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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BC Liberals announce renewed interest in South Island commuter rail even though they will not support it financially

Victoria, BC – BC Liberals are again making promises they don't support with funding, ideal timing with the upcoming May 9 provincial general elections. Speaking at an old E & N train stop at Admirals and Colville roads, and flanked by a number of mayors including Esquimalt-Metchosin hopeful MLA candidate Barb Desjardins, BC Liberal Transportation Minister Todd Stone made the announcement that a working group will be formed to complete a business case for commuter rail on the old E & N corridor between Vic West and Langford.

Although the Transportation Minister is the one making the announcement, the Transportation Ministry has not stated they will support the project with matching contributions. "It finally appears we may have federal support for South Island commuter service, and according to the BC Liberal Finance Minister they just aren't interested. The South Island needs solutions for mass transportation, not more studies and empty promises full of political spotlighting," says Phil Venoit, Business Manager and Financial Secretary for Vancouver Island's electrical union, IBEW Local 230.

About the IBEW Local 230

Chartered in 1902, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 230 is a group of over 1300 professionals on Vancouver Island working to elevate the lives of themselves and their families while working in the electrical trade. The branch consists of Electricians, Electronic Technicians and Technologists, and Motor Winders. The IBEW Local 230's goal is to represent all workers working in the electrical trade by working with our contractors to supply customers with the highest quality of work in a timely, cost-effective manner.

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