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Subject: Re: Transportation Symposium BNOTE REVISED With new Cliff #

Thank you.

Sent from my mobile device.

On Oct 7, 2015, at 11:34 AM, Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Jordan, as requested, please see attached for the meeting with MTS and Minister Rustad tomorrow about the symposium. Please let me know if you have questions, thanks, db

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Subject: Transportation Symposium

BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

DATE: October 7, 2015
PREPARED FOR: Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
MEETING: John Rustad, MLA, Nechako Lakes
ISSUE: Transportation Symposium Briefing

SUMMARY:

- **The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (Ministry) has worked with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) for over a year to assist them gaining approval from their membership to support non-medical transportation needs of First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor.**
- **The Ministry will partner with the FNHA to support a transportation symposium, to engage First Nations communities to develop a common vision for community-based transportation services that recognizes local needs.**
- **The symposium will also include participation from the Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women, B.C. Association of Friendship Centres, local government representatives and staff from the Ministries of Justice, Health, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and the Ministry.**
- **Costs of the symposium will be funded 50/50 by the Ministry and the FNHA.**

BACKGROUND:

First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor between Prince George and Prince Rupert in Northern British Columbia have identified the need to increase availability and access to practical, affordable, and sustainable options for safe transportation services. The required transportation services include medical and non-medical travel between on-reserve First Nations communities and local/regional municipalities.

The Ministry and the FNHA have a shared interest in improving transportation services to First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor. With the spirit and intent to work collaboratively, increase information sharing, and align efforts to address shared transportation concerns, The Ministry and FNHA are working with local communities, and interested partners to:

- a) Establish a shared vision for transportation services for First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor;
- b) Identify an appropriate model to achieve the vision;
- c) Develop a business case that supports a practical, sustainable and financially viable service; and
- d) Identify and establish partnerships to implement the proposed model.

Given the scale and scope of transportation needs, a collaborative approach is required as no single organization has the mandate to fulfill all requirements.

DISCUSSION:

Between October 2014 and March 2015, the FNHA worked with their membership to gain support for a broad interpretation of their mandate to "plan, design, manage, deliver and fund the delivery of First Nations health programs in B.C." to include support for healthy communities. These discussions explored the issues, and focused on the FNHA's role in supporting transportation services for First Nations communities.

In May, the FNHA confirmed they had support from their members to work with the ministry to consider transportation solutions, and to develop a project charter to guide the initiative. The FNHA developed a

project charter setting out the steps necessary to achieve support for community-based transportation services. The charter is co-sponsored by the FNHA and the Ministry. See Appendix A – Project Charter.

In June, ministry staff attended a meeting with the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition (OBAC) Board of Directors. At that meeting, there was a discussion around transportation between communities. OBAC indicated it was working on options for improving transportation between communities, recognizing that the needs vary from one community to the next. They agreed to have Mayor Rob MacDougall (Fort St. James) represent OBAC at the proposed transportation symposium being coordinated by the FNHA.

The first step identified in the project charter involves an online transportation survey which the FNHA will deliver to First Nations communities. See Appendix B – FNHA Transportation Survey. The results from the survey will inform the discussion guide for the symposium and will be the first step in focussed First Nations engagement. The next step will involve engaging the First Nations communities in developing a vision for transportation services that meet local needs. This vision will be developed through a transportation symposium, hosted by the FNHA in partnership with the Ministry.

The FNHA will invite a representative from each First Nations community along the corridor. The symposium will also include a representative from each of the Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women, B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, the local government associations (including OBAC and the North Central Local Government Association) and regional representation from local government, and staff from the Ministries of Justice, Health, Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR), and the Ministry.

The transportation symposium will cost approximately \$24,000 for organization, facilitation, meeting space, as well as travel and accommodation for one representative from each of the First Nations communities that are located within 75 km from Highway 16. The ministry will partner with the FNHA to contribute 50% toward the cost of the symposium. The FNHA has pursued arrangements with the Prestige Hudson's Bay Lodge in Smithers, as the venue for the symposium to be hosted on November 18, 2015.

