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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th
is the final day to VOTE for your next federal government!!!

The Surrey-Langley SkyTrain is critical infrastructure that we need.

The last several elections have shown us that voters want critical high-quality transit infrastructure like the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain. With **more people than ever** moving into South-of-Fraser cities seeking housing affordability, our residents—both old and new—expect to have great ways to connect both within our part of the region and to the greater region. And, with more development and growth than ever in **Downtown Surrey**, it's time to build fast, backbone rapid transit corridors that link people to jobs and institutions in our growing city core.

How does this election affect the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain?

Project partners are currently getting ready to build and launch the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain extension. Early construction works and planning for future transit-oriented development and growth have been commenced by the municipalities (Surrey and Langley) along the SLS corridor.

This includes the [Fleetwood Plan](#), which proposes to add 100,000 additional residents and 12,500 additional employment spaces within one of the areas served by SLS; and the [Langley City Official Community Plan](#), which calls for major changes to community zoning and development in anticipation of the future SLS terminus at 203 Street.

With these efforts underway, it's important to **ensure the line is completed** and opens on schedule in the year 2025. However, the Mayors' Council's Chair (Jonathan Coté) recently [indicated](#) that the federal funding commitment (to provide \$1.3 billion for the SLS) has yet to be formalized.

In order to deliver critical rapid transit projects including the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain, we need to see the next federal government in Canada do the following:

- ☑ **Maintain** the current \$1.3 billion federal funding commitment to build the full 16-kilometre Surrey-Langley SkyTrain.
- ☑ **Ensure** that the full Surrey-Langley SkyTrain meets its original 2025 opening-day timeline.
- ☑ **Support** TransLink operations during the pandemic recovery so that it can deliver the region's funding share.
- ☑ **Commit** to permanent transit capital funding so that we can plan for our next SkyTrain expansions to connect Newton, Semiahmoo TC, and other destinations to the network.







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How do the parties do on commitments for SLS and future expansion?

Since the start of this election period, SkyTrain for Surrey has been monitoring party platforms, debates, and candidate statements on developments regarding the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain and future expansion. As of **September 19, 2021**, we rate the below four federal parties on this issue as follows:

	 Liberal	 NDP	 CONSERVATIVE	 green PARTY OF CANADA
Maintains the federal funding commitment for the full 16km SLS	YES Pre-election + election-time funding commitments to SLS.	LIKELY Committed to rail transit, no specific commitment to SLS.	YES Pre-election + election-time funding commitments to SLS.	LIKELY Committed to rail transit, no specific commitment to SLS.
Ensures that the SLS will be opened on time in 2025	NO Did not commit to SLS 2025 opening.	NO Did not commit to SLS 2025 opening.	NO Did not commit to SLS 2025 opening.	NO Did not commit to SLS 2025 opening.
Supports TransLink operations and pandemic recovery*	LIKELY Some support for operating funding (albeit undefined).	LIKELY Some support for operating funding (albeit undefined).	UNCERTAIN No platform commitment, no response to CUTA.	YES Platform commitment to extended support for transit operations.
Commits to permanent transit capital funding*	YES Platform commitment to support permanent transit funding.	YES Platform commitment to support permanent transit funding.	UNCERTAIN No platform commitment, no response to CUTA.	YES Platform commitment to support permanent transit funding.

*We have referred to the **Transit Election Report Card** released by the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) to gauge federal party commitments for these items. View the report card and political party questionnaire on the CUTA's website at: cutaactu.ca/election2021.

While both the **Liberals** and **Conservatives** have made the strongest commitments to Surrey-Langley SkyTrain, and the **Liberals** and **Greens** have the strongest commitments for long-term expansion, **no parties** have committed to ensuring that SLS will open on time in 2025.