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From: S22
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 12:32 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Commitment to hold referendums on Transit Taxes

Premier Clark,

I am very happy that you won re-election as Premier of BC. I have been pleased with how the Liberal party has run the province.

However, the specific reason that I voted for your party in the election was your promise to have any new transit taxes put to a referendum. I have been very frustrated with how those taxes have been levied in the past with very limited public input.

I sincerely hope that you stick to this referendum commitment.

With warmest regards and hope for your success,

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From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2013 10:28 AM
To: S22
Cc: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Commitment to hold referendums on Transit Taxes

Thank you for your expression of support for government's efforts. We will pass your comments on to Premier Christy Clark at the earliest opportunity.

We have also shared your comments regarding transit taxation with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure so that your views are known there and can be included in any related discussions.

Again, thank you for writing.

From: S22
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2013 3:12 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; mayor@surrey.ca; mayor@langley.ca
Subject: Fwd: Referendum Promise

----- Forwarded message -----

From: S22
Date: 2013/6/7
Subject: Referendum Promise

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Liberals' referendum promise hangs over transit's future
I think the referendum is a good idea, if the question is good. However, I am very concerned that not all questions are useful. For example, a bad question would be: "Does the lower mainland need transportation improvements?" This is a bad question because the answer is clearly, "Yes". The debate should be finished on this question, so we can move on to the more important question: "How do you want to pay for transportation improvements in the lower mainland?" However, this is not a yes or no question. Therefore, the referendum should not be a yes or no referendum. There should be multiple choices to the question about funding transportation: with the following answers: A) an increase to gasoline tax B) an increase to property Tax C) \$1 tolls on all Vancouver Bridges D) \$2 tolls on select Vancouver Bridges: "Knight Street", "Pattullo" and the "Lion Gate" bridges.
The Lions Gate was recently refurbished and there are a number of other transportation options including, buses, Seabus and the second Narrows Bridge. The Pattullo bridge needs to be replaced or refurbished, and the "Skytrain Expoline" is an alternative nearby. Knight Street has the highest number of semi-trucks in the city of Vancouver; therefore it would make sense to encourage people to take an alternative: Oak Street Bridge, Arthur Laing, or the new "Canada Line Metro."
Recently, I drove my vehicle over the Port Mann Bridge, and I found that the toll was worth the savings in time, because the new bridge saved me 30 minutes of time. In addition to bridges, the "Translink region" needs to fund improvements to public transportation, not just to move people, but also to improve air quality and reduce car congestion for the people who really must drive because they have no other choice. Time is valuable. Air quality is valuable. Good transportation is good for business. It is time for the politicians to stop arguing and to find a way to move people and to pay for transportation options.

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Thank you very much for taking the time to read this e-mail.

Sincerely, S22

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From: S22
Sent: January-07-14 11:50
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: referendum on transit

I am in complete support of you keeping your word on providing a referendum so taxpayers can democratically involved in this decision. Socialists like Gregor Robertson don't want to give democracy a chance. He has demonstrated that in his job as mayor of Vancouver.

Thankyou,

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Sent from Windows Mail

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2014 2:13 PM
To: S22
Cc: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: referendum on transit

Thank you for your email. Input from British Columbians is helpful to government and we appreciate that you have taken the time to let us know of your support for a transit referendum.

We have shared your comment with the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, for his information as well.

Thanks again.

From: S22
Sent: January-16-14 09:47
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Translink referendum

Dear Ms Clark

It is time to make the Translink referendum question public. It is a complex issue and will require time to understand all the options.

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From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 10:49 AM
To: S22
Cc: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Translink referendum

Thank you for your thoughts regarding a transit referendum. We will ensure that the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, receives your comment for his information as well.

-----Original Message-----

From: S22

Sent: January-18-14 11:52

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Transit Funding

Regarding the transit funding debacle. Hiding behind the Mayors and a referendum is the chicken's way out. You know it, the Mayors know it and the public sure as hell knows it. Show some leadership and take responsibility for transit funding, as you are morally obligated to do. This charade has gone on long enough - get on with it already!!

