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MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Ensuring Vancouver's Role as Cascadia Passenger Rail Terminus

MOVER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS the success of Amtrak's Cascades rail service to Seattle, as well as the Rocky Mountaineer trains through the Rockies, both underline the importance of passenger rail service to the region's tourism and business sectors;

WHEREAS future expansion of commuter rail services from the downtown core to the Fraser Valley will stretch the capacity of Vancouver's existing waterfront rail terminal to the limit;

WHEREAS the City of Vancouver has already adopted a plan for a downtown waterfront transportation hub to accommodate future needs; and

WHEREAS the US government's commitment of \$600 million to passenger rail improvements between Seattle and Portland as part of a future high speed rail network terminating in Vancouver demonstrates the tremendous potential of future passenger rail expansion to meet the city's economic and environmental goals;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirm the City of Vancouver's policy commitment to protect opportunities for future passenger rail expansion, as demonstrated in the Central Waterfront Hub study as well as engineering plans to safeguard the rail alignment through the Grandview Cut to Burrard Inlet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City indicate to senior levels of government as well as our regional partners at Metro Vancouver and Translink our goal to ensure that the city's downtown rail terminuses, particularly Waterfront Station, become a destination hub of the region's 21st Century transportation network.

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