin, Ben PREM:EX

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**From:** Dwivedi, Anish GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2016 9:31 PM  
**To:** Cadario, Michele PREM:EX; Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; McPhee, Jordan PREM:EX; Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX; Koolsbergen, Nick LASS:EX; Smart, Stephen PREM:EX; Fraser, John Paul GCPE:EX; Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX; Chin, Ben PREM:EX; Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Draft Itinerary: Transit Announcement: June 16th

Please find attached a draft itinerary for the transit announcement scheduled for this Thursday. While the Premier is arriving at 9:10 AM for a bilateral, MLAs can arrive at 10 AM as the announcement itself begins at 10:30 AM.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will have the final out tomorrow once all information has been confirmed.

Regards  
Anish



Itinerary - June 16  
- Transit ...



## Transit Announcement

Skytrain Operations Centre  
6800 14 Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

**Date:** Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**Podium:** Yes –

**Arrival Time:** 9:10 AM  
**Dress:** Business

**Event Summary:** Premier Clark to participate in a transit funding announcement with the Prime Minister and Mayor of Vancouver

**Action/Visual:** Premier, PM and Mayor arriving s.15 , delivering remarks and taking questions from the media

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**Additional VIP's:** Prime Minister Justin Trudeau  
Mayor Gregor Robertson

**Media Relations:** Stephen Smart / Mary Lo (Mary at main gate)

| Time     | Event Itinerary  |
|----------|--|
| 7:00 AM  | Anish on site for set up   |
| 9:00 AM  | PO Staff arrives and are escorted s.15   |
| 9:10 AM  | PCC arrives, s.15 and is briefed on bilateral with PM. Staff TBC for the briefing  |
| 9:45 AM  | Premier proceeds to s.15 for bilateral meeting s.15<br>s.15<br>Note: Media will be brought in to take pictures of the meeting. Opportunity to do the MOU signing here. |
| 10:10 AM | Bilateral concludes, Premier heads back into s.15 for event briefing   |
| 10:20 AM | Premier, PM and Mayor meet up and are escorted to s.15   |
| 10:29 AM | s.15   |
| 10:30 AM | s.15 Premier disembarks and takes position by the podium. (Position marked)  |
| 10:31 AM | PM take the podium (Waiting to hear from PMO on full run of show and emcee for the event)  |
| 10:35 AM | PM concludes   |
| 10:36 AM | Premier delivers remarks   |
| 10:40 AM | Premier Concludes  |
| 10:41 AM | Mayor Robertson delivers remarks   |
| 10:44 AM | Mayor concludes  |
| 10:45 AM | Emcee calls PM back for questions from the media<br>Note: Premier to move to the podium if asked a question  |
| 10:55 AM | Media avail concludes  |
| 10:56 AM | PM moves back to s.15 for lunch, Premier departs.  |

Contacts

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**From:** Dwivedi, Anish GCPE:EX  
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**Cc:** Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Fraser, John Paul GCPE:EX; Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX; Koolsbergen, Nick LASS:EX; Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX; Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX; Brendeland, Deb GCPE:EX; Surovy, Kyle GCPE:EX; Lo, Mary GCPE:EX; Bains, Parm GCPE:EX; Kerr, Carleen GCPE:EX; Ross, Kara L PREM:EX; van Marum, Karen GCPE:EX; Wong, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Itinerary: Transit Announcement: June 16th

Please find attached an itinerary for the transit announcement scheduled for tomorrow at 10:30 AM. Premier has a bilateral at 9:45 AM with the PM prior to the announcement. Please also note that there will not be an emcee for the event. Premier has to ask Mayor Robertson to come up to the podium following her remarks.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be on site.

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| 10:56 AM |      | PM moves back to s.15 for lunch, Premier departs.                      |

Regards  
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# Release

For immediate release

## **PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES NEW INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA**

June 16, 2016

Vancouver, British Columbia

Prime Minister's Office

The Government of Canada remains committed to making significant investments in infrastructure that will improve our public transit systems, strengthen Canadian communities, and help grow the economy.

Today, the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, and Premier Christy Clark, announced that an agreement has been reached that will result in more than \$900 million being invested – by the Government of Canada, British Columbia, and municipalities – in public transit projects across the province.

The agreement made today will reduce congestion and commute times, so that Canadian families can spend less time on the road, and more time with their loved ones. The investments will be used to <sup>s.13</sup> expand bus lanes, add new railcars to the Skytrain, and deliver the fixes that our transit systems have needed for decades.

