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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Please find attached above a memo regarding the release of the Arbutus-to-UBC SkyTrain Design Development and Cost-Benefit Estimate Project. A summary of key points is listed below:

- TransLink is leading this work to explore alternate vertical and horizontal alignments and assess the costs and benefits prior to the creation of a formal business case.
- This work is a result of Vancouver City Council's and the regional Mayors' Council's endorsement of a SkyTrain extension from Arbutus to UBC.
- This is primarily a technical study and land use planning is not within the scope, with the exception of consideration of the major project site at the Jericho Lands as it pertains to station location and construction.

For more information related to the background of the Broadway Subway Project, please contact Jerry Dobrovolny at 604.873.7331 or jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca.

Thank you,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

MEMORANDUM

June 27, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: Release of Arbutus-to-UBC SkyTrain Design Development & Cost-Benefit Estimate Project Request for Proposals

On June 25, 2019, the Province of British Columbia announced the shortlist of qualified teams that will be invited to respond to the Broadway Subway Project Request for Proposals (RFP); the successful applicant will build the SkyTrain extension from VCC-Clark Station to Arbutus Street. On June 26, 2019, TransLink released the RFP for the further technical work on the alignment and station locations from Arbutus Street to UBC.

The RFP release for the technical work from Arbutus Street to UBC is a result of Vancouver City Council and Mayors' Council endorsements. On January 30, 2019, Vancouver City Council endorsed a SkyTrain extension from Arbutus to UBC. Two weeks later on February 15, 2019, the regional Mayors' Council also endorsed a SkyTrain extension from Arbutus to UBC and unlocked funding for further study. The technical work related to the Arbutus-to-UBC SkyTrain Design Development and Cost-Benefit Estimate Project will:

- Provide an analysis of alternatives for vertical and horizontal alignment to determine a preferred functional alignment and station locations;
- Develop cost estimates to support subsequent project definition and procurement readiness work;

- Advance the development of project business case inputs, including preliminary estimates of benefits and costs; and
- Articulate a preferred design concept that best meets project objectives.

This project follows a similar process to that of the design development of the Broadway Subway Project from VCC-Clark Station to Arbutus Street. Note that this is primarily a technical study and land use planning is not within the scope – with the exception of consideration of the major project site at the Jericho Lands as it pertains to station location and construction.

This project will be funded and led by TransLink with participation from multiple partner agencies including the City of Vancouver. The City's involvement in this project will be led by the City's Rapid Transit Office.

Once this work is complete, staff will report back to Council. Developing a business case would be the next step following the conclusion of this work. Development of the business case would need to be funded through a future TransLink investment plan and approved by the Mayors' Council before proceeding with the project.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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