The discussions at the symposium will guide the development of a model for practical, affordable and sustainable transportation solutions that meet local needs and are supported by the communities. The FNHA will partner with the Ministry to establish a Transportation Working Group to further develop the vision and program model opportunities, for discussion with key potential partners. The project charter calls for a program, confirmed funding sources, and an implementation plan to be in place in Summer 2016. When the program is confirmed and supported by the First Nations communities, an implementation strategy will be developed.

FNHA Communications staff have worked with Government Communications and Public Engagement to prepare a release announcing the upcoming symposium. The announcement is scheduled for release on October 9. The FNHA transportation survey will also be released at the same time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Ministry's contribution toward the symposium costs will be approximately \$12,000, which will be accommodated within the Ministry's Transportation Policy and Programs budget.

Attachments: Appendix A: FNHA/MoTI Project Charter
Appendix B: FNHA Transportation Survey

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Northern Transportation Initiative Project Charter

This document is a project charter for the Northern Transportation Initiative. It is intended to provide a high-level overview of the project's purpose, scope, and objectives. The document is intended for use by project management and other stakeholders involved in the project.

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Project Overview

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The BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and the First Nations Health Authority have a shared interest in improving transportation services to First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor. With the spirit and intent to work collaboratively, increase information sharing, and align efforts to address shared transportation concerns, MoTI and the First Nations Health Authority are working with local communities, and interested partners to:

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Transportation services are required in the areas outlined in the table below (Table 1). These areas and communities have been identified and included due to their proximity to Highway 16 (within 75 kilometres of Highway 16).

Table 1: First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor between Prince George and Prince Rupert

Carrier	Communities
Carrier South	Burns Lake Band, Wetsuweten First Nation, Stellat'en, Cheslatta, Skin Tyee, Nee Tai Buhn
Carrier Lakes and Lake Babine Nation	Woyenne, Nadleh Whut'en, Lheidli T'enneh, Salk'uz, Tl'azt'en (Binche), Nak'azdli
Gibson/Wetsuweten	Morisetown, Hagwilget, Gitsegukla, Gitwangak, Kispiox, Sik-e-dakh, Gitanmaax, Gitanyow
Coast Mountain	Kitselas, Kitsumkalum, Haisla
Coast Tsimshian	Lax' Kw'alaams, Metlakatla, Gitxaala

Goals

The project goals include:

- Developing a vision for a community-based transportation model that is informed and supported by First Nations communities;
- Improving access to appropriate services for First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor;
- Developing human and economic capacity within First Nations communities; and
- Establishing practical, affordable, and sustainable options for safe transportation services that meet local needs.

Project Scope

Inside Scope	Outside Scope
Program development (Phase I)	Program Implementation (Phase II)
Medical and non-medical transportation	Transportation requirements in service areas and communities beyond those listed in Table 1
Partnership development across multiple organizations	Changes to the current BC Transit model
Program or approach to support First Nations in the development of transportation businesses / services	Establishing specific local / First Nations transportation businesses

Approach

The project includes three inter-related work streams: a) community engagement, b) program development, and c) organizational partnership.

A. Community Engagement

A three-step engagement approach will occur with First Nations communities to establish a common vision for a safe, reliable and appropriate transportation service. FNHA will lead the engagement approach:

1. **Survey:** An online survey will be developed and released to community members and leaders in September 2015. Survey completion will be facilitated by FNHA staff in the Northern Region. Survey results will be reviewed and an engagement summary will be prepared to inform the Transportation Symposium;
2. **Transportation Symposium:** A regional meeting will be held on First Nations territory central to the communities of Highway 16 with one representative per community to develop a common vision for a model that recognizes individual community needs; and
3. **Follow-up Communication:** Project updates and developments will be communicated by the FNHA. Communication may be electronic, conference calls or through the Transportation Working Group.

B. Program Development

FNHA, MoTI, and community will work together to develop a sustainable model.

1. **Establish a Transportation Working Group** to further refine the vision and develop model opportunities (led by MoTI Executive Director and FNHA Regional Director). Members of the Working Group will include representatives from FNHA and MoTI, as well as Aboriginal Service Providers, Non-Government organizations, Municipalities, Partner Ministries and First Nations communities;
2. **Based on the agreed upon vision, determine an appropriate transportation program model and develop a business case, including consideration of the options and opportunities proposed** (led by MoTI Executive Director with Working Group member and technical experts as required); and
3. **Identify funding sources (start-up and on-going) and potential service provider(s)** (led by MoTI ADM and an FNHA Executive Team Member).

