

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ELECTRONICALLY FROM CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, BC, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION)

5. Request for Municipal Resolutions in Support of Bus Rapid Transit
– File: 16-8500-01-0001/2023

Report: Manager, Transportation Planning, October 4, 2023

Moved by Councillor Valente, seconded by Councillor Shahriari

PURSUANT to the report of the Manager, Transportation Planning, dated October 4, 2023, entitled “Request for Municipal Resolutions in Support of Bus Rapid Transit”:

THAT the City of North Vancouver support a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line featuring dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, enhanced customer amenities at stations and specialized vehicles to support fast, reliable, high-quality rapid transit connecting Park Royal and Metrotown;

THAT support for this project will include:

- Working with TransLink to finalize and sign a *Bus Rapid Transit Action Plan Commitment Framework* to partner with TransLink to expeditiously achieve a high quality BRT corridor;
- A commitment to deliver a BRT with near continuous exclusive transit lane along the length of the corridor, achieved primarily through reallocation of existing road space;
- Support for prioritizing transit, including willingness to reallocate space from parking, changes to property access, turn restrictions and transit signal priority;
- Willingness to allocate resources and in-kind support;
- Appointing a BRT “Council champion”, a BRT internal staff lead and a dedicated staff team to support the project through all phases;
- Willingness to expedite processes, permits and approvals, and to co-lead and support public engagement;
- Aligning local plans and policies to support Transit Oriented Communities and implement supportive infrastructure including walking and cycling networks;

THAT Councillor Shahriari be appointed as the BRT Council champion;

THAT staff be directed to work expeditiously with TransLink and coordinate with adjacent municipalities towards the planning, design and implementation of BRT within the municipality;

THAT the Mayors’ Council be asked to prioritize the Park Royal to Metrotown corridor as a priority BRT project, based on the municipality’s readiness to support the project;

AND THAT the report of the Manager, Transportation Planning, dated October 4, 2023, entitled “Request for Municipal Resolutions in Support of Bus Rapid Transit”, remain in the Closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY