

Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation: Sign Our Open Letter in Support of Regional Rail
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Purpose of Delegation: Request Port Moody Council sign our open letter in support of regional rail.
Details of Request: Regions of a similar scale and level of ambition are already served with extensive regional rail networks. For example, Brisbane, Australia, a metropolitan area with a population similar to ours has a 689-km long regional network that connects its urban area with regional attractions and neighbouring cities. Without world-class regional rail, our region risks falling behind other global cities as well as failing to meet important environmental and equity goals. We recognize that our region has other transit priorities. We are not demanding that regional rail be put to the front of the line. Instead, we are requesting a minimum set of resources and attention be given to regional rail so that key planning issues are resolved years before any shovels are put into the ground. (Such measures are already suggested in Translink's Transport 2050 vision). We request that Port Moody Council sign our open letter that calls on the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and the TransLink Board: 1. Study regional rail and integration with future rail rapid transit on a variety of productive corridors. 2. Establishes a directory of properties that should be preserved/monitored to ensure they are designed to accommodate future regional rail/rapid transit stations and corridors.
Additional Information in Support of Request: Regional rail would greatly improve Port Moody's connectivity to regional destinations. For example, a combined regional rail and Skytrain trip could be as short as 24 minutes (compared to 44 minutes today). To see what a regional rail vision could look like, please visit https://mvx.vision .