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### ***The future of public transit in British Columbia***

VICTORIA—Auditor General Russ Jones’ latest piece of work, [\*Shaping Transit’s Future in British Columbia\*](#), is a web-based resource aimed to help British Columbians understand how our province’s transit system functions and the challenges it faces.

“Public transit is a complex subject with multiple stakeholders and guiding documents, often with different or conflicting objectives,” said Jones. This website will help demystify and unite a variety of sources of information.”

While this was not an audit, we did note that a combination of lower than projected ridership and higher than projected costs means that BC Transit will be challenged to meet its 2020 ridership targets with existing funding.

The website, which contains sections on policy and governance, funding, and design, also poses several questions for provincial ministries, BC Transit and local governments to consider as they work to increase ridership and develop a sustainable transportation system.

“The inclusion of these questions does not imply that the stakeholders are not aware of these issues or that we have judged there to be problems in these areas,” said Jones. “They are offered to help maintain focus on important issues, many of which are already being addressed by the respective parties.”

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