



VIA E-MAIL

October 30, 2009

Mr. Martin Crilly
Regional Transportation Commissioner
290 Longview Road
Comox, British Columbia
V9M 3T7

Dear Mr. Crilly:

Re: Application for Approval of a Supplementary Fare Increase

In accordance with Section 223(1)(a) of the *South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act* (the "*Act*"), application is hereby made for a supplementary fare increase, specifically an increase to the price of FareSaver tickets as documented in Appendix 9 of the "Funding Stabilization" 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan ("Funding Stabilization Plan"), commencing April 1, 2010.

In compliance with the requirements of the *Act*, TransLink submitted the following documents to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation ("Mayors' Council") and the Regional Transportation Commissioner ("Commissioner") on July 30, 2009:

- "Drastic Cuts" 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan and associated bylaws and resolutions in relation to revenue measures and borrowing limits;
- "Funding Stabilization" 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan and associated bylaws and resolutions in relation to revenue measures and borrowing limits; and
- "On Track to a Sustainable Region" 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan (with Supplement) and associated bylaws and resolutions in relation to revenue measures and borrowing limits.

On October 23, 2009, the Mayors' Council approved the Funding Stabilization Plan which proposed the following increases to funding sources:

- Fuel tax revenues – increase rate by 3 cents per litre effective January 1, 2010;

- Fares – increase in revenues of 7 per cent, with rate increases in 2010 and 2013, over what is legislatively permitted under a base plan;
- Parking sales tax – increase rate from 7 per cent to 21 per cent effective January 1, 2010.

Under the Funding Stabilization Plan, fare increases to provide an additional 7% increase over 2009 transit revenues were proposed, generating \$260 million over the 10-year period. The revenues generated by the supplemental fare increases in 2010 will be 5.2% over and above the increases assumed in the “Drastic Cuts” 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan. This additional revenue will be generated by increases to both FareSaver tickets and Monthly passes, while cash fares will be held constant. FareSaver tickets are deemed to be short-term fares under the *Act* and proposed increases require the approval of the Commissioner.

In support of this application and as required under Section 223(3) of the *Act*, we reference the [following documents](#), all of which have been previously submitted to you:

- (a) The current strategic plan (2009 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan), the pending strategic plan (Funding Stabilization Plan incremental to the “Drastic Cuts” 10-Year Transportation and Financial Plan), and the current service, capital and operational plans (2009 Budget and Business Plan Summary and 2009 Capital Program);
- (b) A record setting out the parameters and assumptions used in the financial projections of TransLink (Pages 15 and 16 of the Funding Stabilization Plan);
- (c) A record setting out TransLink’s expenditures and revenue in the previous fiscal year (Schedule 1 of the 2008 Statutory Annual Report); and
- (d) A record setting out an estimate, for the current fiscal year, of TransLink’s expenditures and revenue (Appendix 2 of the Funding Stabilization Plan).

If you require any further documents in support of our application, we would be pleased to provide them.

Sincerely,

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Thomas F. Prendergast
Chief Executive Officer