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Public Input Meetings Scheduled to Discuss High-speed Rail in the Province of Alberta

EDMONTON – The Legislative Assembly’s Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future is seeking public input on the feasibility of establishing a high-speed rail transit system for Alberta.

Calgary

February 24
6:30 p.m.
Coast Plaza Hotel
and Conference
Centre
1316 – 33rd St, NE

Red Deer

February 25
6:30 p.m.
Red Deer Lodge Hotel
and Conference
Centre
4311 – 49th Avenue

Edmonton

February 26
6:30 p.m.
Committee Room A
4th Floor,
Legislature Annex
9718 – 107 Street

The committee began its review after a motion was passed on November 25, 2013.

... given the rapid and continual growth in the population of Alberta, in the interest of maximizing the economic impact of that population growth, the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future undertake a study of the feasibility of establishing a high-speed rail transit system to be built for Alberta in phases.

So far the committee has heard from a number of professional stakeholders and would now like to hear what Albertans think.

“Albertans really are our most important stakeholders,” said Moe Amery, MLA for Calgary-East and chair of the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future. “We want to know how the public feels about the idea of a high-speed rail transit system here in Alberta.”

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Individuals who want to present at a public input meeting are asked to register by calling 780.427.1350 (toll-free: 310.0000). The registration deadline is February 20, 2014.

Interested parties unable to attend the meetings are encouraged to provide a written submission to the committee. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2014. Please note that all submissions and the identities of their authors will be made public.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, c/o Committee Clerk, 801 Legislature Annex, 9718-107 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 1E4, or to economicfuture.committee@assembly.ab.ca.

The Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future is one of a number of all-party committees established by the Legislative Assembly. Its mandate relates to the areas of Agriculture and Rural Development; International and Intergovernmental Relations; Enterprise and Advanced Education; Tourism, Parks and Recreation; and Infrastructure.

For more information visit www.assembly.ab.ca/committees/abeconomicfuture.

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Media planning to attend the meetings in Calgary, Red Deer or Edmonton are asked to contact:

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