



April 10, 2025

Mike Kittmer, Transit and Programs Manager  
City of Kelowna  
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	On-time performance improvements to 16 Upper Mission		
	Off-peak improvements to route 10 and 11 based on Rutland LATP		
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<b>CITY OF KELOWNA</b>  <b>Custom</b>	Introduce basic weekend custom transit service on Sundays with dedicated handyDART vehicles.	<b>415</b> annual service hours	No expansion vehicles
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**Please note that the approved hours are less than those requested by the City to implement all improvements noted above.**

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Bart Walman  
Government Relations Manager, BC Transit



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Kristen Dixon, General Manager, Infrastructure  
City of Penticton  
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Kristen,

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<b>PENTICTON CONVENTIONAL</b>	Introduce evening service on all local routes, replacing route 15 Night Route.	<b>5,300</b> annual expansion hours	2 expansion vehicles
<b>PENTICTON CONVENTIONAL</b>	Phase 1 of network restructure: Modify routing and introduce 15-minute service on route 5 Main Street.	<b>6,800</b> annual expansion hours	1 expansion vehicle

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Danielle DeVries, Manager, Transportation  
City of Vernon  
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Danielle,

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<b>CITY OF VERNON</b> <b>Conventional</b>	Weekday span and frequency improvements; weekend span and frequency improvements; On-time performance improvements.	<b>2,600</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicle
<b>CITY OF VERNON</b> <b>Custom</b>	Custom handyDART expansion to provide Sunday and statutory holiday service	<b>780</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicle

The following expansion initiative(s) **have not been approved** for implementation:

<b>CITY OF VERNON / COLDSTREAM  Conventional</b>	New service to Middleton Mountain	<b>2,600</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicle
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Brent Magnan, Director of Community Development  
City of West Kelowna  
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Brent,

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<b>CITY OF WEST KELOWNA</b>	Improved service on Route 97	<b>3,600</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicle
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<b>CITY OF WEST KELOWNA</b>	Improved evening service on Routes 28 & 29	<b>950</b> annual service hours	<b>2</b> expansion vehicles
	Minor route changes on Route 29		
	Evening span improvements on Route 21		

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Jeremy Sundin, Director, Financial Administration  
District of Coldstream  
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Jeremy,

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Lyle Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Princeton  
151 Vermilion Avenue  
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Lyle,

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<b>PRINCETON PARATRANSIT</b>	Introduce weekday scheduled service within Princeton, interspersed with periods of on request service. 3 full days plus 1 hour on Tuesday/Thursday.	<b>5,300</b> annual expansion hours	2 expansion vehicles
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Stephen Banmen, General Manager, Finance  
Regional District of North Okanagan  
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Coldstream, BC  
V1B 2K9

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<b>NORTH OKANAGAN CONNECTOR</b>	Increase weekday service on Route 90, providing three additional round trips per day.	<b>1,600</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
<b>NORTH OKANAGAN PARA TRANSIT</b>	Remove weekday variants on routes 60 and 61 (700 hours). One additional weekday midday round trip on route 61 to close existing service gap (450 hours). Remove Saturday variants on route 60 (200 hours).	<b>1,350</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles

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Mike Zbarsky  
Senior Manager, Facilities & Transit Management  
Comox Valley Regional District  
770 Harmston Avenue  
Courtenay, B.C. V9N 0G8

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<b>COMOX VALLEY CONVENTIONAL</b>	Realign Route 5 to provide service between Anfield Centre and the Comox Valley Sports Centre, adding additional trips and providing additional service.	<b>3,000</b> annual service hours	<b>2</b> expansion vehicles
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<b>COMOX VALLEY CUSTOM</b>	Introduction of Custom service on statutory holidays	<b>150</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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<b>COMOX VALLEY CONVENTIONAL</b>	Route 2 service level improvements.	<b>2000</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicles
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Seth Wright  
Senior Manager, Government Relations



April 11, 2025

Jim Wakeham  
Senior Manager, Facilities & Transit Division  
Cowichan Valley Regional District  
175 Ingram street, Duncan BC V9L 1N8

