

The following excerpt from the C-TRAN High Capacity Transit Expert Review Panel stated that not simply the revenue, but the cost of Light Rail operations and maintenance requires voter approval.

<http://highcapacityerp.com/about.html>



What is the Expert Review Panel?

ABOUT AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION C-TRAN 2030 GROUND RULES

About the ERP

C-TRAN 2030, C-TRAN's long-range plan, looked into the future to determine the levels, placement, and modes of high capacity transit services that will be needed to meet the transportation demands of a growing community. C-TRAN 2030 includes enhanced local bus service and the extension of light rail service to downtown Vancouver and Clark College across a new Interstate 5 bridge and the development of a bus rapid transit corridor between downtown Vancouver and Vancouver Mall.

The purpose of the Panel is to provide an independent, technical review of the HCT plan so that critical questions are posed and to ensure the assumptions in the study plan are appropriate and reasonable.

Light rail and bus rapid transit are the HCT components of C-TRAN's 2030 Plan. C-TRAN is planning to utilize the state's HCT Act, RCW 81.104, to fund the operations and maintenance cost for the extension of light rail from the Expo Center in Portland to Clark College, and the local share of operations and maintenance costs for the Fourth Plain bus rapid transit. In accordance with state law, the Governor's Office, Secretary of Transportation, and chairpersons of the House and Senate Transportation Committees appointed the members of the Panel.

The Panel's technical review is necessary to guarantee that the C-TRAN Board of Directors can make appropriate decisions for investments in high capacity transit for our region.