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SkyTrain for Surrey · Provincial Election 2024 Voters' Guide



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th
is the final day to VOTE for your next federal government!!!

It's time to bring Surrey and Langley in line with the rest of the region.

We are at a crossroads: the **Surrey Langley SkyTrain** is about to begin major construction, to which we owe thanks to the support of our NDP-led provincial government. However, with recent talk of expansions to UBC and the North Shore, there is a risk of returning to a pattern where transit expansion in Surrey and Langley is not given priority, and we simply cannot allow that to happen.

Our next immediate priority should be to **build SkyTrain on King George Boulevard** to Newton and eventually, South Surrey and White Rock. The results of this provincial election will determine how quickly this will occur.

Does this election affect the Surrey Langley SkyTrain?

Currently, utility relocation and site clearing work is proceeding; major construction on SLS will commence later in 2024, after the election.

Although a change in the governing party (from the current BC NDP, who are leading the SLS project) creates some risk in disruption to the project schedule, **no** major provincial party has indicated that it either opposes the SLS project, has any intention to delay the project timeline, or will outright cancel the project.

Per to the provincial government and SLS project team, the 3 contracts for major construction have been [awarded to the respective teams](#). Attempting to cancel the SLS project at this stage may come with repercussions, and is thus not likely to be undertaken by a new government.




For this election, we have gauged the 3 major provincial political parties on their level of commitment to 2 main priorities:

- ☑ **Completing** the full 16-kilometre Surrey Langley SkyTrain.
- ☑ **Building** new SkyTrain on King George Blvd. connecting Surrey City Centre and Newton.

And the following additional key priorities:

- ☑ **Advancing** the additional planned projects in Surrey and Langley (such as **200 Street BRT**)
- ☑ **Supporting** other regional projects like UBC SkyTrain and the SFU Gondola (as long as Surrey/Langley priorities are not missed).
- ☑ **Addressing** TransLink's funding crisis, so that there will buses to get you to the train.



			
Complete the full 16km Surrey Langley SkyTrain (SLS)	YES Will continue building the SLS as planned. (BC NDP platform)	YES Will "expedite the Surrey Langley SkyTrain, ensuring timely delivery." (July 25, 2024)	YES Pledged support for Mayors' Council's Access for Everyone plan which includes SLS. (October 11, 2024)
Build new SkyTrain on King George Boulevard to Newton Town Centre	NO Committed to BRT on King George Blvd. as planned by TransLink. However, BRT could still be upgraded to SkyTrain.	YES Transportation platform includes commitment to extending SkyTrain to Newton. (BC Conservative platform)	NO Pledged support for Access for Everyone plan, which specifies BRT on King George Boulevard. However, BRT could be upgraded to SkyTrain.

			
Advance planned Surrey and Langley projects (such as 200 Street BRT)	YES Committed to TransLink's currently planned "Transport 2050" projects including BRTs. (BC NDP platform)	UNCERTAIN Will "fund key projects in the Transport 2050 plan", but have not said which projects will proceed. Will address service deficits in Surrey specifically. (BC Conservative platform)	YES Pledged support for Mayors' Council's Access for Everyone plan and projects, including BRT lines. (October 11, 2024)
Support other regional transit projects like UBC SkyTrain, Burnaby Mountain Gondola (*alongside, but not ahead of Surrey/Langley priorities)	YES Committed to TransLink's currently planned "Transport 2050" projects, with specific commitments to extending SkyTrain to UBC and a Langley-Maple Ridge BRT extension. (BC NDP platform)	YES Platform includes commitments to "key projects in the Transport 2050 plan", and new regional rail between the SkyTrain at Langley City Centre and the Fraser Valley. (BC Conservative platform)	YES Will "provide immediate funding for TransLink to maintain and expand service levels in 2025", but did not commit to specific regional transit projects. (BC Greens platform)
Address TransLink funding crisis, ensuring bus service to the train	YES Will partner with the Mayors' Council on implementing Access for Everyone plan, which includes increased bus service to SkyTrain. (October 11, 2024)	YES Will "fully fund TransLink for two years", preventing service cuts starting in 2026, and "reform its financial model" for the long term. (BC Conservative platform)	YES Will "provide immediate funding for TransLink to maintain and expand service levels in 2025". (BC Greens platform)

*We have referred to party platforms as well as consolidated resources like [VoteMate.org](#) and the Mayors' Council's [Access for Everyone Voters Guide](#), to gauge provincial party commitments. This guide up to date as of October 13, 2024.



CONCLUSION

We are pleased that BC's major political parties are set up for the completion of the full 16km Surrey Langley SkyTrain (SLS) and advancement of other planned projects that will enhance the riding experience for Surrey and Langley transit riders.

We are thankful to the **BC NDP** for their long-held support for the SLS, and the role that they have played in keeping the project on track as well as [keeping the project budget reasonable](#) (when compared to surface LRT projects elsewhere in Canada).

However, at this time, a **BC Conservative government** would be the best and only choice to advance **both** the Surrey Langley SkyTrain and a new SkyTrain project on King George Boulevard.

The BC Conservatives have clearly indicated that King George Boulevard will be a SkyTrain (and not surface light rail), and have suggested that both SkyTrain projects would be prioritized higher than North-of-Fraser transit projects; this is sorely needed given our deficit in transit expansion here in Surrey.

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