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<b>COWICHAN VALLEY COMMUTER</b>	CVX: Introduce Sunday service on Cowichan-Victoria Express	<b>625</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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<b>NANAIMO/COWICHAN COMMUTER</b>	NCX: Introduce Sunday service and on-time performance improvements	<b>1000</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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<b>COWICHAN VALLEY CONVENTIONAL</b>	Introduce Saturday service on 7x Cowichan Lake Express.	<b>400</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
<b>COWICHAN VALLEY CONVENTIONAL</b>	Implement priorities from South Cowichan Local Area Transit Plan, including service improvements to Eagle Heights. Add an additional trip on the 6 Crofton/Chemainus. Route 34 connections to NCX.	<b>4,350</b> annual service hours	3 expansion vehicles

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Jeremy Garner, Director of Public Works & Utilities  
City of Fort St. John  
10631-100 Street  
Fort St. John, BC V1J 3Z5

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<b>FORT ST. JOHN PARATRANSIT</b>	Introduce Sunday handyDART service from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	<b>525</b> annual service hours	No expansion vehicles
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<b>FORT ST. JOHN CONVENTIONAL</b>	Improve evening service span to 10:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Introduce Sunday service.	4,150 annual service hours	<b>1</b> expansion vehicle
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Elise Wren  
Government Relations Manager



April 11, 2025

City of Kamloops  
105 Seymour Street  
Kamloops, BC

Dear Michael Lu,

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<b>KAMLOOPS CONVENTIONAL</b>	Restore service levels after they were adjusted for on-time performance.	<b>8,000</b> annual service hours	3 expansion vehicles
<b>KAMLOOPS CUSTOM</b>	Expand Custom Transit weekday hours to reflect Conventional hours. Introduce Custom service on statutory holidays.	<b>1,300</b> annual service hours	No expansion vehicles

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<b>KAMLOOPS CONVENTIONAL</b>	Frequency and/or span improvements.	<b>5,800</b> annual service hours	3 expansion vehicles
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Regards,



Daynika White  
Government Relations Manager



April 11, 2025

City of Kimberley  
340 Spokane Street  
Kimberley, BC

Dear Troy Pollock,

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<b>KIMBERLEY PARATRANSIT</b>	Add two Route 22 KC Commuter trips - one in the morning and one in the afternoon.	<b>850</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
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April 10, 2025

Dave Bradshaw, Manager, Transportation & Technical Services  
Daniel Pearce, Transit Planner, Transportation & Technical Services  
City of Prince George  
1100 Patricia Boulevard,  
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Dear Dave and Daniel,

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The following expansion initiative(s) have been approved for implementation:

<b>PRINCE GEORGE CONVENTIONAL</b>	Improve weekend service on routes 5, 15, 88, and 89.	<b>3,550</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicle
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Elise Wren  
Government Relations Manager



April 11, 2025

Darren Marshall  
Senior Manager, Transportation Services  
Regional District of Nanaimo  
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Dear Darren,

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<b>NANAIMO CONVENTIONAL</b>	Strategy 2 from the RDN Transit Redevelopment Strategy.	<b>4000</b> annual service hours	<b>3</b> expansion vehicles
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<b>NANAIMO/COWICHAN COMMUTER</b>	Addition of Sunday service and on time performance improvements.	<b>1000</b> annual service hours	<b>0</b> expansion vehicles
<b>NANAIMO CUSTOM</b>	Expand weekend and introduce holiday service to more closely reflect Conventional Transit Service (2000 hours). Weekday span improvements (1000 hours).	<b>3000</b> annual service hours	<b>2</b> expansion vehicles

The following expansion initiative(s) have not been approved for implementation and can be put forward for consideration in the next annual transit expansion cycle.

