 South Fraser Community Rail Society

***“Bringing you Hydrogen Passenger* *Rail to the Fraser Valley”***

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 **Important - BREAKING NEWS!**

**NEW South of Fraser Transit Survey just released!**

TO: Premier John Horgan Members of the Executive Council South of Fraser NDP MLAs

FVRD Directors S. of Fraser. Mun. Council Members B.C. Transit Directors TransLink Board Dir. FVIT&D Study Executive Leader FVIT&D Consultants

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To all concerned:

As most of you are aware, the South of Fraser Community Rail Society and its predecessors have lobbied for the reactivation of the Interurban corridor for over two decades. What makes this a reality for today? A few very-significant changes, not the least of which is the 2009 renewal of the Master Agreement covering passenger rights at no cost on the joint section through the Langleys and the full corridor. That, coupled with the advent and introduction of Hydrail (Canadian) Technology in active paid operation throughout the world including a line under construction in California, plus the Global Climate Change challenge have all contributed to this PRICELESS opportunity. We have known anecdotally for years the support in our communities; what we did not have until now was the proof necessary for all involved - those making our transit decisions. We now have that proof, with unprecedented support!

The top-level statement? - **9 in 10 respondents (88%)** are in support of the proposed Hydrail project, 7% oppose. Support by community? – Abbotsford 93%, Chilliwack 89%, North Delta 85%, North Surrey 83%, Township of Langley 82%, and the City of Langley 76%! An inescapable very high level of support!

There are a number of other highly informative facts in this survey, such as? reasons for respondents support? if the line were to be reactivated, would you use it? need for a convenient, cost effective and environmentally friendly Interregional Transit option aside from highway widening? and public opinion of the current Express Bus service between the City of Chilliwack and the Langley Carvolth Exchange.

We are pleased to be able to supply you with a copy of the ResearchCo Report including the supporting tables. We urge you to review this study and to move forward with the integration of this Hydrail Line into our Lower Mainland Transit network, a much more viable transit option, in our post Covid reality.

All the best, Stay Safe.

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