

BOW VALLEY CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

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January 31, 2022

VIA EMAIL:
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The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC
M.L.A. for Calgary-Lougheed
Premier of Alberta
Office of the Premier
307 Legislature Building
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Dear Premier Kenney:

Re: Bow Valley Corridor Alliance – Calgary-Banff Passenger Rail Project

The Bow Valley Corridor Alliance would like to restate our collective support for a regional mass transit system connecting the City of Calgary to majestic Banff National Park.

The recent proposal submitted to the Province for the Calgary-Banff Passenger Rail Line reflects a transformative project that will take thousands of vehicles off of the already over-subscribed TransCanada Highway, and all roads within the Bow Valley communities. This would improve the overall experience and safety for people visiting Canada's first national park, and improve labour mobility by connecting workers with jobs throughout the Bow Valley. This would also result in reduced vehicle emissions, particularly through the use of a hydrogen-powered engine, and aid in maintaining our clean air quality.

This project will alter the perception of public transportation and demonstrate the Provincial commitment to a diverse and successful economy, as well as supporting and growing our important tourism industry. It also reflects many of your Government's priorities and would provide a solid means of obtaining many of the objectives outlined in your 2020-2023 Strategic Plan, including:

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- supporting job creation through building public infrastructure and making Alberta more dynamic, innovative and sustainable;
- prioritizing infrastructure projects that will promote economic growth and recovery, create jobs, support opportunities in multiple sectors and enable future private sector investment. This includes clearing transportation bottlenecks and reducing congestion in key trade and industrial corridors;
- making Alberta more dynamic, innovative and sustainable; and
- adopting a smart approach to innovation and make Alberta competitive for global high-tech investment.

The Bow Valley Corridor Alliance members are committed to championing mass transit locally, provincially and federally. As the proposed project progresses from a vision to a reality, our individual communities are exploring how we would integrate this project locally, suggesting train station locations, identifying multimodal connections, reviewing pedestrian access, identifying parking opportunities, and more.

We recognize that a project of this magnitude requires significant planning and resources locally and regionally. If approved by the Province, the Alliance is looking forward to working with the Government of Alberta through the design phase of the work to collaborate on the impacts between our communities and the project.

As Alberta continues to recover from the pandemic and lead Canada in economic recovery, the Calgary-Banff Passenger Rail Line is a legacy project that has the real potential to support long term economic prosperity, all while providing a fantastic way to enjoy one of Alberta's most treasured destinations.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

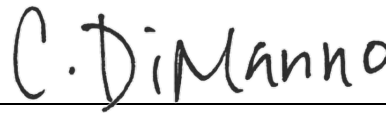
Yours truly,

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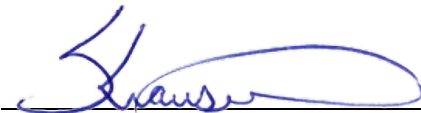
Per:



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Gian-Carlo Carra, Councillor Ward 9



Town of Banff
Mayor Corrie DiManno



Town of Canmore
Mayor Sean Krausert



Town of Cochrane
Mayor Jeff Genung

- cc: The Honourable Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Transportation and MLA for Calgary-North East
Mr. Mickey Amery, MLA for Calgary-Cross
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The Honourable Jason Copping, Minister of Health and MLA for Calgary-Varsity
The Honourable Mike Ellis, Associate Minister of Health and MLA for Calgary-West
The Honourable Tanya Fir, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction and MLA for Calgary-Peigan
Ms. Kathleen Ganley, MLA for Calgary-Mountain View
Mr. Richard Gotfried, MLA for Calgary-Fish Creek
The Honourable Whitney Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women and MLA for Calgary-Glenmore
Mr. Matt Jones, MLA for Calgary-South East
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