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MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Proposed Service Cuts on TransLink Bus Route 49 UBC/Metrotown Station

MOVER: Councillor Meggs

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. TransLink is considering changes to the 49 UBC/Metrotown Station bus route under the Service Optimization Program that would eliminate long-standing service to Champlain Heights and 14 stops in that section of the route;
2. This community, which includes a high proportion of seniors, young families and people with disabilities who rely on transit service to work, go to school and complete essential daily tasks, has had service on this route since the 1970s;
3. The Route 26 Joyce Station/29th Ave. Station, the only other route through the area, has already seen service reductions, has much less frequent service and does not serve most of the affected area; and
4. More than 150 residents turned out to a TransLink consultation on February 18, 2014, to oppose the changes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to advise TransLink that the City of Vancouver opposes any reduction of service to the Champlain Diversion neighbourhood and recommends that service be increased on Route 49 to reduce pass-ups and overcrowding.

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