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MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Support for the Regional Transportation Funding Initiative

MOVER: Councillor Affleck

SECONDER: Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver believes in a robust, comprehensive, regional transportation policy;
2. The Province of British Columbia has requested that the Metro Vancouver municipalities hold a referendum (now a plebiscite) on future transportation funding measures;
3. The Metro Vancouver Mayors' Council has put forward a regional transportation investment plan, which includes transit, biking and road upgrades for the region;
4. The Ministry of Transportation has accepted this plan in principle;
5. The provincial government has decided, however, that the new tax, if approved by the public in a plebiscite, will be separate and distinct from the PST, and would be administered by the B.C. Government and not TransLink;
6. Mail-in ballots for the plebiscite are expected to be sent to Metro Vancouver residents between March 16 and May 31;
7. The City of Vancouver and the region face significant challenges should this plebiscite fail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Vancouver, establish a broad coalition of interests to ensure that the plebiscite will succeed.
- B. THAT staff report back urgently on initiatives that the City could undertake to ensure the success of the plebiscite.
- C. THAT the Mayor act with the unanimous support of all City Councillors to ensure that the plebiscite succeeds.

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