C. Organizational Partnership

FNHA and MoTI will work together to identify potential partners. This initiative will be led by MoTI ADM and an FNHA Executive Team Member.

1. Identify potential partners who may have an interest and/or mandate related to First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor;
2. Meet with key contacts at each organization to discuss the project and identify shared interests and potential funding opportunities; and
3. Invite partner participation in the Transportation Working Group and related project activities (led by MoTI Executive Director and FNHA Regional Director).

Timeline and Deliverables

Activity	Activity Lead	Deliverables	A	S	O	N	D	S	J	F	M	A	M	J
Initial Survey and Analysis	• Mark Matthew	• Joint communication plan • Community survey • Survey summary report												
Symposium Preparation	• Nicole Cross • Mark Matthew	• Venue booking, meeting preparation and logistics												
Transportation Symposium	• All project team members	• Shared vision • Establish Transportation Working Group												
Program and Business Case Development	• Transportation Working Group	• Transportation program model • Business case												
Funding and Partner Identification	• Deborah Bowman • Richard Jock • Greg Gilks • Nicole Cross	• Potential partners and funding • Meetings with the Transportation Working Group and potential partners												
Implementation Planning	• Transportation Working Group	• Refined program and business case • Confirmed funding sources • Implementation plan												
Program Development Completion	• Nicole Cross • Mark Matthew	• Informed and supported transition from development team to implementation team												

Roles

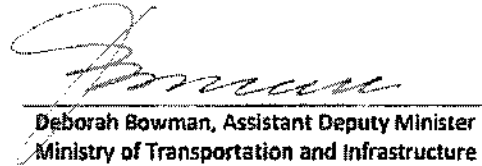
Role	Name	Key Responsibilities
Executive Co-sponsors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deborah Bowman Greg Shea 	Provide executive-level oversight
Partnership and Relationship Development Co-leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deborah Bowman Richard Jock 	Identify partner organizations and develop working relationships
Transportation Working Group Co-chairs / Project Co-leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg Gilks Nicole Cross 	Provide direct oversight to the project on a day-to-day basis
Project Manager/Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jodi Newnham 	Track and monitor project progress and milestone completion
Engagement Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Matthew 	Provide direct oversight to the engagement approach
Engagement Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Mairs Renata Meconse 	Provide operational support to the engagement approach
Communications Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Davis McKenzie MoT Communications 	Create and roll out coordinated communications plans for respective organizations

Approvals


 Richard Jock, COO
 First Nations Health Authority

Date

19/8/2015


 Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister
 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Date

Sept 8/2015



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

First Nations Transportation Survey: Highway 16 West

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First Nations Passenger Transportation Highway 16 West - Prince George to Prince Rupert

Transportation is an issue of growing concern in Northern BC. We are interested in your experience and opinion on this important topic. Please take a moment to complete the following survey. The community that has the highest level of participation in the survey will be recognized at the upcoming Transportation Symposium.

1. Which community do you live in?

Type here

2. Which community do you travel to most frequently for appointments, shopping, visiting, etc?

Type here

3. Do you have a valid drivers license?

Yes No

4. Do you have the access to transportation in your region to:

Never Once in a while Sometimes Almost always Always

Visit people?

Go shopping?

Attend appointments?

Work?

Access education?

Access recreational activities?

Attend cultural events?

Other (please specify)

Type here

5. What transportation have you used between communities in the region? Choose all that apply.

Taxi

VIA Rail

Greyhound

Northern Health Connections

Personal (or friend/family) vehicle

Hitchhiking

Band transportation services

School Bus

Ferry

Volunteer service. Please specify who provides the volunteer service?

Type here

Family, friends or private vehicle?

Other, please specify...

Type here

6. Excluding personal vehicles, why do you currently use transportation options listed in Question 5 (Taxi, VIA Rail, Greyhound, Northern Health Connections, Band transportation services, Hitchhiking) ?

Choose all that apply.

