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LETTER: Transit plebiscite: Vote Yes or No but base it on facts

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Dear Editor:

I read Ms. [Jampolsky \(http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/north-shore-shortchanged-in-plan-1.1756317\)](http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/north-shore-shortchanged-in-plan-1.1756317)'s letter in the Sunday, Feb. 8 edition regarding the upcoming transit referendum. I was very surprised to read her assertion that, "other than increasing the travel of the SeaBus, nothing is planned to improve traffic on the North Shore."

In fact, I was so surprised that I decided to investigate for myself, at mayorscouncil.ca (<http://mayorscouncil.ca>). Fortunately, Ms. Jampolsky is quite wrong.

The plan includes three new "B-Line" bus routes either within, or connecting to, the North Shore. The plan also includes other (somewhat vague) bus improvements, and expansions/upgrades to Lonsdale Quay and Phibbs Exchange.

Is TransLink beyond reproach in how it's run? No. Does the plan provide enough for the North Shore? Maybe not. Will I vote Yes? I don't know. **Should we make this important referendum decision on the basis of incomplete and inaccurate facts? Absolutely not.**

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