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### **Maple Ridge Approves Revised Area Transport Plan**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Council has ratified TransLink's updated Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Area Transport Plan (ATP), which includes several improvements to alleviate congestion and expand transit access in the years to come.

The purpose of the ATP, which was last revised in 2003, is to identify transportation investment priorities for the next 10 to 15 years, in alignment with local and regional objectives.

The City has been working with TransLink and the City of Pitt Meadows to modernize the ATP since 2018. The process included consultation with Council and regional stakeholders, as well as public engagement opportunities.

Some of the highlights include:

- a corridor study of Golden Ears Way (north of Lougheed Highway) to review current traffic volumes, the degree of congestion and the development of options based on findings;
- the designation of Lougheed Highway east to 240 Street as a Future Priority Transit Corridor and North Albion as an area of Future Potential Travel Demand;
- the exploration of a transit hub in the Albion area, which could include a commuter rail station, major bus loop and park-and-ride, and;
- a commitment to develop, fund and deliver expanded bus priority measures along Lougheed Highway, in collaboration with the City and the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

"Council worked hard to advocate for significant commitments in this ATP, particularly in eastern areas of the city, and is very pleased with the end product" said Mayor Morden. "Maple Ridge is growing at a rapid pace and we need robust, efficient transportation infrastructure that our citizens can rely on today and into the future. This plan brings us a big step closer to that end."

The Golden Ears study is currently underway and expected to be complete in July. If improvements are recommended, TransLink will seek to advance them through existing funding or investment planning.