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| <i>Last Update 8/31/09</i> | | | | <p><i>Citizen comments received from citizens submitting comment to the Port and City and through the City of Bellingham website. Prior month comments can be viewed on the website in separate monthly documents</i></p> |
| 433 | 9/4/09 | Waterfront Planning | Richard k Berry fourwinds7@verizon.net | <p>Dear Mayor:</p> <p>As my computer erased most of my letter I am now writing again. For many years I have been studying Whatcom County and am convinced that a light rail transportation system could work here. 100 yrs ago there was a circle train route that covered Everson, Lynden, Ferndale, Blaine, Bellingham, Etc. Back then there were many small thriving communities like Clearbrook that had a train stop and access to a trolley or train system. We have an opportunity to plan for a hub at the waterfront or access to and at least put it on the maps as utilities and development now will make it more affordable and possible in the future.</p> <p>Why is this possible and what are the benefits?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There were past right of ways throughout Whatcom County 2. A small experienced local crew could build the system in increments over time 3. It would provide cheap accessible transportation for future 4. Cut down on geenhouse gas, and wasteful energy use, use alternatives 5. Provide access to specific educational schools where students could cater to their true talents and dreams in the formative years as well as formal education. (In Japan the students travel to many different schools because of their efficient train systems and go to the schools that specialize in their career goals and capabilities.) 6. Keep the auto clog down and away from the city 7. Lessen parking requirements 8. Improve living and move to more walking and bicycle forms in downtown and keep the streets and cars away from the waterfront! <p>Thank you, Sincerely, Rich Berry Everson</p> |