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Surrey-Langley SkyTrain • B.C. Election 2020 Voters' Guide



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th

is the final day to VOTE for your next provincial government!!!

Why is building the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain more important than ever?

The time for SkyTrain is now. B.C.'s economy has been battered by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unemployment has risen to record highs, and housing costs are a huge challenge. The lack of a rapid transit backbone has made us reliant on our cars, at a high expense: on average, **we now pay 2-3x as much to get around** compared to those living in areas well-served by SkyTrain. Building the full Surrey-Langley SkyTrain **secures our prosperity through the pandemic**: not only will it provide **much-needed construction jobs** to boost the local economy, but it will give us crucial access to education and job opportunities throughout the region—via fast, frequent and reliable automated trains.

How does this election affect the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain?

The Mayors' Council has endorsed the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain as the region's next major rapid transit investment and is committed to building all 16 kilometres within the region's current 10-year-vision.

However, regional mayors have only been able to secure the **\$1.6 billion in funding** from the previous LRT plan, and TransLink has determined this will be enough to build as far as 166 Street in Fleetwood. This funding is still subject to a business case approval, which was delayed due to the onset of COVID-19.

To complete the remaining segment to Langley City, an **additional \$1.5 billion** in funding must be secured from all relevant partners. TransLink's CEO has noted the possibility of completing the entire project to Langley in a single phase, but only if the remaining \$1.5 billion is secured, which must be done **as soon as possible**.

In order to build the full 16 kilometre Surrey-Langley SkyTrain by 2025, the next provincial government must do the following:

- ☑ **Approve** the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain business case (and initial \$1.6 billion in funding to 166 Street in Fleetwood).
- ☑ **Commit, in budget**, to the provincial share of the remaining \$1.5 billion to Langley City.
- ☑ **Complete** the full Surrey-Langley SkyTrain in a single phase (instead of two phases).
- ☑ **Prioritize** the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain and ensure that other transportation projects do not cause delays.
- ☑ **Support TransLink operations** so that it remains in good financial standing and can deliver the region's funding share.



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How do the parties do on commitments for the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain?

Since the start of this election period, SkyTrain for Surrey has been monitoring party platforms, party announcements, debates, and candidate statements on developments regarding the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain. As of **October 23, 2020**, we rate the below four provincial parties on this issue as follows:

	 BC NDP	 greens OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	 BC Liberals Restore Confidence. Rebuild BC.	 Conservative British Columbia
Approving the SLS business case	YES will approve	YES will approve	LIKELY indicated support	YES will approve
Committing funds from Fleetwood to Langley	YES will make SLS a provincial capital project	LIKELY committed to Mayors' vision	UNCERTAIN has indicated support but not \$\$\$ in budget	YES is in support of the full project
Completing the SLS in a single phase	YES all 16km through provincial project	LIKELY committed to Mayors' vision	UNLIKELY has not made a specific commitment	YES is in support of the full project
Prioritizing SLS to ensure it can proceed without delays	YES has indicated SLS is the next priority	YES Mayors' vision sets SLS as the next transpo priority	UNLIKELY Massey Bridge + highway projects could delay SLS	YES prioritize SLS first, then push for new transit to E. Langley, Fraser Valley
Keeping TransLink in good financial shape	YES extensive pre-election support to be retained	YES extensive support retained + financing reform	UNCERTAIN lack of response when asked by Mayors' Council	LIKELY given specific support for SLS; otherwise no particular position

Strongest commitment to building the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain: **BC NDP**