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## VANCOUVER'S TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGE: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE BIKE LANES?

KCTS 9's Community Advisory Board convenes free public discussion November 3 at Roundhouse Community Centre, Vancouver

**SEATTLE**— KCTS 9's Community Advisory Board is convening an expert panel November 3 at Roundhouse Community Centre to discuss Vancouver's transportation issues. Metro Vancouver is grappling with transportation challenges on all fronts: from an increasingly congested commute, to a lack of adequate public transit, to confusion over shared transportation alternatives, and an infrastructure unable to handle a growing population. What must be done to address this critical issue?

When: Thursday, November 3rd, 2016

Where: Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre, 181 Roundhouse Mews,

Vancouver, BC V6Z 2W3, Canada

Time: Doors at 5:30 p.m. | Start at 6:00 p.m.

"A community conversation must be about the community, and nothing stitches together the fabric of the community more than transportation," said <u>Sonny Wong</u>, the newly elected Chair of KCTS 9's Community Advisory Board. "Metro Vancouver is one of the most desirable places in the world to live, and continued growth in the region requires us to look at how we grow intelligently while maintaining a quality of life we're known for. Plus, our regulatory framework requires rethinking to keep up with new models of transportation that are transforming how we think about transportation alternatives, and how they should be implemented."

The November 3 event will feature community leaders working to find transportation solutions. KCTS 9's Enrique Cerna moderates a panel featuring Mayor Greg Moore of Port Coquitlam, who is also Chair of Metro Vancouver Board of Directors; Geoff Cross, Vice President of Planning and Policy at TransLink in Metro Vancouver; Erin O'Melinn, the Executive Director of HUB Cycling; Andy Yan, urban planner and Director of *The City Program* at Simon Fraser University; and other community leaders working to find transportation solutions. This event is the first in a series of conversations around topics of importance to the communities served by KCTS 9, the PBS affiliate based in the Pacific Northwest serving viewers in Western and Central Washington state, British Columbia, and across Canada. More than half of KCTS 9's 2.2 million viewers are Canadian.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis. To ensure seating, we highly recommend RSVP'ing to the event <u>here</u>. Community members are invited to submit questions via KCTS9.org, Facebook and Twitter or in person during the event as an audience member. People may also join in the conversation online by tagging @KCTS9 on Twitter and/or using the hashtag #YVRTransportation.

This event is in partnership with <u>Board of Change</u> and <u>HUB Cycling</u>. To learn more, visit <u>KCTS9.org/events</u>.

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