

ICF Local Government Liaison Committee



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SVI Rail Link

January 17, 2017

Federal Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP)

- Oct. 11, 2016 Minister Garneau announced the new Rail Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) with over \$55 million in funding available
- Includes provincially regulated railways and broadens the scope of projects that could be funded to enhance rail safety
- Program builds on three previous rail safety programs: the Grade Crossing Improvement Program (GCIP); the Grade Crossing Closure Program (GCCP); and Operation Lifesaver.
- Project Proposals must be received by January 31, 2017
- Eligible Projects must be completed by March 31, 2019
- Potential Candidate Crossings> Dorman Road, Nanaimo or Snuneymuxw crossings?

Tourism / Excursion Rail



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Island Explorer – Feasibility Study (September 2014)

Conclusions

- Increased Cruise Ship Port Calls with Excursion Train
- Feasible / Positive Bottom Line
- Dual Purpose
 - Positive synergy with Nanaimo Cruise Ship Calls, Chemainus Theatre & Quw'utsun' Cultural Centre
 - Nanaimo/Ladysmith/Chemainus/Duncan
- Break-even – 15 Excursion events per season
- High quality hospitality service
- Local “Themed” events
- Excess capacity – ie. add more equipment (coaches)

Economic Impact Assessment – Excursion Rail

September 2015 – Updated February 2016:

- “...the excursion train is a differentiator for Nanaimo in competition with other local coastal British Columbia ports that do not have such an excellent shore excursion capability right dockside, and thus generates a superior economic impact for the region.”
- Year 1 - Construction Impacts
 - Total Impact = \$5.3M
 - Jobs = 18.5 FTE
- Annual Operating Impacts – Excursion Train AND More Cruise Ship Calls
 - Total Impact = \$22.8M – Year 1 to 5 (incl.)
 - Projected Annual Impact = \$5.9M/Year – Year 6 and on....
 - Jobs = 9.9 FTE
- Estimated 10 Year Total Economic Impact to the Region = \$50M

Tourism / Excursion Rail – Economic Impact Analysis

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cruise Ship Impacts	\$1,566,464	\$2,088,394	\$2,577,711	\$3,268,475	\$4,515,400
Island Explorer Train	\$-	\$5,848,905	\$ 732,735	\$ 976,980	\$1,221,225
Total Economic Impact	\$1,566,464	\$7,937,299	\$3,310,446	\$4,245,455	\$5,736,625

Five Year Cumulative Economic Impact- Cruise Ship + Excursion Train **\$22,796,289**

Annual Economic Impact - stabilized operations (year 2021)

- assumes annual cruise ship calls stabilize at 20 Ships **\$4,515,400**
- assumes year 5 stable operations for Island Explorer
(per Grant Thornton study) **\$1,425,000**

Annual Economic Impact Forward (year 6+) **\$5,940,400**