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Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Your request is for:

The submission to the Ministry made by the Island Corridor Foundation, dated approximately June 2015, regarding the Foundation's response to the RTC Rail Solutions report of December 2014; a second review consultant's report about the feasibility of the E&N track upgrade plan, submitted to the Ministry, likely in September, 2015; a report prepared by Hatch Mott MacDonald for the Ministry regarding a review of the BC Safety Authority and its capacity to evaluate rail track and rail safety - either generally or specifically in relation to the E&N rail line. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/08/2015 To 01/20/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

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In respect of your request for a second review consultant's report about the feasibility of the E&N track upgrade plan, submitted to the Ministry, likely in September, 2015, no report exists, however there was a review done by the Island Corridor Foundation and Southern Railway of British Columbia of the first report. That review has been included in response to this request.

In respect of your request for a report prepared by Hatch Mott MacDonald for the Ministry regarding a review of the BC Safety Authority and its capacity to evaluate rail track and rail safety - either generally or specifically in relation to the E&N rail line, the ministry has no responsive records. The only reports prepared by Hatch Mott MacDonald for the ministry regarding the E&N Railway are the E&N Bridge Assessment Reports (2012) is located on the ministry's website at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-reports-and-reference/reports-studies/vancouver-island/e-n-rail>

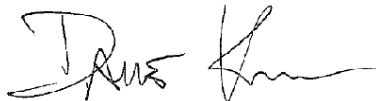
Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at 250 387-1371. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 387-1371.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Kotorynski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Kotorynski, FOI Analyst
Business and Infrastructure Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250 387-5629 Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.