

TUNNEL VISION vs GREEN VISION



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TUNNEL VISION

- Vision Vancouver wants to build a 5 km extension to the Millennium Skytrain Line
- The extension would be almost entirely in a tunnel, from VCC-Clark station to Broadway and Arbutus
- This subway project is estimated to cost \$2 Billion, and will probably go over budget
- It would take 5-10 years to build the subway line
- It would take at least another 10 years, and \$3 billion (in 2014 dollars) to extend the subway to UBC



GREEN VISION



- An alternative would be to build a modern Light Rail Transit system at ground Level, along the CP Rail right of way and 16th Avenue
- This route would utilize the existing streetcar right of way constructed next to Olympic Village, and also recycle the Olympic Line streetcar trackage and electrical system
- This system could be built in 1/3 the time, all the way to UBC, for less than \$500 Million
- It would also include an extension to Science World- Main Street station on the Expo line

ROUTE MAPS

TUNNEL VISION



5 km subway train
7 km express bus
One transfer required
from Millennium Line
to UBC
Two transfers required
from Expo Line or
Canada Line to UBC

GREEN VISION



13.5 km LRT
One transfer required
from Millennium Line,
Expo Line or Canada
Line to UBC

TRAVEL SPEED

TUNNEL VISION



Skytrain: 40 km/hour
Express bus: 20 km/hour
Average: 30 km/hour,
excluding transfer

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LRT: 30 – 35 km/hour

SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION COSTS

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\$400 million per km

GREEN VISION



\$30-40 million per km

PASSENGER CAPACITY

TUNNEL VISION



400 passengers/train
Up to 15,000 passengers/hr/direction

GREEN VISION



400-500 passengers/train
Up to 20,000 passengers/hr/direction

STATION COSTS

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With escalators, elevators, stairways, security systems, emergency exits, fire-suppression systems, and heating, ventilation, air conditioning, each subway station would cost \$25-50 million, in 2014 dollars, roughly the same amount as a typical high school or a medium sized hospital

GREEN VISION



With raised sidewalk platforms and weather protection shelters, each ground level LRT station would cost approximately \$1 million, roughly the same as it costs to build a block of new sidewalk, 2 typical houses, or 4-5 apartments

CONSTRUCTION TIME FRAME

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Based on the Evergreen Line and Canada Line experiences, this subway extension would take around 10 years to construct

GREEN VISION



Based on experiences in Edmonton, Calgary and Portland, a modern ground level LRT could be completed in 2 to 3 years

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

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More concrete used in construction
More electricity used in operation

GREEN VISION



Recycles much more existing infrastructure
More flexible for extensions, expansions and
equipment recycling

END OF THE LINE

25 minutes after leaving VCC Clark Station or
Science World Main Street Station you could be:

TUNNEL VISION



at Broadway & Arbutus Station,
Waiting for a bus

or

GREEN VISION



at UBC

Where would you rather be?

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