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Good evening Mayor and Council,

Further to the decision reached this afternoon, I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release this evening regarding today's confirming Council's endorsement, with amendments, of the proposed route and station locations for the potential SkyTrain to UBC.

Best,
Paul

City of Vancouver
News Release
March 29, 2022

City endorses proposed route and station locations for SkyTrain to UBC

Today marked another milestone for the [Millennium Line Extension from Arbutus Street to UBC](#) (SkyTrain to UBC) as the proposed route received endorsement from City Council.

Council approved potential stations located at Macdonald Street, Alma Street and within the Jericho Lands, with amendments below. Council also supported advancing opportunities to integrate new stations with future development to improve connectivity, accessibility and passenger amenities.

SkyTrain to UBC will be evaluated later this spring along with other regional projects as part of the upcoming Mayors' Council Transport 2050 (New Vision), an update to the 2014 Mayors' Council 10-Year Vision. If the project is prioritized, it will progress to the next phase of design development.

"This decision brings us one step closer to extending SkyTrain all the way to UBC and linking it to the entire region," says Mayor Kennedy Stewart. "Broadway is the second largest economic area in BC, and a rapid connection to UBC will foster new jobs and innovation while combating climate change and reducing congestion by taking up to 3,000 cars off the road per day."

SkyTrain to UBC is an essential regional rapid transit project which supports the City's [Transportation 2040 Plan](#), [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#), and [Housing Vancouver Strategy](#) goals. It aligns with regional priorities by connecting a significant number of people to major destinations.

The City, UBC and the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Development Corporation (MST-DC), signed an historic [Memorandum of Understanding](#) in late 2019 to jointly advocate for federal, provincial and regional support and funding for the proposed extension. In summer 2021, senior levels of government committed to providing funding contribution for the next phase of the project, including future planning and business case development.

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Note to editors: Please see amended motion below. This is a draft copy provided for your understanding. The published minutes are the official record of the meeting.

- A. THAT Council endorse a Millennium Line UBC SkyTrain Extension alignment from Arbutus Street

to UBC as described in the report, including stations at MacDonald Street, Alma Street and Jericho Lands.

- B. THAT Council endorse a station location within the Jericho Lands with the location to be refined through future City and TransLink processes.
- C. THAT Council endorse staff working with project partners including the Province, TransLink and others to advance opportunities for station integration with development and achieve shared design objectives such as enhanced connectivity, accessibility, passenger amenities as well as a vibrant public realm.
- D. THAT Council ask staff to review previously passed Development Cost Expectation charges along the entire corridor to recalibrate them in keeping with land price increases since 2018.
- E. THAT Council ask staff to report back on the following issues as soon as possible:
 - 1. How to ensure that the UBC transit corridor initiative does not result in the same degree of land price speculation and consequent high housing prices and rents as in the case of the SkyTrain on Cambie;
 - 2. How to get real affordability along the UBC SkyTrain route calibrated to average renter incomes and how to protect the affordable rental stock that exists there now;
 - 3. How to ensure that the cost of the UBC transit doesn't starve the rest of the transit system for people who don't use that route and that other routes that need faster transit are appropriately prioritized and funded;
 - 4. The impact of embodied carbon in SkyTrain construction on our GHG reduction targets;
 - 5. Redone ridership projections, given COVID-19 and more people working, studying and meeting virtually.

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