

## CITY OF MAPLE RIDGE NEWS RELEASE

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## Maple Ridge Backs Regional Call for Emergency Funding for TransLink

**Maple Ridge, BC:** The City of Maple Ridge is standing behind the request from the Mayor's Council for emergency funding to ensure the region's transit system can continue to provide transportation for essential workers on the front line of the COVID-19 response.

"Our transit network is a crucial service for thousands of local residents and TransLink stepped up early to suspend the collection of fares and established new procedures that protect riders and transit staff," said Mayor Morden.

"Regional Mayors and Councillors are strongly aligned with the importance of protecting our transit network," said Mayor Morden. "On behalf of Council, I ask citizens to take a moment to reach out to their provincial and federal representatives to amplify this request through emails and phone calls to add your support to this call for action," he concluded.

The COVID-19 response is evolving every day. Support programs have been developed and rolled out rapidly to ensure that individuals have financial support to help them navigate these difficult times. The transit system needs to be a priority for relief programs.