Lack of access to a private car

Don't like driving in poor weather

Want to reduce my environmental impact

Concerned about personal safety

Want to save money

Other (please specify)

Type here

7. Excluding personal vehicles, how often do you use the transportation options listed in Question 5 (Taxi, VIA Rail, Greyhound, Northern Health Connections, Band transportation services, Hitchhiking) ?

Five or more days per week

Between one and five days per week

Once every week

Less than once per week

Never

8. Rate the availability of each type of transportation service between communities in the region:

	Not available	Little availability	Some availability	Mostly available	Always available	Don't know
BC transit						
Taxi						
VIA rail						
Greyhound						
Northern Health Connections						
Band operated transportation						
Ferry						
Other (please specify)						
Type here						

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First Nations Transportation Survey: Highway 16 West

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9. How well do the current public transportation options meet your needs to travel to other communities in the region?

Very well Reasonably well Not really well Don't know

10. What time of day are you most likely to require transportation services?

Choose all that apply.

Morning

Mid-day

Afternoon/end of workday

Evening

11. If a transportation service was made available, if there was an increase in service, or if other improvements are made how often would you use public transportation?

Five or more days per week

Between one and five days per week

Once every week

Less than once per week

Never

12. What would increase your usage of public transportation between communities in the region?

Choose all that apply.

Increased daily service

Increased weekend service

More pick up points

Covered stops

Increased safety

Increased reliability

Cleaner vehicles

Better understanding of the services available

Other (please specify)

Type here

13. Which of the following age groups do you fall into?

Under 20 years old

20 to 30 years old

31 to 55 years old

56 to 65 years old

Over 65 years old

14. Are there any comments you wish to share with us regarding public transportation options in the region?

Type here

Thank you for your participation. Your input will help guide our collective efforts to address transportation issues along Highway 16.

If you have any questions related to this survey please contact Mark Matthew, First Nations Health Authority, at 250-571-7362 or mark.matthew@fnha.ca

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Subject: Transportation Symposium

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From: Davis McKenzie <Davis.McKenzie@fnha.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 2:37 PM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Date of symposium

That works!

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX [<mailto:Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Davis McKenzie; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Date of symposium

Hi again,

Mind tacking the highlighted onto the minister's quote?

"This symposium will build on the work we've done to date as we continue to engage First Nations to find practical, affordable and sustainable solutions for the communities along the Highway 16 corridor," said Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Todd Stone. "I'm confident that, through our partnership with the First Nations Health Authority, and the information and ideas gathered at the symposium, we will be able to develop a vision for a community-based transportation model that is supported by First Nations and communities along the corridor."

Thanks,
Ryan

From: Davis McKenzie [<mailto:Davis.McKenzie@fnha.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Date of symposium

Hi Ryan,

Yes, was able to connect with Richard- the below is proposed but approved- working its way through-

"Safe and affordable medical transportation for First Nations along the Highway 16 corridor is our goal" said First Nations Health Authority Chief Operating Officer, Richard Jock. "The FNHA assumed responsibility for medical transportation in 2013. We look forward to the opportunity to work with First Nations, government and other partners to create new models which address transportation in a more fundamental way."

Best,
Davis

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX [mailto:Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 2:06 PM
To: Davis McKenzie; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Date of symposium

Hi Davis,

Sounds like my ADM Deborah connected with Richard this morning and there might be an update to the news release coming through. Have you heard the same?

Thanks,

Ryan

From: Davis McKenzie [mailto:Davis.McKenzie@fnha.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 9:34 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Date of symposium

Hi Ryan,
Here is our working DRAFT poster-

Best,
Davis

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX [mailto:Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 9:28 AM
To: Davis McKenzie; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Date of symposium

Hi Davis,

You mentioned in an earlier email circulating a poster with the survey for health centres. Do you have an electric copy of it?

Thanks,

Ryan

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Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 8:06 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Date of symposium

Good Morning Ryan,
Not a problem, we can work with the 19th-
Best,
Davis

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 6:01 PM

To: Davis McKenzie; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX

Subject: Date of symposium

Hi Davis,

If you've already begun notifying or booking, please don't worry about this, but if not, any chance we could move the date of the symposium to the 19th? Again, I don't want to add another wrench into things... but thought I'd ask.

