Passenger Transportation Board to conduct follow-up investigation on the current state of COVID-19 recovery for BC passenger transportation industry

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The Passenger Transportation Board recognizes the significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on British Columbia's economy, and the resulting challenges that the province's passenger transportation industry continues to face.

In 2021, the Board launched an investigation(3 MB) to better understand the new economic landscape as a result of COVID-19 and its effects on the passenger transportation industry, pursuant to section 27 of the Passenger Transportation Act.

In the interests of the industry's long-term well-being, and to fulfil the Board's mandate under the Act, the Board must ensure it has access to current economic data and analysis, so it may render sound, objective evidence-based decisions.

The Board's objective is to undertake a follow-up study to the 2021 study, on the current state of recovery from COVID-19 for the passenger transportation industry in BC. This follow-up study is being conducted under section 7 of the Act, so no applications will be affected throughout this investigation.

The Board has retained the services of Hara Associates, a professional economist, to conduct this follow-up investigation. This investigator possesses the requisite expertise in economics and in the BC passenger transportation industry to render a valuable report.

The investigation is expected to take up to 6 months, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

We encourage the public and members of the industry to continue to consult the Board’s website for any updates.