Investing in public transit creates good, well-paying jobs that can help the middle class grow and prosper today. When well-planned infrastructure makes it easier for middle class Canadians to get to work on time, bring their kids to soccer practice, or go to the grocery store, the entire economy benefits.

### **Quotes**

“Canadians have asked us to reduce congestion and commute times in their cities. This investment in public transit will help the people of British Columbia get home to their loved ones faster. It will also help to grow the middle class by improving business flows in municipalities while reducing environmental damage.”

- Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

“British Columbia is leading Canada, and as our economy continues to grow, transit infrastructure needs to keep pace. This investment will help meet rising demand, ease congestion, lower our carbon footprint, and enhance our quality of life.”

- Hon. Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia

### Quick Facts

- This funding is part of the first phase of *Investing in Canada*, the Government of Canada's historic \$120-billion plan to support public infrastructure across the country over the next 10 years.
- Phase 1 of *Investing in Canada* will provide over \$10 billion in immediate investments to support public transit systems, green infrastructure projects, and social infrastructure projects. Details on Phase 2 of *Investing in Canada* will be announced over the next year.
- Phase 1 funding provided under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund <sup>s.13</sup> will be managed through agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments.

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- Under this agreement, the Government of Canada has made its funding retroactive to April 1, 2016, so projects can proceed without delay to help ensure a productive construction season this year.
- The investment announcement today – \$460 million and \$314 million from the Province of British Columbia of which will come from the Government of Canada's new Public Transit Infrastructure Fund – will help make sure that public transit is keeping pace with the rapid growth of British Columbia. Funding will modernize public transit systems – including the SkyTrain and SeaBus services, as well as the rapid transit and provincial bus systems – to help move people and commerce more efficiently through B.C. municipalities.

### Associated Links

- Backgrounder - Infrastructure agreement with British Columbia under new Public Transit Infrastructure Fund
- Infrastructure Canada - [Investing in Canada: The \\$120 Billion Infrastructure Plan](#)
- Infrastructure Canada - [Public Transit Infrastructure Fund](#)

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PMO Media relations: 613-957-5555

This document is also available at <http://pm.gc.ca>



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# Backgrounder

## INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA UNDER NEW PUBLIC TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The Government of Canada is providing \$460 million and British Columbia is providing \$314 million under the new Public Transit Infrastructure Fund to help shorten commute times, cut air pollution, and strengthen communities in British Columbia. Combined with contributions from <sup>s.13</sup> municipalities, more than \$900 million will be going toward public transit across the province.

As part of the bilateral agreement with British Columbia, the following projects have been identified for funding. This represents the full allocation for the province under this new fund. Details regarding specific funding allocations to be announced at tender of each project.

Metro Vancouver TransLink Phase 1 of *Investing in Canada* includes:

- The purchase of additional SkyTrain vehicles for the Expo, Millennium, and Canada Lines
- A new West Coast Express locomotive
- A new SeaBus
- Upgrades to SkyTrain stations
- Design and planning for Rapid Transit South of Fraser and the Millennium Line Extension along Broadway

BC Transit Phase 1 of *Investing in Canada* includes:

- Investments in in new bus depots, maintenance yards and operations facilities, as well as in new CNG fueling stations, in communities across the province.
- New and more efficient buses, including cleaner burning CNG-fueled buses, and new buses for handyDART service expansion.;
- New technologies to make the fleet safer for drivers and passengers and to give BC Transit and local communities' ridership information that will make them become even more efficient.

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Signing of provincial-federal agreement on Public Transit Infrastructure Fund

*Advice to Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure*

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### **Q1: What are you announcing today?**

- Today, B.C. is the first province to sign an agreement with the federal government for phase one of the new Public Transit Infrastructure Fund.
- The Canada-British Columbia Provincial Transit Infrastructure Funding Agreement will provide \$774.3 million in federal and provincial dollars towards expanding and updating transit across British Columbia.
- This includes \$460.5 million in federal funds and \$313.8 million in provincial funding over the next three years.
- Federal transit funding will be allocated between TransLink (Lower Mainland) and BC Transit opportunities with \$370.5 million going to TransLink and the remaining \$90 million going to BC Transit.
- Provincial funding includes \$246 million for Metro Vancouver and \$67.8 million for BC Transit.
- Including local government contributions, total investment in transit for phase one of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund will reach \$921 million.

