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ATTENTION UNIFOR LOCAL 2200 members
Metro Vancouver votes NO in Transit Plebiscite

As you will have likely heard by now, Metro Vancouver citizens have voted “NO” in the plebiscite. We will take the time to digest this result and analyze the likely impact on our membership.

Without a new effort to improve service, the No vote on the Metro Vancouver Mayors’ Council plan in a region-wide plebiscite means dramatic transit and transportation service improvements will not likely happen for many years. Unfortunately this No vote – for whatever the reason – means Bus and SeaBus riders will see steady deterioration of already inadequate service, just as demand is increasing.

We need everyone who supports better transit – Yes and No voters – to tell the province, the federal government and the mayors that this problem has to be fixed. Public transit and transportation must get better, not worse.

These transit and transportation improvements would have greatly benefitted our economy, our environment and our quality of life.

We can’t let traffic gridlock negatively impacting the movement of goods and more pollution continue for years to come – we need action now. It’s time for the BC government to restructure TransLink to reflect voters’ concerns about governance, structure and perception.

We are gratified by the support that the Yes side received from voters despite the loss. We will continue to fight for significant improvements to public transit and transportation and improved working conditions for our members.

The plebiscite is over but the campaign for a better transit system that benefits our riders, our economy our environment and our members is only just starting.

In Solidarity

Joe Elworthy, President