Thanks,

Ryan Jabs

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From: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 2:41 PM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Transportation symposium - date change - November 19

Nov 19 is good.

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 11:25 AM
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Transportation symposium - date change - November 19

I'm talking to Richard Jock COO at FNHA at 11:30. Is there a decision on the change of date to Nov 20th?

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Subject: Transportation symposium - date change - November 19

FNHA is good with changing the date of the symposium to November 19th.

Thanks,

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Subject: NR - FNHA
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Trish

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For Immediate Release

Highway 16 Transportation Symposium Focused on Practical Solutions

The First Nations Health Authority and B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are partnering –to host a transportation symposium that will hear from First Nations communities and municipalities –along the Prince Rupert to Prince George Highway 16 corridor. The discussions will focus on finding practical, affordable and sustainable transportation solutions to address both medical and non-medical travel and support healthy communities.

Highway 16 is a main transportation artery in Northern B.C. stretching from Jasper in the east to Prince Rupert in the west. The Prince George to Prince Rupert corridor is home to 23 First Nations who are invited to help shape new transportation solutions. Hearing from First Nations along the Highway 16 corridor is the first step to implementing solutions.

The symposium will take place in Smithers on November 24th and include representatives from the 23 First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor, the provincial government, and municipal government organizations.

Today, the ministry and First Nations Health Authority launched a broad survey of current transportations issues and challenges along the Highway 16 corridor. Due to the significant distance between communities along Highway 16, a "one size fits all" approach won't address these challenges. The survey results and themes will provide the foundation for discussion at the symposium.

Discussions will also take into account previous community engagement and reports including the 2006 Highway 16 Transportation Symposium Report and the 2012 Missing Women Commission of Inquiry recommendations.

Quotes:

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Learn more:

First Nations Transportation Survey Link: <http://bit.ly/fnhatransportationsurvey>

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Subject: FW: DRAFT: Highway 16 transportation symposium focused on practical solutions

Looking at this we have MTS repeating a line that is in the lead of the NR. We do want to have the Quotes imbedded. So, suggest we change the lead to:

The First Nations Health Authority and B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are partnering to host a transportation symposium that will hear from First Nations communities and municipalities along the Prince Rupert to Prince George Highway 16 corridor. The discussions will focus on finding transportation solutions to address both medical and non-medical travel and support healthy communities.

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Subject: FW: DRAFT: Highway 16 transportation symposium focused on practical solutions

Good Morning Trish,

Please find your NR attached for final edits and approval.

We had this on our calendar to go at 9:30 AM this morning, has the new dissemination time been approved by corp. calendar?

Once approved we'll queue this to go to Prince George/ Prince Rupert and northern media.

Please call with any edits.

Thanks!
Marc
6-7397

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

From: Boudreau, Marc GCPE:EX [mailto:Marc.Boudreau@gov.bc.ca]
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Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the summary of the News Release

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Oct. 9, 2015

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure First Nations Health Authority

NEWS RELEASE

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Learn more:

First Nations Transportation Survey Link: <http://bit.ly/fnhatransportationsurvey>

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Questions and Answers DRAFT

**Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure/First Nations Health Authority
Transportation Symposium
Nov. 24, 2015
Smithers, B.C.**

1. Why are you having a transportation symposium?

This symposium is a continuation of the work the ministry has been doing to find practical, affordable and sustainable transportation solutions along the Highway 16 corridor.

The symposium will give us an opportunity to hear and learn directly from First Nation community members and local government representatives living along the corridor. This is the first time we have held a working session to have focused discussions on identifying transportation options and solutions that will address both medical and non-medical travel along the corridor.

2. Why is it taking so long to come up with some solutions for this problem?

We cannot rush this work. We are seeking a community-based model. The communities have to be part of the discussion and process to make sure their thoughts and ideas guide the development of finding a local solution. We are committed to this work and we will take as long as is necessary to work with the communities to support them in developing practical, affordable and sustainable transportation solutions.

Our meetings with communities in the region and with the First Nations Health Authority were a good start to identifying community transportation needs and challenges. We heard from the FNHA that a transportation symposium will give First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor an opportunity to help us find the right solution for their communities.