<b>NANAIMO CONVENTIONAL</b>	Balance of Strategy 2 from the RDN Transit Redevelopment Strategy.	<b>12,100</b> annual service hours	<b>5</b> expansion vehicles
<b>NANAIMO CONVENTIONAL</b>	Route 99 Extension on Baylis Rd., Dorman Rd. (Electoral Area H)	<b>250</b> annual service hours	<b>0</b> expansion vehicles

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Regards,



Seth Wright  
Senior Government Relations Manager



April 11, 2025

City of Revelstoke  
216 MacKenzie Ave  
Revelstoke, BC

Dear Steve Black,

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<b>REVELSTOKE PARATRANSIT</b>	Increased handyDART service	<b>2,000</b> annual service hours	2 light duty expansion vehicles
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The following expansion initiative(s) have not been approved for implementation and can be put forward for consideration in the next annual transit expansion cycle.

<b>REVELSTOKE PARATRANSIT</b>	Add trips between downtown and Revelstoke Mountain Resort during ski season, while modifying other year-round service	<b>8,000</b> annual service hours	6 heavy duty expansion vehicles
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Daynika White  
Government Relations Manager



April 11, 2025

Stephen Henderson  
Senior Manager, Sr Manager of the SSI LCC  
Capital Regional District  
625 Fisgard Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Dear Stephen,

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<b>SALT SPRING ISLAND PARATRANSIT</b>	Additional Route 2 peak service.	<b>1000</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
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Seth Wright  
Senior Manager, Government Relations



April 11, 2025

Eddie Kunderman  
Operations Manager  
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District  
3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 2E3

Dear Eddie,

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The following expansion initiative(s) have been approved for implementation:

<b>WEST COAST CONVENTIONAL</b>	Introduce additional transit service as identified according to demand.	<b>1300</b> annual service hours	<b>0</b> expansion vehicles
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April 10, 2025

Rob Warnock  
Director of Municipal Services  
450 Mart Street  
Williams Lake, BC V2G 1N3

Dear Rob,

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<b>WILLIAMS LAKE PARATRANSIT</b>	Introduce Sunday Service.	<b>375</b> annual service hours	<b>1</b> expansion vehicle
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April 24, 2025

Gordon Botha  
Director, Transportation  
City of Abbotsford  
32315 South Fraser Way,  
Abbotsford BC, V2T 1W7

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<b>ABBOTSFORD CONVENTIONAL</b>	Introduction of service to Gladwin and the Abbotsford airport, continued investment in FTN routes.	<b>10,000</b> annual service hours	<b>3</b> expansion vehicles
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<b>CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY CUSTOM</b>	Extend morning or evening handyDART service on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.	<b>3120</b> annual service hours	<b>0</b> expansion vehicles
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Of Note:

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Regards,



Rob Ringma

Senior Manager, Government Relations

BC Transit

rringma@bctransit.com



April 24, 2025

Ellen Croy  
Manager of Transportation  
City of Mission  
8645 Stave Lake Street  
Mission, BC V2V 4L9

Dear Ellen,

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<b>MISSION CONVENTIONAL</b>	Extend route 31 to McCallum Park and Ride. Improve service on route 35 Hatzic. Additional hours for on-time performance issues and service reliability.	<b>10,000</b> annual service hours	<b>3</b> expansion vehicles
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BC Transit

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April 24, 2025

Doug Mossey  
Manager of Transportation and Drainage  
City of Chilliwack  
8550 Young Rd  
Chilliwack, B.C V2P 8A4

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<b>CHILLIWACK CONVENTIONAL</b>	Implementation of expansion package 1 from the Transit Future Action Plan. Monday through Saturday frequency improvements on Route 52, Routes 57 and 58. Additional service for Route 54 in the afternoon peak and on Saturdays.	<b>3300</b> annual service hours	<b>3</b> expansion vehicles
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Senior Manager, Government Relations

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April 14, 2025

Fraser Valley Regional District  
45950 Cheam Ave  
Chilliwack, B.C. V2P 1N6

Alison Stewart  
Manager of Strategic Planning

Dear Alison,

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<b>FRASER VALLEY EXPRESS</b>	Service span and frequency improvements	<b>7100</b> annual service hours	3 expansion vehicles
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<b>FRASER VALLEY EXPRESS</b>	Service span and frequency improvements to Saturday and Sunday service.	<b>2400</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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The following expansion initiative(s) have not been approved for implementation and can be put forward for consideration in the next annual transit expansion cycle.

