

October 28, 2021

Geoff Cross
Vice President, Planning & Policy
TransLink
Via email: [REDACTED]

Re.: BCTA Transport 2050 Comments and Feedback

Dear Mr. Cross:

I am writing on behalf of the BC Trucking Association (BCTA) in response to TransLink's invitation to review and provide feedback on the October 2021 *Draft Transport 2050- Regional Transportation Strategy* (Plan).

We are pleased to acknowledge the significant amendments made by TransLink in this iteration of the Plan. We are particularly appreciative that the Plan now includes, as part of its core mandate, the requirement to "ensure that transportation fees and taxes are affordable for everyone" and that the actions will include "a clear analysis of costs and benefits for any fees that impact passenger and commercial vehicles, including costs and benefits for businesses, consumers, and carriers as appropriate."

Consideration of the Plan's impact on the movement of goods and ultimately the affordability of living in the region has been at the core of our input, and we are heartened that this principle has been embedded in the Plan's core mandate. We look forward to working with you and your staff to develop a consistent, robust framework to ensure that any policy recommendation that affects the movement of goods in the region is evaluated through a cost-benefit analysis lens. This will make certain that citizens have the information required to understand and make informed policy decisions.

We also look forward to continuing the discussions on other elements of the Plan including ensuring that any proposed changes to commercial transportation be levied on all users, including those with home terminals in jurisdictions outside of Metro Vancouver. Other elements, such as supporting the transition of medium and heavy-duty vehicles to low-emissions options in the near term (e.g., co-combustion, natural gas and/or hybrid electric powertrains) hold significant promise. Other concepts, such as right sizing and centralized logistics will require significant examination (e.g., increased congestion, decreased safety, cost, and use of scarce industrial lands) to better understand and consider opportunities as previously communicated.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and feedback on the Draft Plan.
Should you have any questions, please contact me or Cory Paterson, BCTA Vice President, at
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Sincerely,



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