Cheers

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From

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Sent: January-17-14 13:11

To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX; Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX

Cc: Philip Till; good@cknw.com; msmyth@direct.ca; vpalmer@vancouver.sun.com; Keith.Baldrey@globalnews.ca

Subject: Referendum Madness

We are facing a transit referendum but no doubt, the fix is in. Somehow all the wrong people who are already paying through the nose are going to end up paying more. The government only needs a new creative way to do it. Never mind that many drivers are crossing the two new toll bridges and forking over the equivalent of another ICBC insurance premium over the course of the year. That's simply not enough. They need to pay more!

I have been harping on this subject for many years and to many politicians. They ignore me. I challenge you politicians to read this email yourselves and answer it yourselves and not leave it to a secretary or assistant. I challenge you reporters to stop repeating the mindless blabber of more user pay solutions to the transit problem and start challenging the real organizations that are benefiting from our advanced transit system. I spent several hours and 1500 words to reason with every one of you; the least you can do is have the courtesy to take a few minutes and read it for yourselves and try to understand what the average person has to go through to live here.

The simple solution is to add to the burden to those who can least afford it and be done with the problem. The politicians don't realize that if their solutions are taken to heart and that if people abandon their vehicles, the new income stream dries up for the government. Not as many people to pay the tolls. Not as many people to pay the gas taxes. Not as many people to pay into the next scheme that the referendum is suppose to come up with. The dilemma becomes "Now where are we going to get the money coming from?" Case-in-point, isn't that Translink tax that is already in place at the pumps suppose to keep transit alive?

I want to try and paint a picture of the inequity of government thinking and what it looks like to me. Don't get me wrong, I am not a leftist and I don't necessarily believe that success needs to be taxed to death but I do believe if the government is offering infrastructure (in this case Skytrain), those who benefit the most ought to pay for it. Now don't stop there and ignore what I am about to write; the riders are not necessarily the beneficiaries.

Let us look at some areas around the Lower Mainland right now. There are the Downtown Core, Surrey Centre, Richmond Centre, Metrotown, soon to be Brentwood Mall and soon to be Lougheed Mall. We could easily add many other areas such as Oakridge Mall, Yaletown, Columbia Street, Lougheed/Gilmour, and the Kingsway/Joyce Ave area. They have all shown huge development. I don't know whom it is but someone is making a pot full of money here. Is it the real estate agent, the developers, the property flippers, the agencies that own and lease out the property? I don't know but someone is whistling all the way to the bank and who is it that is pouring the money into their pockets? It's us by way of giving them Skytrain.

We all know about the hit TV show called Downton Abby. It essentially has people of privilege living in the manor and it has servants who are responsible to give them the upscale life they (the owners) feel they deserve. Now I know this is a simplification since the lord of the manor also feels responsible for providing work however you can see two distinct life styles. Well all these pieces of real estate I just listed are essentially a manor house with its own lords.

Now in Downton Abby, there are no families associated with the servants. Most servants live in the manor but what would they do if they suddenly had a family of children to look after? No doubt they would have to leave the manor and move further away. If they were lucky enough to retain their jobs, they would be commuting to find their way back to the manor every day. Would the lord of the manor be trying to tax them in order to repair and maintain the roads that lead into the manor? The servants already have to add to their costs the price of a buggy, a horse, horse feed plus a longer day in order to work for the lord.

If you look at Downtown Vancouver, it really isn't conducive to family living. Perhaps a single person can afford a small West End apartment for a while but the media has just said it again, that the Vancouver housing costs are going up. So where do the people go? Across the Fraser. Instead of horse and buggy, they buy a car, pay ICBC costs (every year), pay taxes for the car (even used ones), pay for the car and its financing, pay taxes for the gasoline, pay for gasoline, pay taxes for parking, pay for parking, pay taxes for fixing the car, pay for fixing the car (and maintaining it), pay tolls, pay taxes for disposing used car parts. But, car owners don't pay their fair share (so we are told).

