

**Ottawa 2012 – Liberal Biennial Convention**  
Priority Policy Resolutions

**16. Comprehensive Integrated Rail Transportation System**

WHEREAS the key to maintain Canada’s economic growth in the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be through investment in environmentally friendly and sustainable technology otherwise known as “Green” technology. The investment for a HSR and a sustainable rail transportation system of goods and services and passengers along north-south and east-west corridors provides a dual approach by means of expanding economic growth and environmental protections;

WHEREAS multiple studies (1991, 1995, 2008) have recommended implementation of high speed rail (HSR) along the Windsor-Quebec corridor;

WHEREAS high speed rail transit is a proven technology in use throughout the G-8 countries;

WHEREAS there is strong support amongst surveyed Canadian citizen’s “organizations, policy analysts, economists, and politicians for investment in a Canadian HSR”<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS Canadian companies are acknowledged leaders in transit engineering and manufacturing technology;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Liberal Party of Canada support the development of a comprehensive, environmentally sustainable, rail transportation system that would include construction of a high-speed rail system through the Quebec City-Windsor and Edmonton-Calgary corridors and other jurisdictions where appropriate with improved and integrated access to local transit, cargo and passenger lines throughout the country;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to that end, that the Government of Canada ensure that the development of a comprehensive integrated transportation system, under the joint management of a public-private board, would remain fiscally healthy, ensure job creations as the program expands, while keeping it secure and affordable for the public.

<sup>1</sup> EKOS poll 2009; and <http://www.canada.com/travel/vast>

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