



Date: Monday March 6 2023 HELP! 780-527-6232 (NTAB cell)

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MD of Spirit River – Council Chambers

Northern Transportation Advocacy Bureau

AGENDA**10:00 AM Administration**

Call to Order: Chair, Carolyn Kolebaba- Northern Sunrise County

A) Approval of Agenda / NTAB Finances - YTD February 2023

Part 2 - Discussion Topics

- 1) **Rural Fixed Wing Air Cancelations** Municipal Airports are critical in serving health, forestry, fire, and local residents. However, keeping up with the costs of operating and maintaining these airports is increasingly difficult for municipalities. Will Stewart, Manager at GP Airport & Chair of the Alberta Airports Management Association will present perspective on the fixed wing air issue, as well as from the GP airport on what's happening there?
- 2) **Community Rail Advisory Alliance:** NTAB Chair Carolyn Kolebaba will speak to the new Rail Initiative emerging from the Grande Prairie area.
- 3) **Green Corridors** A collective term used to refer to a focus on reduced carbon emissions and/or wildlife preservation. Globally, this term has been increasingly used as a champion of climate change policies being implemented on economic development and trade. Green corridors most commonly refer to land masses; however, most recently this term is also being applied to the shipping industry. Two examples are below.
 - Canada Joins Zero-Emission Shipping Mission
Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced: the creation of a Canadian Green Shipping Corridors Framework and that Canada is joining the Zero-Emission Shipping Mission. These two new initiatives were highlighted by Canada COP27.
 - Pacific Northwest to Alaska Cruises - In 2022, the Port of Seattle, City and Borough of Juneau, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Carnival Corporation, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Royal Caribbean Group, Cruise Lines International Association, the Global Maritime Forum, Blue Sky Maritime Coalition, and Washington Maritime Blue launched a collaborative effort to explore the feasibility of a maritime green corridor aimed at accelerating the deployment of zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emission ships and operations between Alaska, British Columbia, and Washington. The communities of Sitka, Skagway, and Haines in Alaska and the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority have also joined the partnership.
 - The Y2Y (Yellowstone to Yukon) 3,400 kilometer land based green corridor started 30 years ago as a champion of grizzly bears and highway safety in national parks. Y2Y spans five American states, two Canadian provinces, two Canadian territories, and at least 75 Indigenous territories. In 2021, Y2Y's collaborative efforts to protect sensitive lands and waters in Alberta from open-pit coal mining gained huge momentum. Y2Y originated in 1993 out of Canmore, Alberta.

- 4) **An update on Highway 686 –** Fort McMurray Today Press; Map of HWY 686
FYI - Background Report: The Highway 63 / Highway 686 Parsons Interchange

2:00 PM Next Meeting / Adjournment**Note: Resources are underlined – click to access****NTAB Membership**

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