<b>NEW SERVICE - NORTH OF FRASER HWY#7</b>	FVRD Paratransit between Agassiz and Mission	<b>2500</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
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BC Transit



April 14, 2025

City of Powell River  
6910 Duncan St  
Powell River, B.C V8A 1V4

Rod Fraser  
Manager – Operational Services

Dear Rod,

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<b>POWELL RIVER</b>	Implement priorities from 2022 Service Discussion Document including route 1 and 2 service span improvement and route 1 frequency improvement. Additional hours for on-time performance.	<b>2700</b> annual service hours	3 expansion vehicles
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<b>POWELL RIVER</b>	Placeholder for hours and vehicles to support additional key transit priorities to be identified in 2025 Transit Future Service Review	<b>2400</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
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April 14, 2025

qathet Regional District  
202-4675 Marine Ave  
Powell River, B.C V8A 2L2

Patrick Devereaux  
General Manager of Operational Services

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<b>QATHET REGIONAL DISTRICT</b>	Tuesday service for 13 Texada and additional hours for on-time performance	<b>500</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
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Senior Manager, Government Relations  
BC Transit



April 14, 2025

District of Squamish  
Box 310 37955 Second Ave  
Squamish, B.C V8B 0A3

Dora Gunn  
Transportation Planner

Dear Dora,

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<b>SQUAMISH</b>	Add additional frequency to 1 Brackendale and 2 Highlands.	<b>2000</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
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<b>SQUAMISH</b>	Off-peak improvements on route 3 (500 hours). Improve weekend service on FTNs (1500 hours).	<b>2000</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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<b>SQUAMISH</b>	Improve Oceanfront service and introduce service to new areas of South Squamish	<b>2800</b> annual service hours	2 expansion vehicles
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The following expansion initiative(s) have not been approved for implementation and can be put forward for consideration in the next annual transit expansion cycle.

<b>SQUAMISH</b>	Introduce weekend seasonal service to Alice Lake.	<b>300</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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Rob Ringma  
Senior Manager, Government Relations  
BC Transit



April 14, 2025

Sunshine Coast Regional District  
1975 Field Rd  
Sechelt, BC V7Z 0A8  
Shelley Gagnon  
General Manager, Community Services

Dear Shelley,

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<b>SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT</b>	Route 90 Langdale Ferry/Sechelt Express Phase 1: Increase frequency to 30 minutes from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.	<b>2700</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicle
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<b>SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT</b>	Route 90 Fix to address critical ridership levels on weekends (passups).	<b>800</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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<b>SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT</b>	Increased handyDART service. Add peak handyDART capacity on weekdays and weekends.	<b>2900</b> annual service hours	1 expansion vehicle
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Senior Manager, Government Relations  
BC Transit



April 14, 2025

Resort Municipality of Whistler  
4325 Blackcomb Way  
Whistler, B.C V8E 0X5

Emma DalSanto  
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator

Dear Emma,

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<b>WHISTLER</b>	Year-round service improvements on route 21 and 30 series.	<b>6000</b> annual service hours	0 expansion vehicles
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The following expansion initiative(s) have not been approved for implementation and can be put forward for consideration in the next annual transit expansion cycle.

<b>WHISTLER</b>	Year-round service improvements on route 10.	<b>13,200</b> annual service hours	4 expansion vehicles
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BC Transit

<b>CITY OF KELOWNA</b>  <b>Custom</b>	Introduce basic weekend custom transit service on Sundays with dedicated handyDART vehicles.	<b>415</b> annual service hours	No expansion vehicles
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**Please note that the approved hours are less than those requested by the City to implement all improvements noted above.**

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Bart Walman  
Government Relations Manager, BC Transit