

# KEEPING THE SUPPLY CHAIN MOVING

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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### **AGENDA**

- SRY origin story
- How SRY helps to keep the supply chain moving:
  - 1. Resiliency
  - 2. Relationships







#### **URBAN ROOTS**

1871
BC JOINS CONFEDERATION

1887
CPR ARRIVES IN VANCOUVER

1897
BC ELECTRIC RAILWAY FOUNDED (BC ER)

1950s

#### **RISE OF THE CAR**

Decline of interurban passenger service

1961 CROWN CORPORATION

ATMOSPHERIC RIVER

2021

BC ER becomes a Crown corporation, part of BC Hydro. Freight only

1910

#### **COMPLETION OF THE FRASER VALLEY SUBDIVISION**

Premier McBride drives the ceremonial last spike Chilliwack, BC

1908

#### CONNECTING VANCOUVER OVER THE FRASER RIVER

Completion of Fraser River Railway Bridge allows rail construction to the Fraser Valley to begin

1994

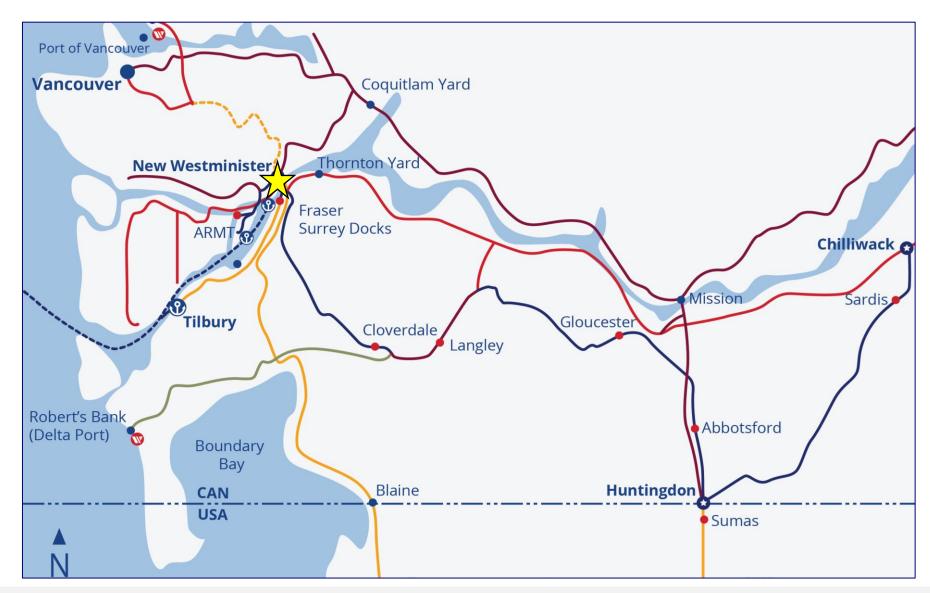
SRY JOINS THE WASHINGTON GROUP OF COMPANIES

1988

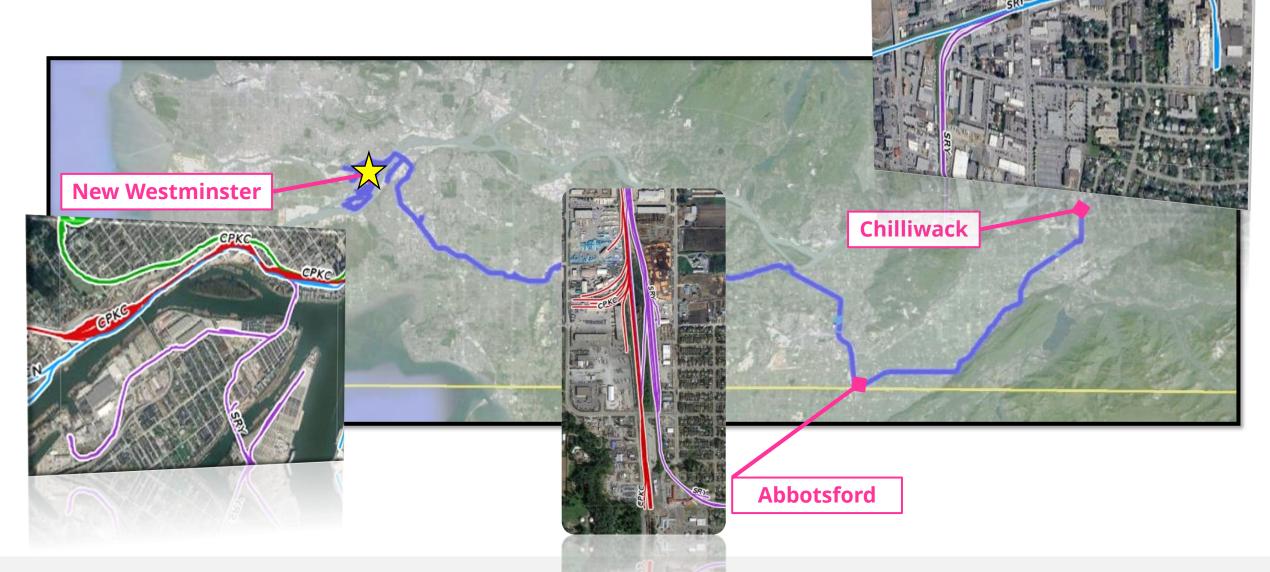
#### **SRY IS ESTABLISHED**

From BC Hydro Railway to Southern Railway of British Columbia

### LOWER MAINLAND RAIL NETWORK



## INTERCHANGE CPKC, CN, BNSF, UP





## RESILIENCY KEEPING CLASS 1s MOVING

Keep Class 1 networks fluid

 Enable Class 1s to focus on their strength in linehaul service

 Short lines: 80% of the effort to serve 20% of the supply chain

 Leverage SRY infrastructure and capacity to buffer shocks and surges in the supply chain

• 2021 atmospheric river impacts





## RELATIONSHIPS KEEPING CUSTOMERS MOVING

 Particularly in a congested urban city and port city like Vancouver, every industry that uses rail is a benefit to the economy, environment, community

- SRY customer needs can range from 2-3 railcars per week to 140+ railcars per day
- Foster close relationships with customers, establishing trust and accountability
- SRY is the proverbial "link" in the supply chain between customers and Class 1s
- See each link in the supply chain as moving in a cycle: SRY helps customers cycle railcars through their terminals, then we cycle railcars back to interchange and support Class 1s to be fluid across the continent



## ANNACIS ISLAND

- First industrial hub in Canada established in 1955. 1,200 acres island
- BC Electric Railway (now SRY) secured exclusive rail access
- 2021 SRY Annacis Island Track Capacity Improvement Project
- \$7.2 Million capital investment (\$3.6 Million in NTCF funding)



Custom Built for Industry

## ANNACIS ISLAND INDUSTRIAL HUB

- Rail-served Port of Vancouver "Annacis Auto Terminal"
- Terminal receives almost 100% of import automobiles from Asia
- 480,000 new vehicles annually
- Need to optimize amid geographic constraints
- \$22 Million in NTCF funding for additional track capacity





### TIMBERLAND PROPERTY

SRY IS ADDING TO THE RAIL-SERVED INDUSTRIAL LAND BASE

- 24.64 acres
- Located on the south side of the Fraser River
- Multi-modal rail and marine opportunity, leveraging synergies with sister company Seaspan Marine to support regional industrial needs





### **THANK YOU**

QUESTIONS

