

You can help bring passenger rail service back to the valley.

“We could have 99 km of this system up and running, serving a million people, for approximately the **same cost as a few kilometers of SkyTrain...**”

Jon Vissers, Rail for the Valley Board of Directors

Please!

Contact your elected Civic representatives and tell them why you want light rail put on the agenda now!

Write your Newspaper Editors and tell them why you want light rail for the Fraser Valley region now!



Imagine!

100 years ago a Vancouverite could board an electric tram in downtown Vancouver and step off in downtown Chilliwack.

Rail for the Valley envisions

Chilliwack to Vancouver reconnected by a passenger rail system using existing Inter-Urban B.C. owned track. Demand your taxes be used for improving *our* transit network south of the Fraser River.

Contact Information & Memberships

Visit railforthevalley.com

On our website

Read about Facts vs Myths and comprehensive in-depth analysis on the feasibility of passenger rail in the Fraser Valley.

We've done our homework!



The time to plan the future is now.

We need Liveable Cities and Regions

Polititians aren't listening...

Maybe in 20 years – they said that 20 years ago! They spend billions of dollars on highways and continually tax us, but still ignore long-term cost-effective solutions to traffic congestion for the Fraser Valley!

Lets change that.



Imagine the Future

People who live in communities with extensive public transportation networks **exercise more, live longer, and are generally healthier** than people in automobile dependent communities.

Source: American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

Light rail will help relieve **heavy traffic** on our roads, improve our **health, our air quality**, and reduce impacts on the **environment**, while efficiently **connecting** all major communities in the Fraser Valley.

All around the world light rail is being built in regions with comparable or lower density - even the spread-out city of Calgary has an expanding urban rail system carrying 250,000 passengers each day!

Despite one of the worst economic and unemployment crises in United States history, light rail ridership rose faster than any other major transit mode. Austin's Texas's new MetroRail light railway saw **spectacular ridership growth** of 169%.

Source: Light Rail Now, <http://www.lightrailnow.org>

The South Fraser Region population will exceed one million. Surrey's urban density is as high as Burnaby's. **Abbotsford is the 2nd fastest growing city in BC**. Chilliwack's population has increased by 50% in the last 15 years and is rapidly growing.

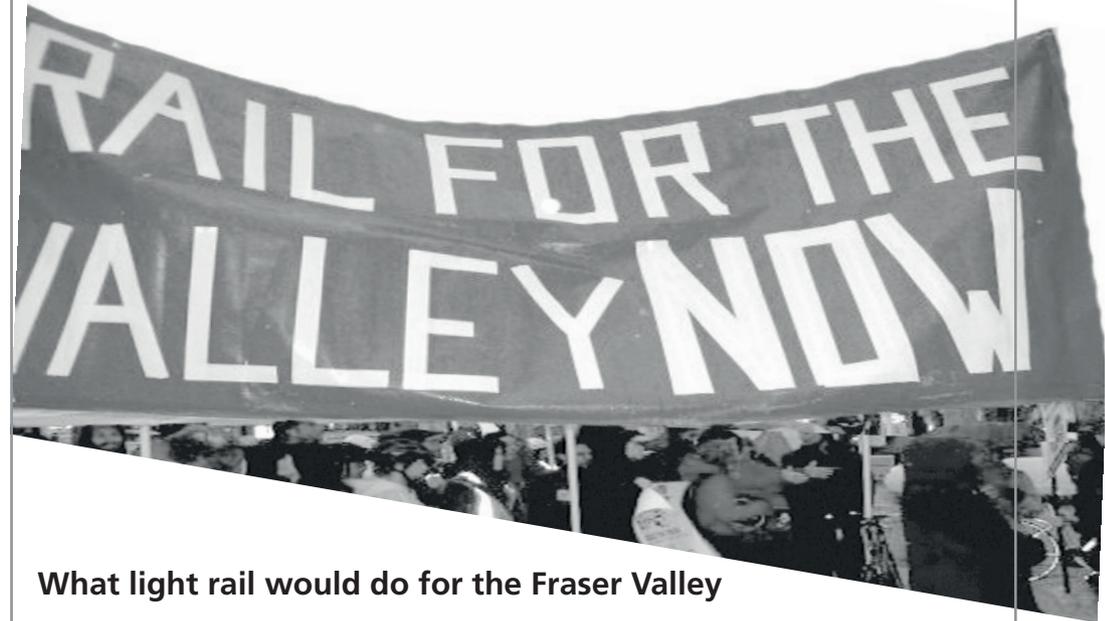
The province has imposed a **carbon tax on fuel**, increasing costs of travel by car yet has not provided alternatives for taxpayers who live outside Vancouver. 85% of all trips south of the Fraser River stays within the South Fraser Region.

In North America, Australia, Africa, Europe, and Asia, cost-effective regional light rail is being built as cities with comparable or lower density expand.



What are we waiting for?

We have the opportunity right now to revive this light rail system using existing passenger lines for the benefit of all.



What light rail would do for the Fraser Valley

- Increase value, expansion and growth to all business, shopping, housing and services in town centres and near rail stations
- provide safe reliable, stress-free, affordable, accessible options for the elderly, disabled, families, commuters, and thousands who live and work in the Fraser Valley
- ensure the lowest carbon emission transportation alternative
- always reliable regardless of gas prices and seasonal driving conditions
- access to the US-Sumas border, six universities, downtown Abbotsford, (with shuttle to Abbotsford Airport), central Langley, and Surrey with connections to Vancouver, YVR airport, Richmond - central, Mission and the West Coast Express
- ensure reliable travel times regardless of traffic congestion or weather conditions from Surrey SkyTrain to Chilliwack
- economic benefits to tourism, agriculture and recreation through travellers coming from Vancouver and beyond.