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**Memorandum of Understanding to continue advancing interregional transit signed
*MOU supports development of governance, funding, and service models for a Sea to Sky
interregional transit service***

Pemberton, BC – The Sea to Sky Regional Transit Committee signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Province of British Columbia to work together on planning for the development of an interregional transit service. The proposed service would link Sea to Sky corridor communities operating from Lilwat Nation to Metro Vancouver.

Successful interregional transit requires strong partnerships and a coordinated approach.

The Lilwat Nation, Village of Pemberton, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, Resort Municipality of Whistler, District of Squamish and the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) all work together on the Sea to Sky Regional Transit Committee, and have worked alongside the Province for more than a decade to advance an interregional transit solution for the Sea to Sky corridor. An interregional service was first highlighted through the [Sea to Sky Transit Future Plan](#), developed in 2015 by BC Transit in collaboration with the public and regional partners and is based on extensive community engagement. That plan led to the 2017 [Regional Transit Study](#), which explored short-and medium-term options for an interregional bus service and eventually led to the creation of the committee.

The MOU recognizes the shared interest in advancing an interregional service on Highway 99 (Sea to Sky Highway), to better connect communities, meet commuter demand, reduce congestion and ensure equitable access to goods and services. The MOU includes provincial guiding principles such as regional decision-making, integration between passenger transportation modes, leveraging partnership funding, collaboration and coordination between the private and public sector, and equity of access.

For more information about this project, visit the project page on the SLRD website:

<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/current-projects-initiatives/proposed-new-sea-sky-regional-transit-service>

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About the Sea to Sky Regional Transit Committee

Formed in in 2019 with a vision to advance a regional transit service along the Sea to Sky corridor between Lilwat Nation and Metro Vancouver, the transit committee includes representatives from:



Lilwat Nation, the Village of Pemberton, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, the Resort Municipality of Whistler, the District of Squamish, and the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation).

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"This Memorandum of Understanding demonstrates what can be achieved when local governments, Lilwat Nation and Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and provincial partners come together with a shared vision. Reliable and accessible regional transit is essential for connecting people with employment, education, healthcare, recreation, and services throughout our region.

The ongoing cooperation and collaboration that brought us to this milestone is remarkable. I want to thank all our partners for their commitment to finding solutions and keeping this important project moving forward.

The involvement of the Lilwat Nation and Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), upon whose unceded territories an interregional transit service will operate upon, has been critical throughout this process. The perspectives, knowledge and leadership of all the Sea to Sky communities help to ensure that future transit solutions reflect the needs of their communities and all residents across the region. We value these relationships and look forward to continuing to work together as we build a more connected and sustainable future for the region." – **Jen Ford, SLRD Board Chair on behalf of the transit committee**

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