

Office of the Vice President External Affairs
Written Update - November 8th, 2023

1. Post-ABC Lobby Week Follow-ups

- More updates to come!
- Meetings set with Minister Andrew Mercier, MLA Henry Yao, Minister Rachna Singh, and MLA Aman Singh to follow up after ABCS Lobby Week to ensure that lobbying priorities advocated for are being worked on/any clarifications that might be required.

2. Meeting with Campus + Community Planning

- Productive meeting with Tyler and Janeen to discuss the current status of the UBCX (Skytrain to UBC Project), ways the AMS can input student voices, TransLink budgetary issues, and senior government funding for capital infrastructure for the Skytrain to UBC.

3. Meeting with Executive Director of the TransLink Mayors' Council Secretariat

- Meeting with Mike Buda to discuss more on the Mayors' Council's work with the Access for Everyone Strategy, the current status of BRT lines, ways to advocate for increased funding from senior levels of government, and more data from TransLink on the revenue sources for TransLink, GVA-specific transit ridership compared to other major cities, among other data.

4. Data Gathering

- Collecting important data such as Co-op placement, post-graduation student retention rate, among other important quantitative data that will be useful in our transportation advocacy work as well as housing affordability work.

5. Municipal Lobbying

- Delays in meeting Mayor's Office – will be focusing our efforts more on setting up meetings with city councillors to discuss our priorities – housing affordability, food security, and transit accessibility.