The lords of our manors need people to service the manors. They can be secretaries that come in from up the valley; they can be sales people, teachers, nurses, doctors, and emergency workers. Some will crowd into a bus, or wait as another bus leaves them stranded. Some will be in a car, stuck in traffic. Some may be in a vanpool and their entire commute will represent 50% of their paid hours. In other words, their commute of 2 x 2 hours will not be paid for; only the 8 hours on the job will be paid for. The lord of the manor may need trades people so all these RAM pickups with their utility trailers who are already on the hook for big business license fees are going to cross those bridges, pay enormous toll fees and anxiously wonder what the referendum is going to saddle on them next.

When I see who benefits the most with all the transit improvements, it is those that need it least. It's the lord of the manor. It's the ones who can afford the homes next to the manor. It's the real estate agent, the developers, the property flippers, the agencies that own and lease out the property. It's the ones who are whistling all the way to the bank.

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S22 What I am trying to tell you is that you and every other government in this country are successfully killing the middle class.

Wise people have said that if you keep doing the same thing over and over again and you keep getting the same result but expect a different result that defines insanity. Well maybe that defines your tax the “middle income” strategy. I said it many times and I have to repeat it again, the cash cow is dead. You are trying to create a referendum to bleed a dead cow. You must go back to the ones whistling on their way to the bank. I am not saying tax the rich I am saying tax the people who are making money on Skytrain. If that means taxing residential parking stalls filled with BMWs and Lexus’ near and around Skytrain (as opposed to the parking stalls used by the manor servants), then that is going in the right direction. I have proposed higher property taxes (I mean added Skytrain premium aside from the inflated property value) defined by proximity to Skytrain. I have proposed higher real estate transfer fees defined by proximity to Skytrain. You can put other license fees into Translink based on business proximity to Skytrain.

The government should really give their head a shake. More fees and taxes on the average to low-income workers have not improved our economy. We have less money to spend. You eliminated ferry service and added to the cost of using the ferries. The result is you saved a few dollars and lost millions on tourism revenue. Your employment stats are dismal as tourist dollars decrease tourism workers.

I’m sure the referendum on transit is a done deal; that is the target cash cows have already been determined. I am just as sure that it is a doomed deal that will fail whether the referendum passes or not because government just can’t change the way they think. They are going to try and tax the same dead corpse over and over again. In the mean time Gregor’s leotard-clad cyclists that live in the neighbourhood they work in are going to get off scot-free (again) and the privileged manor lords are going to continue to whistle their way to the bank.

Respectfully

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From S22
Sent: January-22-14 13:22
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Cc: george.heyman.mla@leg.bc.ca; Bains.MLA, Harry LASS:EX; Sav Dhaliwal; Dix.MLA, Adrian LASS:EX; Chouhan.MLA, Raj LASS:EX
Subject: TRANSLINK Referendum
Importance: High

Please include this on AGENDA for November referendum for funding sourcing by TRANSLINK:

First and foremost source will be the property owners along the SKYTRAIN systems to bear bigger responsibility as they benefit the most by having the route next to their properties. They command higher rents and prices. It is time that they should pay the most, followed by the properties along the popular bus routes. These before rest of the public is asked to bear the burden.

Other major complaint is that NONE of the STATIONS on the entire system are properly equipped to facilitate mass evacuation in case of a major disaster in these parts of the "Ring of Fire" .

Should you need further elucidation, you are welcome to contact me.

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From: S22
Sent: January-22-14 16:45
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: S22
Subject: Leadership

Ms. CLARK - (leader of our province)

Short note on leadership - this province spent millions electing you to the leadership of this province and since, we have wasted millions in energy watching the stupidity of lesser politicians fighting about TRANSIT.

Please, use the power and mandate of your position to act as a leader and get this issue out of our head. No-one in the province needs the continued frustration on this issue.

BE A LEADER FOR A CHANGE.