### **Q2: What will the funding be used for?**

- The PTIF will primarily support investments that meet immediate transit priorities outlined by Canada including: projects to repair and upgrade public transit, that support system optimization and efficiency, increase asset management capacity, and design and planning for future expansion of public transit systems.
- For example, in Metro Vancouver the funding will go towards the purchase of additional SkyTrain Cars, a West Coast Express locomotive, a new SeaBus, and upgrades to bus exchanges and SkyTrain stations.
- Design and planning for Rapid Transit South of Fraser and the Millennium Line Extension along Broadway will also be supported.
- In other parts of the province, we anticipate funding will go towards investments such as new transit depots and facility upgrades, the purchase of new cleaner burning buses, CNG enabled maintenance and operations facilities, transit technology, transit expansion such as handyDART and others.

**Q3: Now that the agreement is signed, what happens?**

- Many of these projects across British Columbia are ready to go, and will progress through the summer months and into the fall.
- Specific projects will be announced at a later date as they go to tender and construction starts.

**Q4: When will projects get underway?**

- Many of these projects across British Columbia are ready to go, and will progress through the summer months and the next three years.

**Q5: How is funding allocated to each community?**

- Transit in B.C. is unique in that we have two transit agencies providing all public transit services for the entire province. Funding is allocated between these two agencies, with \$370.5 million going to Translink and the remaining \$90 million going to BC Transit.
- The Mayor's Vision will guide investments in Metro Vancouver and BC Transit will work with its local government partners to advance key transit infrastructure projects outside Metro Vancouver.

**Q6: How will British Columbians benefit?**

- These investments in transit infrastructure will improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of transit systems in cities and towns across B.C.
- Expansion and improvement of transit systems will help people get where they need to go in their communities, and create options for people to use alternate forms of transportation.

**Q7: Are the Metro Region Mayors on board with this announcement?**

- These projects have been identified with the Mayors' Council and TransLink to ensure the most benefit for transit users across the Metro Region.

**Q8: How will Metro Region Mayors pay for their 17% share of Phase One?**

- We understand that from their existing revenues sources, as well as other new sources within their control, they can cover the 17% share of Phase One.

**Q9: Won't they be short on operational funding in later years of the plan?**

- We recognize that Phase One projects will have financial implications for TransLink which may require additional revenue to support the later years of its ten year Investment Plan.

**Q10: Are you talking with the Mayors about changes to the current TransLink governance model, as they have requested?**

- At this time, we are focused on seizing the opportunity presented to us by the federal government, and ensuring that important transit improvement projects get underway as soon as possible.
- I believe the Mayors still need to work with the new authorities they have following the considerable changes the BC government made to TransLink governance in the spring of 2014.
- With the changes we made, the Mayors' Council has clear oversight of long-term planning and transportation priority setting, as well as its 10-year Investment Plans.
- I'm pleased that the chair and vice-chair of the Mayors' Council now participate on TransLink's Board and help guide its decisions.

**Q11: There appear to be a lot of projects for the Lower Mainland but what about for the rest of B.C.?**

- The agreement means the communities outside of the Lower Mainland will receive over \$180 million in new funding for transit capital projects. This is a significant amount of money and will address a number of very important capital priorities.
- The federal funding program allocated the funding to provinces based on ridership, which is higher in Metro Vancouver than the rest of the province – but that hasn't stopped us from working hard with all our partners.
- The Province of British Columbia is firmly committed to investments in transit, and to supporting the creation of sustainable affordable, accessible and liveable communities across B.C.
- BC Transit has a partnership relationship with local governments across the province and will be working closely with them to confirm priority infrastructure projects for this phase of funding.

**Q12: What about "phase two" of federal funding and the rest of the Mayors' Vision?**

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- The funding envelope and eligibility criteria have not yet been determined for federal Phase Two funding.
- We are engaged in active discussions with the Government of Canada and expect to have more information on Phase Two in the coming months.
- Our goal is to maximize federal investments in British Columbia in Phase Two.
- With a mutual commitment to Phase One investments, we take a critical step forward in realizing the Mayors' Vision, and we set the stage to advance discussions respecting Phase Two transit investments and the funding commitments needed by all levels of government to support them.

**Q13: Is there a list of projects and what's on this list?**

- The list of projects in Metro Vancouver has been finalized, in collaboration with TransLink and the Mayors' Council.
- The list of projects in the rest of B.C. will be subject to local government funding commitments, and will be announced at a later date.

**Q14: What are Phase One projects?**

- Phase One projects include the purchase of new SkyTrain and West Coast Express vehicles, a new SeaBus, and transit exchange improvements in the TransLink service region; and the purchase of new buses, including handyDART vehicles, technology improvements, investments in transit operating facilities, and Compressed Natural Gas technology, which burns cleaner and more cheaply, in the rest of B.C.