3. Who are you inviting to the symposium?

We've invited representatives from the First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor, Aboriginal organizations, municipal government organizations and representatives from a number of provincial government ministries that have been supporting our work on this.

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4. Is the media invited to the symposium?

This is a working session to find transportation options along the Highway 16 corridor. We want to have focused discussions with the participants on this topic, and come away with some real options that will help us move forward to address the transportation challenges along with corridor.

We intend on releasing an information bulletin after the symposium that will outline what we heard and what the next steps are to finding a practical, affordable and sustainable transportation solution.

5. Why are you working with the First Nations Health Authority on transportation issues related to Highway 16?

Ministry staff have been building a partnership with the First Nations Health Authority for more than a year on this topic. The FNHA mandate includes supporting medical transportation through its five hubs along the Highway 16 corridor. It has an established relationship with First Nations communities and regularly engages with First Nations on a number of health related topics, including transportation.

Transportation issues were also identified as being top of mind for the FNHA, so therefore it made perfect sense for us to partner with them to have a dialogue with the First Nations and communities along the corridor to find practical, affordable and sustainable transportation solutions.

6. Why are you doing another survey? I thought you did one last year.

This survey was sent out on October 9 and is specifically targeted to First Nations residents living in communities along the corridor. It was distributed by the First Nations Health Authority online and through their established community network.

The survey done last year was conducted by the Omenica Beetle Action Coalition and was sent to the broader population in communities along Highway 16. Unfortunately there was not a lot of participation from First Nations in that particular survey.

The FNHA survey closes November 15 and we will be using the results from both surveys to help us inform the dialogue at the symposium.

7. What are the next steps following the symposium?

We will establish a Transportation Working Group which will include representatives from FNHA, MoTI, First Nations communities, Aboriginal organizations, municipal organizations, and partner ministries.

The Working Group will take away the information and ideas we heard at the symposium, and use that information to develop community-based transportation models, and identify potential partners for implementing the appropriate model.

8. How much is the symposium going to cost?

The symposium will cost approximately \$30,000. Most of the costs will cover travel and accommodations for First Nations participants in the symposium. The ministry will pay for half of costs, with the rest coming from the First Nations Health Authority.

9. Is this connected at all to the Highway 16 Symposium that was held a few years ago?

That symposium focused on a broader set of issues facing the communities. The discussions we'll be having at the Nov. 24 symposium will be more specifically focussed on transportation solutions, but will take into account previous community engagement and recognize the on-going work that has been on-going through the 2006 Highway of Tears Symposium as well as the 2012 Missing Women Commission of Inquiry recommendations.

10. Is this event connected to the Family Gathering that will be hosted by the Province and Aboriginal leadership?

The work my ministry is doing to find practical, affordable and sustainable transportation options for First Nations communities along the Highway 16 corridor is part of the broader efforts of this government to create a safer environment for Aboriginal people in British Columbia.

While we are not directly involved with the Family Gathering, we expect that through our partnership with the First Nations Health Authority, and the information and ideas gathered at the symposium, we will be able to make some real and tangible progress toward developing a community-based transportation model that will be supported by First Nations and municipal communities along the Highway 16 corridor.

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Newnham, Jodi TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Gilks, Greg E TRAN:EX; Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX; Faubert, Reg P TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Medical Transportation Initiative

Hi all – sorry for creating the confusion. I think Mark may have sent me an earlier version that suggested the symposium was on the 19th. He now knows the 24th is confirmed.

Thanks,
Jodi

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2015 1:38 PM
To: Newnham, Jodi TRAN:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Gilks, Greg E TRAN:EX; Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX; Faubert, Reg P TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: Medical Transportation Initiative

I thought they changed the date to the 24th b/c the venue was unavailable. Ryan, can you jump in here...

From: Newnham, Jodi TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2015 1:05 PM
To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Cc: Gilks, Greg E TRAN:EX; Evans, Sandy J TRAN:EX; Faubert, Reg P TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Medical Transportation Initiative

Hi Deborah – I just spoke to Mark; he was unaware that Nov 24 was confirmed (and their communication that went to chiefs last night still said Nov. 19). I understood that Nov 24 was final but wanted to confirm with you before asking him to change the venue booking.

