



October 13, 2023

Dear Mayor Ruimy and Council,

On behalf of the Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce we would like to express our wholehearted support for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) proposal as part of the Maple Ridge Moves Plan. As the business organization representing the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows communities, we firmly believe that the implementation of the BRT system would bring immeasurable benefits to our city.

First and foremost, a BRT system in Maple Ridge would greatly enhance our transportation infrastructure. It would provide a reliable and efficient means of public transportation that can reduce traffic congestion and cut down on commute times for our citizens. This would not only make daily life more convenient but also help in reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality, contributing to a healthier environment for all.

Moreover, the introduction of the BRT system is likely to have a significant impact on local businesses and our economy. With better access to public transportation, more people from surrounding areas are likely to visit our community, thus boosting tourism and increasing patronage for our local businesses. Additionally, a BRT system can attract new investments, encouraging businesses to establish themselves here, thereby generating jobs and economic growth.

The BRT proposal is a testament to forward-thinking urban planning, and it aligns with the goals of creating a more sustainable and connected city. It demonstrates that Maple Ridge is committed to ensuring the welfare of its citizens, fostering economic development, and caring for our environment.

I would like to thank you and the city council for your tireless efforts in improving the quality of life in Maple Ridge. Please count on our support and involvement in this important initiative. If there is anything I can do to assist or promote this project within the community, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Kristi Maier, Executive Director

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Jerry Kok, President

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