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B.C., TRANSLINK AGREE ON EVERGREEN LINE DELIVERY

VICTORIA – The Province of British Columbia will be the project lead for the \$1.4-billion Evergreen Line rapid transit project, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Kevin Falcon and TransLink board chair Dale Parker announced today.

“The Evergreen Line gives people in the Tri-Cities a clean and green transportation choice,” said Falcon. “Our ministry has a proven track record of delivering large infrastructure projects on time and on budget, and I’m absolutely confident the Evergreen Line will be no different.”

“People in the northeast sector have seen plans for the Evergreen Line turn into commitments and our next step is to turn commitments into construction,” said Parker. “This partnership between the province and TransLink gets us a major step closer to getting shovels into the ground.”

The Province and TransLink have signed an agreement outlining the responsibilities of each in connection to the Evergreen Line. The agreement also identifies requirements for the line, including the use of advanced light rapid transit (ALRT) technology and the integration with SkyTrain’s Millennium and Expo lines. The Evergreen Line project board is made up of representatives from both the provincial government and TransLink.

The 11-kilometre Evergreen Line will extend from the SkyTrain station at Lougheed Town Centre in Burnaby to Coquitlam Town Centre via Port Moody. The Province and TransLink are establishing a project office along the route later this year. Construction on the line is expected to start in 2010, with the line completed and operating by the end of 2014.

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