

July 18, 2025

Frederick Jelfs
Secretary
Transport Action British Columbia

Dear Frederick:

Thank you for your email of June 14, 2025, to the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, in which you requested funding for Amtrak services in British Columbia.

The Government of Canada is committed to providing efficient, affordable, and accessible transportation across the country. This includes continuing to work with VIA Rail, Amtrak, and other rail operators. Your thoughtful suggestions and input pertaining to future planning for the New Westminster Rail Bridge, Crescent Beach Corridor and Lower Mainland rail network will continue to help inform planning efforts.

Transport Canada and the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Transit continue to engage with the Washington State Department of Transportation and Amtrak on cross-border transportation issues, including upgrades to Pacific Central Station and Cascadia high-speed rail.

Transport Canada also regularly engages with two cross-border organizations covering the Cascadia region: the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, which focusses on economic cooperation and development between provinces and states, including British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon; and the International Mobility and Trade Corridor, which convenes U.S. and Canadian transport and border agencies, local governments, and other interest groups focussed on improving regional land border fluidity.

As you are also aware, the National Supply Chain Office is dedicated to increasing the efficiency and resiliency of our supply chains. I encourage you share your recommendations around freight congestion and fluidity with the team directly at scoffice-bureauca@tc.gc.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Christine

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