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Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce disappointed with Today's Surrey-Langley Skytrain Update

The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce, Langley's largest Business Organization, considered today's Surrey-Langley Skytrain update by TransLink disappointing to say the least. Transportation investments and continued advocacy for improved transportation investments are important to support the movement of goods and services and to attract business to the Langley's and South of the Fraser.

"South of the Fraser have been waiting so long for transit and transportation investments," said Colleen Clark, CEO, Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce. "We had an unprecedented approved transit plan – and today's announcement denotes that the skytrain line will only go to 166 Street within the approved funding envelope. This means no skytrain to Langley for several years to come."

The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce will continue to work with TransLink, the Mayors Council and our community partners to advocate for transit and highway improvements. These issues are a top priority of our members.

"The Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce is part of the 'Cure Congestion' advocacy that articulates with the upcoming federal election that we need permanent, predictable funding for public transit so we can cure congestion and keep Metro Vancouver moving."

In summary, today's update was:

1. The assumed cost of 27km of rapid transit South of the Fraser is \$3.55B. Approved money now is \$1.65B. That will get the skytrain to Fleetwood. Rest of money in third phase of 10-year plan not approved yet. It will be up to the Mayors Council to decide whether to find more money to take it to Clayton or stay within budget.

2. Updated timeline:

Public engagement taking place Fall 2019/Winter 2020
Business Case ready early 2020
Investment Approval Spring 2020
Project Approval Summer 2020
Procurement Fall 2021
Construction Early 2022
Completion Late 2025



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