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

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CALIFORNIA - didn't work there too well did it?

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ps: if you allow the ref on this issue to go ahead - bank on two more votes going to some where else next election. We always VOTE - and if you don't want ours and the family and friends where we do have some influence - then carry on and DON'T BE A LEADER.

-----Original Message-----

From: S22
Sent: January-23-14 12:39
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: andrew.wilkinson.mla@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Transortation Referendum

Dear Christy,

As a Liberal Party member I am very angry at minister Todd Stone and his arrogant and abusive attitude towards the Mayors of the Lower Mainland. And I am also perplexed as to why your government is passing the buck on vitally important transportation, some bridges, and road decisions in our area.

You have a duty to show strong leadership, as you have done with LNG, and order Minister Stone to get on with the issues at hand. The idea of a referendum is stupid and irresponsible! As a Party Member I am embarrassed the you and Mr Stone are adamant that a referendum will be held.

I predict that a vote will fail. Then where will we be? Screwed! Please Christy, abandon this stupid idea, and get on with serious planning of a good transit and related transportation system.

Best wishes

S22

Sent from my iPad

From: S22
Sent: January-23-14 12:00
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Translink referendum

Dear Premier Clark..

I highly doubt you will read or reply ---but I am fed up with the government --

I have finally taken 5 minutes to write. This referendum on Translink funding is getting absolutely ridiculous. First off, THE NDP Offloaded BC Transit ---to Translink years ago, since then all the PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT has done.. is told Translink to build this, do that. Well--PUBLIC TRANSIT, can not be funded by a mear, gas tax, property tax... I think there is only 1 way to fund it correctly & that is by the "SALES TAX" -seriously -- tell public you will remove the Property tax, & the Translink gas tax, & Give translink a 1/2% or 1% of the sales tax --- & This should fund transit properly through out BC.

By choosing a sales tax, even the low life losers, who always scam free rides, donate \$\$ to transit, because they too have to buy product.

Your Minister TODD STONE - knows ZIP, Zilch Zero -- about translink & how it is run. THE MAYORS -- HAVE NO SAY -- NONE...

Translink is one of the poorest run organizations in B.C. -----CASE IN POINT ---they instituted a 96 B line in SURREY --from Newton Exchange to GUILDFORD---REALLY --- a 60 foot bus for this.... THAT RUNS WITH -- NO MORE THAN 10 -12 people at any one time.----Drivers told Coast mountain --to put a normal bus on that route & use the 60 footer for the Langley Willowbrook centre run, that drivers on an hourly basis --pass people up because the normal bus is full----THEY---TRANSLINK said - NO -- We know what we are doing>>>> Well NO THEY DON'T. IF translink were to talk to drivers--- they would get an understanding of how to plan routes. DRIVERS never get coffee, lunch or Bathroom breaks.....---Translink assumes one can park a bus according to safety standards, walk to the crew room, use the bathroom facilities in under 2 mins... REALLY!--

I think it time --- THE GOVERNMENT -- YES YOU... took charge ---- & Looked into the mismanagement of over paid managers.....--turf TRANSLINK--- bring it back under the Gov't like BC TRANSIT --once was, use .5 to 1% of your sales tax revenues to fund transit.

Oh --an before I go----- Translink wants to introduce the compass card -- they believe it will reduce fare evasion --- NOT... the gates --will be broken on the first day ..the project is over 2 years late, some 30 million and counting ---as to the BUDGET OVER-RUN.... really-- & then you decide-- a referendum on funding... I will tell you now... it will fail..because --people are fed up with the mismanagement at translink.. TRANSIT --will go back to the 1980's for route planning..etc.

One other thing --MAYBE ---REDUCE THE TOLLS -- on the 2 bridges -- that is why truckers don't use it...& I will not go over the PORT MANN --ever again..... -- not paying \$6 a day -- nope..... never

THanks

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From: S22
Sent: January-23-14 22:56
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: todd.stone.mla@leg.bc.ca
Subject: Make the decision about transit!