**Q15: What are Phase Two projects?**

- Phase Two of the PTIF will include major capital expenditures outlined in the Mayors' Vision, such as building on phase one investments to complete the extension of the Millennium Line along Broadway, and to build new rapid transit South of Fraser.
- These discussions are currently underway with the federal government, to determine the funding envelope, criteria, and cost-share provisions. Details are expected to be finalized in the coming months.

- BC Transit services will also be eligible for Phase Two funding. We will continue to work with the federal government to secure federal funding for future phases of transit services.

**BC Transit specific questions:**

**Q16: How much funding is going to BC Transit?**

- Of the \$460M going to British Columbia for public transit investments over the next three years, \$90M is going to BC Transit.

**Q17: How will BC Transit allocate the funding?**

- BC Transit manages transit service for communities across the province and has a strong working relationship with local government. Capital projects are outlined in local government's transit future plans.
- BC Transit regularly identifies capital funding and priority infrastructure projects with each local government on an ongoing basis.
- With the signing of this agreement, BC Transit will begin meeting with local governments to secure their contributions for key transit infrastructure priorities in BC Transit-served communities across the province.
- In the past, local governments would have had to pay over 50% of the costs for capital upgrades. With the province and federal government share now being 83%, we anticipate that the communities will be fully supportive of these new capital projects.
- The province, federal government, BC Transit and local governments will announce the specific details of each project.

**Q18: Will this funding be invested in community X (specific regional communities)?**

- Every community served by BC Transit should see some benefit for this funding – whether it's through new buses or with new technology.
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**Q19: What types of BC Transit projects are you prioritizing?**

- New infrastructure:
  - BC Transit will invest in new bus depots, maintenance yards and operations facilities, as well as in new CNG fuelling, stations in communities across the province.
- New buses:
  - BC Transit will work with local communities to invest in new and more efficient buses, including cleaner burning CNG-fueled and handyDART buses.
  - New buses will go to communities where the fleet is reaching their end of service-life – saving local communities in fuel and maintenance costs.
- New Technologies:
  - A portion of the money is earmarked for new technologies to make the fleet safer for drivers and passengers and to give BC Transit and local communities ridership information that will make them become even more efficient.
  - The new technologies will also make riding transit more convenient for the many British Columbians who use these services every day.

**Q20: Will there be two phases of funding for BC Transit projects?**

- Yes. The nearly \$160 million announced today is only the first phase of funding for BC Transit services.
- We will continue to work with the federal government to secure federal funding for future phases of transit services.

**Q21: Will you approve Victoria Transit Commission's request to increase the gas tax to pay for priorities?**

- Government recognizes the Victoria Regional Transit Commission's interests in providing transit service in the most viable way possible.
- The province has shown a strong commitment to fund transit across the province. We have increased our funding by nearly 50% over the last eight years and are adding nearly \$13 million in the next three years.
- And today we are announcing a joint agreement with the federal government to invest even more funding in BC Transit services.



- I appreciate the work that Victoria Regional Transit Committee has done over the last few months to engage with the many municipalities in Greater Victoria on the gas tax.
- I met with the chair of the committee, Susan Brice, and she provided the results of her work and the feedback she's received from the local governments.
- We will look at the information she's provided, and will discuss with the Ministry of Finance, once VRTC has had an opportunity to meet with him.
- We will continue discussions with the Victoria Regional Transit Commission on how to best fund local transit.

**Q22: Why didn't you need to get regional government approval for BC Transit funding before announcing this today?**

- In Metro Vancouver, the mayors' council represents the larger metro area and has already identified and endorsed the projects and their share of the costs.
- BC Transit's long term capital plan has identified infrastructure priorities in communities served by BC Transit. Local governments need to obtain final approval of their contribution through their municipal budgeting process.
- In the past, local governments would have been responsible for over 50% of new capital projects.
- With the province and federal government share being 83% of the projects compared to the traditional 53%, we anticipate that the communities will be fully supportive of these new capital projects.
- Municipalities needed to know that funding was on the table

**Q23: The bilateral agreement talks about incremental funding... what is that and are these projects incremental?**

- Incremental funding means that the new funding is going to be invested in new projects that would not have gone forward today if we had not reached this agreement to add new federal or provincial dollars.
- However, the federal funding allowed us to bring more money to the table to invest in these new services, technologies and infrastructure today.

**Q24: So do you mean that you would not have invested in the new technology or new buses without federal dollars?**

- In the long term, we would have likely found funding for these important services.
- The federal funding allowed us to leverage our available dollars to move forward and invest in these new services, technologies and infrastructure today.

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