

More affordable, more frequent buses into Nanaimo



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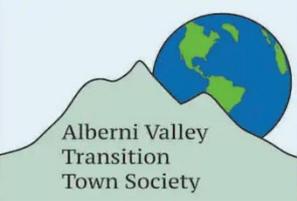
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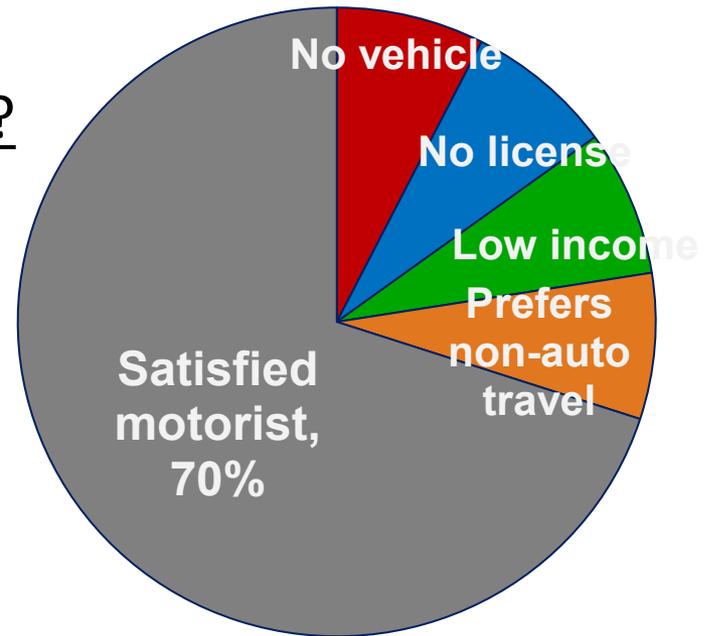
Our intercity bus service is falling behind others....

<u>Inter-City Bus Service</u>	<u>Dist. & Time</u>	<u>Current # Daily Trips</u>	<u>One way Fare</u>
Sooke-Victoria	40km 70min	42	\$3.00
Qualicum-Nanaimo	50km 52min	22	\$2.75
Duncan - Nanaimo	50km 70min	7(9F)	\$5.00
Port Alberni-Nanaimo	84km 75min	2	\$45

- We pay 16 times more for a bus to Nanaimo than people in Qualicum; and have to deal with 1/10th the bus frequency
- We have the worst intercity bus service of any city and region on South Vancouver Island, Campbell River to Sooke

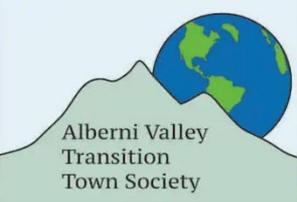
So who's it hurting in the ACRD???

In a typical community 30% of travellers cannot, should not, or prefer not to drive for most trips.



Who's hurting the most ???

1. Our Seniors (PA 65+ is 26.3% of pop.)
2. Our folk with medical needs
3. Our Members of First Nations (16.8% of PA)

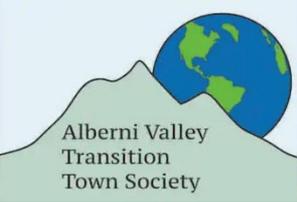


Proposing: Tripling of current service with a more equitable \$5 fare



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Currently =>	Port Alberni-Nanaimo	84km 75min	2	\$45
<i>Compare =></i>	Qualicum B-Nanaimo*	50km 52min	22	\$2.75
Proposing =>	Port Alberni-Nanaimo	84km 75min	6	\$5
	*As of Nov 1st, 2025			

- Why? ✓ **Fairness** ✓ **Medical accessibility** ✓ **Safety**
 ✓ **↓ Carbon footprint** ✓ **↓ Traffic congestion**
 ✓ **↑ Independant mobility for 30% of the ACRD population**



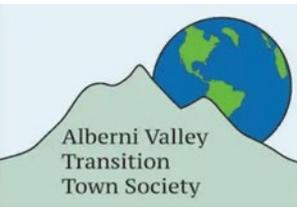
Good intercity bus service stimulates growth:

Cities with good intercity bus service grow their tax bases faster

<u>City</u>	<u>Intercity Bus Route</u>	<u>Number of Daily Buses</u>	<u>Pop. Growth % 2016 to 2025</u>
Sooke	Sooke - Victoria	43	30.70%
Parksville	Parksville - Nanaimo	22	17.80%
Port Alberni	Port Alberni - Nanaimo	2	7.50%

Good intercity bus service would make Port Alberni more attractive for...

- ✓ Seniors/Retirees seeking better mobility and healthcare
- ✓ Tourists especially from the Lower Mainland
- ✓ Intercity commuters and students



But good intercity bus service needs Gov't subsidies:

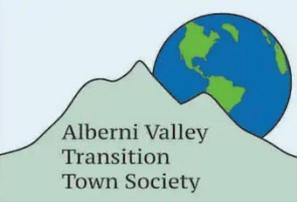
We need an estimated annual subsidy of around \$1.5M

	Port Alberni- Nanaimo
Proposed Daily Round Trips	6
Annual Cost (6 round trips x \$882/bus trip* x 365)	\$1,932K
Fares (6 round trips x 20/bus** x 365 x \$10)	(\$438K)
Estimated annual subsidy of.....	<u>\$1,494K</u>

That \$1.5M subsidy compares to \$3M, if Port Alberni were subsidized at the same per capita rate as Metro Vancouver***

We need your support in advocating for more equitable intercity transit and subsidies

*Cost of a bus/trip of \$882 based on 6 hours X \$147/hour, per Better Island Transit April 5, 2024 **Guestimate of an average bus occupancy of 20 for a regularly scheduled 54-seater coach bus ***TransLink's '25 Gov't transfers/subsidies = \$395.5MM; population'24 of Metro Vancouver (+vicinities) =3,457MM; Hence per capita transit subsidies in Metro Vancouver = \$114.41; assume population of Port Alberni (+vicinities) = 27,000: then a Vancouver equivalent transit subsidy would be close to \$3MM (\$3.09MM)



Going forward.....

In Dec'24: Our BC Gov't agreed to support more frequent, reliable and affordable intercity transit.....*but has yet to act*

We need to keep the spotlight on this need for intercity transit and Gov't subsidies. In advocating for this we are supported by:-

-City of Port Alberni:

"enhanced intercity bus service would support local economies"

-Josie Osbourne:

"intercity transit is not a "nice-to-have", it's a "must-have"

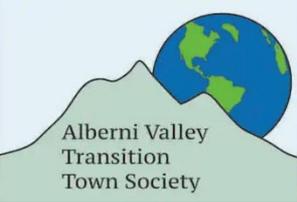
-First Nations like Tseshaht:

-Alberni Clayoquot Health Network:

-Rotary Clubs: -The public, especially seniors:

-Scoop: -Better Island Transit – Victoria:

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Thank you

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