Mark has also indicated he is unavailable to assist with facilitation on Nov 24 so we will need to find an alternate.

Thanks,
Jodi

From: Mark Matthew [<mailto:Mark.Matthew@fnha.ca>]
Sent: Friday, October 9, 2015 12:51 PM
To: Newnham, Jodi TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Medical Transportation Initiative

This is what went last night.

MM
Mark Matthew BBA
Mobile: 250.571.7362

From: Nicole Cross
Sent: October-09-15 12:47 PM
To: Mark Matthew
Subject: FW: Medical Transportation Initiative

From: Brian Mairs
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 7:30 PM
Subject: Medical Transportation Initiative
Good Evening Northern Leadership

In the spirit of open communication and a no-surprises environment we are pleased to share some important developments related to medical transportation and an emerging partnership with MOTI. As leaders we hope you find the following advanced messaging helpful and would encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.

Tomorrow at 9:30 AM the First Nations Health Authority and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will issue a news release announcing a transportation symposium this November in Smithers BC. This email is intended to provide leadership some key information on the topic should you be asked by membership.

- Safe and effective medical transportation along the Highway 16 corridor is an important element for supporting our people's health and well-being.
- Addressing medical transportation through partnerships emerged as a priority last year during engagement with northern communities
- The FNHA is committed to working with the 23 impacted Nations* and the Ministry of Transportation to identify practical transportation solutions for Prince Rupert to Prince George Highway 16 corridor.
- Hearing from First Nations along the Highway 16 corridor is our first step. To prepare for a November 19th transportation symposium, we are launching a survey to collect data about current travel patterns, methods and experiences. <http://bit.ly/fnhatransportationsurvey>
- We strongly encourage as many people as possible to take part in the survey, please print and post this attached poster and share with entities within your Nation.
- The survey results and themes will provide a foundation for dialogue at the 2015 Transportation Symposium.

* those Nations within 75km of this Highway 16 corridor

More information and the news release will be shared tomorrow, and we look forward to continued engagement on this topic.

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Transportation Symposium Invitation Smithers BC: Tuesday, November 24, 2015

On behalf of the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), we are pleased to invite two representatives from your organization to participate in a transportation symposium.

The symposium will be held at the **Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge in Smithers on November 24, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** This one-day symposium will focus on finding practical, affordable and sustainable transportation solutions to address both medical and non-medical travel and support healthy communities along the Highway 16 corridor from Prince Rupert to Prince George.

Date: November 24, 2015

Time: 8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Location: Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge, 3251 BC-16, Smithers, B.C.

Please RSVP your attendance to Meghan Saunders:

Meghan.Saunders@gov.bc.ca by November 18, 2015

Representatives from First Nations communities located within the Prince Rupert to Prince George Highway 16 corridor, Aboriginal organizations, along with representatives from the provincial government and municipal government organizations have been invited to participate in this dialogue to identify solutions to support community transportation in the area.

To inform the dialogue at the symposium, FNHA and MoTI launched a broad survey to gather information from communities regarding transportation issues and challenges along the Highway 16 corridor. The survey can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/fnhatransportationsurvey>. Results and themes from the survey will provide the foundation for discussion at the symposium, along with previous community engagement, surveys and reports.

We recognize that a “one size fits all” approach will not address the challenges faced in the community; however, we are hopeful that by coming together, we will be able to have a dialogue to support a vision for a community-based transportation model that is supported by First Nations and municipal communities along the Highway 16 corridor. We look forward to our discussion and developing solutions with you.

Accommodation: All attendees are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. If you would like to stay at the Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge, a block of rooms have been set aside for symposium attendees. Please call the Lodge directly: (250) 917-8569.

For additional information, please contact Jodi Newnham, MoTI at Jodi.Newnham@gov.bc.ca or 250-356-6306.

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2015 7:03 PM
To: Bell, Jordan TRAN:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: Fw: Transportation Symposium Invitation Smithers BC: Tuesday, November 24th, 2015
Attachments: MoTI symposium invitation October 30 2015 FINAL v1.pdf

FYI

As per our discussion with MTS yesterday, the following invitation was sent this afternoon to local governments along the Hwy 16 corridor. FNHA was also sending out to the First Nations.

