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Dear Mayor Horn:

I am pleased to inform you that British Columbia Transit (BC Transit) has submitted a successful expression of interest on behalf of your community's transit system under the Baseline Funding stream of the Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF).

The Baseline Funding stream is an annual envelope of approximately \$500 million that is part of the CPTF. The Central Fraser Valley Transit System can benefit from an allocation of up to \$15,262,340 over 10 years beginning in 2026 through BC Transit's Baseline Funding allocation. The allocation from the \$500 million funding envelope was calculated based on a combination of ridership (70 percent) and population (30 percent).

The next steps in the Baseline Funding application process require BC Transit to submit a Capital Plan application and Capital Plan component details. Capital Plan applications will be reviewed and recommended for approval on a rolling basis, ensuring that projects can proceed without potential delays.

Please note that components contained within the Capital Plan application may be subject to environmental assessment and Indigenous consultation requirements, climate resilience, and greenhouse gas assessments. BC Transit will need to work with communities to ensure these requirements are met.

As you may be aware, the 2024 federal budget highlighted that funding through the new CPTF would be conditional on municipalities taking actions that directly unlock housing. This includes the completion of a Housing Needs Assessment for all communities with a population greater than 30,000.

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The following additional conditions apply to all municipalities with a population greater than 150,000, or where a regional transit system serves multiple municipalities with a combined population greater than 150,000, based on 2021 census data:

- Eliminate all mandatory minimum parking requirements within 800 metres of a high-frequency transit line;
- Allow high-density housing within 800 metres of a high-frequency transit line; and
- Allow high-density housing within 800 metres of post-secondary institutions.

I am pleased to note that provincial legislation being implemented across British Columbia will ensure that local governments meet the housing density and elimination of mandatory minimum parking requirements required under Baseline Funding. We encourage you to collaborate with BC Transit in order to ensure that all housing conditions are fulfilled, including those related to the Housing Needs Assessment.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and we look forward to continuing our work together to enhance public transit in your communities.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,



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