Dear Madame Premier,

For many, many years, this Province has been talking about major transit initiatives for the Lower Mainland. A few pieces of infrastructure have been built, but we need much more -- and that brings us to where we are now: a lot of bickering among two levels of government.

This is very frustrating.

I think you and your Transport Minister are handling this issue weakly. Your Government's chiding of the Lower Mainland mayors, and Mr Stone's suggestion that they raise transit money by increasing property taxes, is particularly vexing. As someone who joined your Liberal Party to help fight the NDP in the recent election, I am dismayed to hear this approach because it sounds very much like the way the NDP would act, i.e., dither and dither, blame someone else, bicker and argue some more, then raise property taxes and create a muddy mess!!

For heavens sake Ms. Clark, you have the reins of power -- a large number of British Columbians gave them to you because they wanted to see action by someone who would be courageous and DO things! We did not elect you to hide behind the copout of "direct democracy" via referenda!

There has been much talk about tolling all Lower Mainland bridges and roads, automobile levies, sales tax, property taxes, etc. etc. Expecting the mayors of multiple municipal governments to agree on a single plan of action is ridiculous. That is why we have YOU, who represent the SENIOR government, to make decisions for the entire Province!

I suggest the most fair, simple, and efficient way to raise money for transit is to add a small percentage to the Provincial Sales tax, and to set that amount aside for some years so that it is used ONLY to build transit infrastructure ALL OVER this Province. If you take the time to explain that and prepare British Columbians adequately, the majority will understand and agree with you. Yes, you will open yourself to Opposition criticism for increasing a tax, but if you do this openly and confidently, and then actually start building some needed infrastructure, most citizens will understand and admire your leadership for doing what is needed for BC.

Damn the torpedoes and get on with it!

Sincerely,

S22

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:53 PM
To S22
Subject: RE: Make the decision about transit!

Thank you for your email regarding a TransLink referendum. We note that you are not in favour of a referendum and you have sent a copy of your comments to the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

As you are aware, Metro Vancouver's mayors are concerned about the timing proposed for the referendum, so discussions are ongoing. Meanwhile, we appreciate receiving your feedback. Thanks again for taking the time to write.

From: S22
Sent: January-23-14 17:37
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: transite vote

Premier Clark

I do support the Liberal Party and most of it's policies, I agree with your stance on natural gas as well as the oil pipelines.

I do not agree with your stance on transit and this vote on transit financing. I think this a way that elected politicians can hide behind a vote and not do what you are elected to do make tuff decisions that the public may or may not like but that is why you have the job. We could end up like California where there is a vote for every expenditure and look at their school system!

S22

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:49 PM
To S22
Cc: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: transite vote

Thank you for your email regarding a TransLink referendum. On your behalf, we have shared a copy of your correspondence with the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, so that he has an opportunity to review your comments as well.

As you are aware, Metro Vancouver's mayors are concerned about the timing proposed for the referendum, so discussions are ongoing. Meanwhile, we appreciate receiving your feedback. Thanks again for taking the time to write.

-----Original Message-----

From S22

Sent: January-17-14 12:55

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Subject: Transit referendum

Cleanup Trannslink before the referendum. It's a complete waste of taxpayer money.
Who wants to absorb another tax increase when it all goes to compensation and nothing else.

Do you ever wonder why more and more taxpayers despise all levels of govt and every dept?
And I mean despise !! It's slowly turning to hatred.

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From: S22
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2013 10:34 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Translink

Christy I thought you should know that after complaining to Translink about fare evasion I was informed their drivers are told "not to worry about fare collection".I find this ridiculous & applaud your decision for a referendum concerning Translink funding.I feel the public should be made aware of this policy as they would require far less funding if they were to collect fares.I'm not talking about allowing disadvantage people a free ride, I'm talking about anyone be allowed on & even given transfers so they won't be fined.I was unaware transit was free & wonder why I have to buy a bus pass.Why do they even sell them,are honest people now required to fund Translink for those who choose not to pay?Thank you S22

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2013 1:02 PM
To: S22
Cc: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Translink

Thank you for your email regarding TransLink. We appreciate that have taken the time to write and have shared your comments with the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, for his information as well.