Thank you, db

From: Saunders, Meghan TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Annette Morgan; Barb Ward-Burkitt; Debbie Joujan; Doug Champman; Gail Chapman; Heather Avison; Jim Martin; Kathleen Soltis; Kevin Crook; Margo Greenwood; XT:Haley, Maureen EHS:IN; Michael D. Glavin; Oliver Ray; Paul Lacerte; Rob MacDougall; Robert Long; XT:KitimatStikine, RegionalDistrict ENV:IN; Rodney J Holland; Sheryl Worthing; Susan Bassett; Tanalee Hesse; Tom Clemen; Warren Waychesen; XT:Hunt, Wendy; District of New Hazelton MTIC:IN
Subject: Transportation Symposium Invitation Smithers BC: Tuesday, November 24th, 2015

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Please see the formal invitation (pdf document) attached to this email, containing further details of the session. A meeting overview will be provided in advance of the session once confirmation of attendance has been received.

For additional information, please contact Jodi Newnham, MoTI at Jodi.Newnham@gov.bc.ca or 250-356-6306. Please RVSP your attendance to Meghan Saunders, MoTI at Meghan.Saunders@gov.bc.ca or 250-356-1357 by November 18th, 2015.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Meghan Saunders
Aboriginal Relations- Provincial Team
Business Management Services Branch
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Ph: 250-356-1357
Meghan.Saunders@gov.bc.ca

Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX

From: Davis McKenzie <Davis.McKenzie@fnha.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 5:07 PM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Highway 16 NR

Yes that works- thanks Trish

From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX [<mailto:Trish.Rorison@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 5:06 PM
To: Davis McKenzie
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Highway 16 NR

Hi Davis – I think that should be fine. Are you still ok with the NR going out Friday at 9:30 a.m.?

Thanks again,

Trish

From: Davis McKenzie [<mailto:Davis.McKenzie@fnha.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2015 5:00 PM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Highway 16 NR

Hi Trish,

We can work with the following here, need to retain reference to medical in sentence 1, okay with removal in second part-

“Safe and affordable medical transportation for First Nations along the Highway 16 corridor is our goal,” said First Nations Health Authority Chief Operating Officer, Richard Jock. “Over the last decade a reduction in transportation options along the corridor has put our population at risk. We look forward to working with our partners and First Nations to establish new safe and affordable transportation options which support healthy First Nations communities.”

Let me know if you would like to discuss further-
Best,
Davis

From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX [<mailto:Trish.Rorison@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 3:40 PM
To: Davis McKenzie
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Highway 16 NR

Hi Davis – OK if I give you a call tomorrow to discuss quote? Want to make sure I understand what you folks want.

Trish

From: Davis McKenzie [<mailto:Davis.McKenzie@fnha.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 6, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Highway 16 NR

Hi Trish,

Quick confirmation- with the suggested quote revision you are not suggesting a change to this opening below:

“Safe and affordable medical transportation for First Nations along the Highway 16 corridor is our goal,”

Best,
Davis

From: Rorison, Trish GCPE:EX [<mailto:Trish.Rorison@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, October 05, 2015 3:08 PM
To: Davis McKenzie
Cc: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: Highway 16 NR

Hi Davis – just following up as I understand Deborah Bowman left a detailed message for Richard and wanted to make sure you were in the loop.

Looks like Friday works best for our folks for sending out the NR however, we don't want to delay any message you send to the chiefs on this so please feel free to proceed with that. Also, I understand that the survey can also be sent out as we want to make sure there is time to gather that info before the symposium.

For the Friday release, any time in the morning works. Let me know what the preference is. One more request is to propose an adjustment to Richard's quote to stay away from any mention of the medical services. Let me know if this is ok.

“We look forward to working with our partners and First Nations to establish new safe and affordable transportation options for medical appointments”, can we propose “We look forward to working with our partners and First Nations to establish new safe and affordable transportation options which support healthy First Nations communities”?

Give me a call if you have any questions.

Best,

Trish

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