**Green Party’s [Candidate] Calls for Rail to [Place]**

**(CITY) October 9, 2015** – [Candidate], Green Party candidate (Riding), echoed comments made by Green Leader [Elizabeth May](http://www.greenparty.ca/en/riding/2013-59027) (Saanich—Gulf Islands) about the Green Party’s plan for a [National Transportation Strategy](http://www.greenparty.ca/en/platform/bold-climate-action) and to invest in VIA Rail.

[CANDIDATE QUOTE]

Greens will:

* Restore Canadian railways by investing $600 million in VIA Rail, increasing to $764 million by 2020;
* Limit the amount of unprocessed oil and increase the amount of passengers transported by rail;
* Introduce strict new rail safety laws to ensure efficient and safe movement of hazardous industrial goods including oil and gas, and re-route commercial tracks away from populated areas; and
* Build more train cars, increase train speeds, and create green transportation and energy infrastructure corridors in key regions.

“It is vital that any modern country have an efficient and well-run passenger rail,” continued Ms. May. “The Green Party’s plan for National Transportation Strategy will provide Canadians with an affordable, efficient, and safe method of transportation. Investing in Canadian rail will stimulate economic growth through expanding rail infrastructure, creating jobs, and boosting tourism.”

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