

Canada Line P3: More Lies

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It was surreal hearing about the block party on Cambie Street on the weekend when "[thousands of pedestrians took to the street to celebrate the completion of the Canada Line](#)." Was it designed by TransLink to keep the Cambie merchants from starting any more lawsuits?

Celebrating the completion of the Canada Line? Right.

As many have remarked all over the net, I agree that it is still like driving on the moon. This morning the workers were professional and smiling as always, but I waited 15 minutes to get through Cambie and 12th because--surprise--there was a massive crevasse in the middle of the intersection with lanes shifted all over the place. I guess they aren't really done, hey?

But it sure sounds good during an election campaign to have a big sidewalk sale after "declaring" the construction complete. I remember when George W. Bush got a ride in a fighter plane onto an aircraft carrier to declare Mission Accomplished in Iraq after about 9 minutes of the whole thing. When politicians say something is finished, check to see if an election is on or imminent. Then check for your wallet.

But to add to the miserable lies you only need to drive to Cambie and 49th to see the huge "Complete" sign up on the sign describing the construction of the station there. The huge yellow fence, 9 workers and busy activity make me think "complete" is yet another lie.

Remember the tunnel they were supposed to bore under Cambie Street instead of doing cut and cover? Remember that the new TransLink board is not accountable to anyone, they were appointed by a pro-business search committee created by Gordon Campbell, and they are spending billions of dollars of our municipal taxes, but our municipal politicians have no authority over them because taxation without representation is Gordon Campbell's way!

Critical thinking should translate to the ballot boxes on May 12.

Oh, and if you are busy that day or don't like lines, simply vote in advance like I'm going to do. [Every riding has a place open](#) from 8am-8pm from Wednesday, May 6 to Saturday, May 9 for advance voting. And the best part is that you don't have to have a "reason" why you can't vote on May 12th to vote early.

So enjoy and let's get rid of Gordon Campbell for good.