



FAIRFIELD GONZALES
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Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation
Room 124 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

April 11, 2022

Dear Honourable Minister of Transportation Fleming,

Re: Public transit in Fairfield Gonzales

We are writing on behalf of the Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association in Victoria to congratulate the Province on the significant investments in public transit in Budget 2022 and to request information from your ministry.

We are advocating on behalf of our community members to improve service, access, affordability and equity to public transit in Fairfield-Gonzales. Our area is one of the most diverse in the Capital City, with dense areas, business hubs, schools, hospitals, business areas and top landmarks such as Dallas Road, Beacon Hill Park, Hollywood Park, Ross Bay, Clover Point, Cook Street Village and Christ Church Cathedral – which should be publicly accessible and affordable for every resident to visit.

Yet, our area is grossly underserved by public transit. Additionally, Fairfield-Gonzales was not included in BC Transit's local area planning or public engagement – which is in the process of being remedied since our advocacy last year.

Our community members, like many Victorians, are concerned about the impacts of increasing vehicle traffic and safety issues as well as climate impacts. We would like to know:

- How will local community organisations be engaged and/or have opportunities for improved public transit through the ministry programs or Budget 2022 investments?
- What is the status of the Province's Vision Zero program, namely actions to reduce speeds and accidents in urban settings?



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- How do the Province's Active Transportation, Climate Action and Public Transit initiatives intersect to reduce car reliance in urban community travel?

Thank you very much for your consideration and response to these queries, as well as any additional information you think may be useful. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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