Again, thank you for expressing your concerns.

-----Original Message-----

From: S22
Sent: January-20-14 15:45
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Much adieu over translink

Dear Premier Christy Clark,

I have read the recent articles and one has to laugh at the way our transportation system has evolved over the past 40 years. I drive on the new South Fraser Premiter road and marvel at my free ride. Yet when I pass under the Prt Mann, I have to pay a toll? Is this not funny?? You have inherited a mess from Campbell and I recommend you take the initiative and forward thinking that he was incapable of. I recommend:

1) SCRAP Translink now! Like Aircare its time has come! They want more money and cry they need more. What is the long range plan? At what cost? Vancouver goes ahead and is building a subway to UBC. As you know this is far too expensive!! Everyone has ignored the report from the Sauder School of Business. They recommended more buses and trollies which would get more people out of their cars and onto public transport. It would also be more cost effective. Yet Translink is arrogant and out of control with taxpayers' money. I spoke to my MLA a couple of years ago and he, like I felt that Translink is out of control. When I mentioned to him since the government created it the recall the legislature and scarp it. But he fell silent. I for one will vote against any further funding for Translink.

2) SCRAP TREO and the ridiculous tolls over the Port Mann and Golden Ears bridges! Transportation throughout the province is the responsibility of the government. Has any thought been given to the Massey tunnel or Patulla bridge? No one in the government will comment on tolling all crossings in the lower mainland. Does one assume it is coming?

3) TAKE BACK the ferry system! It will cost you a lot to buy the CEO and other clowns out but it needs to be done. It is a public service, not a get rich scheme for cronies. S22
S22 I would be happy to run the fleet at my old salary as a S22 (I know this part is a rant, but have we not forgotten it is a public service to British Columbians?)

But you are on the horns of a dilemma and I believe to get off of it, develop a report from the brightest and best in transportation, who will make good long term recommendations. Then again there must be several good studies/reports on this issue. If there are, then pick out the best in an open and honest manner. This transparency will go along way to restoring ones faith in government. The only caveats I recommend would be:

(A) all BC'ers pay for roads, bridges and ferries through gas, property, vehicle, which includes bicycles taxes.

(B) all transportation from this day forward will be under the sole control of the ministry of transportation.

I believe if you frame the referendum around sound well thought out researched recommendations, taxpayers will support them. I for one will and many of my family and friends would too.

Thank you for reading this and good luck on this challenge.

Cheers

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-----Original Message-----

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:41 PM

To: S22

Cc: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX

Subject: RE: Much adieu over translink

Thank you for your email regarding TransLink, TReO, and the governance of BC Ferries. You have clearly given a lot of thought to the transportation system in our province and we appreciate that you have taken the time to send your thoughts to us.

We have shared your correspondence with the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, so that he has an opportunity to review your comments as well.

Thanks again for your input.

From: S22
Sent: December-13-13 13:22
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Add this question to transit referendum

Dear Premier:

Please add “ Do you want to see much more involvement by private enterprise in transportation in BC “.

In a throwback to our colonial past, governments from coast to coast have and are acting as if only public transportation (government run or subsidized) is the answer .

To the contrary, a hybrid system of private and public is the answer.

Cities with 10 times the population of the Lower Mainland run these systems and transport people on a daily basis without the drama found in our area.

Appreciate your serious consideration to including this question .

Regards,

S22

From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: December-19-13 3:47 PM
To: S22
Cc: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Add this question to transit referendum

Thank you for your comments regarding private and public investment in transportation infrastructure. We know that the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, will be interested in your viewpoint as well and we have shared a copy of your email with him for information.

Since you have an interest in this issue, we invite you to visit the following web pages:
<http://www.partnershipsbcc.ca/index.php> and <http://www.gov.bc.ca/tran/index.html>.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write.