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## Invitation for input on wheelchair accessible transportation

The population of British Columbia is growing and aging. Disability rates are rising. These trends have implications for wheelchair accessible transportation in most communities around the province.

The Passenger Transportation Board makes decisions on applications to operate taxis, inter-city buses and other commercial passenger vehicles. To make more informed decisions about accessible transportation within the Board's jurisdiction, we prepared the following discussion paper. We are inviting public comment on this paper. The title is:

### **Accessible Transportation in British Columbia**

A Discussion Paper about Wheelchair Accessible Taxis and Inter-City Buses that are Licensed by the Passenger Transportation Board

The paper is posted at [http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/accessible\\_transportation.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/accessible_transportation.htm). Comments are requested by **Monday April 18, 2011**. We look forward to hearing from many people, companies and agencies on this important issue.

We thank the following organizations for providing comments on earlier drafts of the Board's discussion paper:

Association of Pacific Taxi Owners

BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

BC Council of Seniors

BC Taxi Association

BC Transit

Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC

Justice Institute of British Columbia (Pacific Traffic Education Centre)

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (Passenger Transportation Branch)

Social Planning and Research Council of BC

TransLink (Access Transit Secretariat & Users' Advisory Committee)