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Whether we wanted it or not, Lower Mainland voters are about to be asked to vote Yes or No on a plebiscite to [increase funding for transportation projects](http://www.nsnews.com/news/translink-tax-mayors-take-sides-1.1755051) (<http://www.nsnews.com/news/translink-tax-mayors-take-sides-1.1755051>).

There are a number of questions you can start pondering while you wait for your ballot and watch the Yes and No campaigns club it out in the media.

Can you abide with \$125 to \$250 less in your pocket over the course of a year?

Are you prepared for a longer commute, whether it's sitting in traffic or waiting for transit?

Are you worried what TransLink will do with your money?

Are you worried about the apparent lack of a Plan B?

Is this the best way to address climate change locally?

Look at who is lined up to support each campaign. Are these groups that you share values with?

The answers should become clear to you as the campaign rolls on.

Chances are, if you're the type to read a newspaper's editorial, you're already well aware of the vote, what's at stake and the arguments for and against.

But, no doubt, there's someone in your office, on the sidelines at the soccer field or in your neighbourhood coffee shop who doesn't have a clue. Get the conversation going with them.

They rely on the same transportation network you do.

And when your ballot arrives next month, don't let it get piled in with old editions of the North Shore News.

Mark your X and get it in the mail. We'd hate for anyone to miss the bus on this one.

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