



August 15, 2016

The Honourable Christy Clark,
Premier of the Province of British Columbia.
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Madame Premier,

Subject: Support for Passenger Rail Service – Former BC Rail Corridor

Mayors and residents in the North Vancouver to Prince George corridor, once served by the cancelled BC Rail passenger service, are requesting it be re-instated. Transport Action BC supports these community efforts.

Re-instating this service would provide a convenient, all-weather, reliable, efficient, and environmentally sustainable transport mode in an area that is woefully lacking in public transportation options.

The service would provide easy access to the educational, medical and economic opportunities available in Metro Vancouver, Canada's Pacific Gateway, and Prince George, the province's Northern Gateway. It would also support economic development opportunities in First Nations and local communities along the line. And the tourism potential is obvious.

B.C.'s taxpayers spent hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade the Sea-to-Sky Highway and Duffy Lake Road, yet lengthy closures are regular occurrences due to collisions and weather. Passenger rail service allows residents to avoid these delays.

Rail service provides independent travel options to those who cannot drive. Additionally, a properly structured and marketed rail service (NOT a luxury cruise train) could alleviate congestion in the area south of Whistler and provide commuter options for Squamish residents.

We believe a sound economic and environmental case can be made for the return on passenger rail service to the BC Rail corridor between North Vancouver and Prince George and urge your government to give the idea serious consideration.

CC: Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure,
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Yours sincerely,



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