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## MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Louie submitted the following motion at the Regular Council meeting immediately following the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment on May 18, 2006. Councillor Anton called notice under section 5.4(c) of the Procedure By-law.

### 1. TransLink Governance Review

MOVER: Councillor Louie

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS the British Columbia Minister of Transportation has appointed a three-member panel to review the governance structure of the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (GVTA) or TransLink; and

WHEREAS the review panel is accepting submissions from interested stakeholders, including Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) member municipalities, until the end of May;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council make the following recommendations to the TransLink Governance Review Panel:

1. That the TransLink Board of Directors consist only of locally-elected officials;
2. That the locally-elected municipal officials on the TransLink Board of Directors continue to be appointed by the GVRD Board of Directors on a sub-regional basis;
3. The term of appointment to the TransLink Board of Directors be changed to three years from one year;
4. That the Province and TransLink develop a formal mechanism within the GVTA Act to formalize Provincial input into TransLink's Strategic Transportation Plans, and that this mechanism also contain funding commitments from the Province with regards to TransLink's capital and operational expenditures;
5. That the Province designate a formal political liaison to TransLink;
6. Oversight of TransLink's revenue sources and the region's transportation planning processes must remain at the regional level. For these reasons, TransLink should continue to require the approval of the GVRD Board of Directors for increases to existing revenue streams, the introduction of new revenue streams, and the adoption of long-term strategic plans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council recommends that the other levels of government provide TransLink with a long-term operational funding, potentially in the form of an ongoing transfer of fuel taxes already collected by the Provincial and Federal Governments, and that this transfer be indexed for inflation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Vancouver City Council state its opposition to an authority-style governance structure and to the appointment of non-elected directors to the TransLink Board, as TransLink derives much of its revenue from taxation, and it is crucial to maintain democratic transparency and accountability in the collection and administration of taxes.

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