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Project highlights: The project involves a review of public transportation funding models and ratio of dependency on public funds for major public rail and road transportation systems in Canada / U.S. The review would include an analysis of both past and ongoing major transportation projects occurring in Canada and the USA (and potentially Europe), their differences and similarities, initial source of funding (private financing, private-public partnerships, or public funds only), and ongoing cost/profitability.

The final product will be a 25-30 page report, that includes an executive summary, an introduction, a section devoted to the research methodology and findings, and a conclusion.

The project will help to broaden the student’s knowledge and understanding of the Canadian and international road and rail transportation systems, and to strengthen his/her analytical skills. How to structure and draft a policy research report is also a fringe outcome of this project.

The incumbent is expected to have an introductory level knowledge of Canadian transportation system, especially rail transportation, as well as an intermediate level knowledge of Micro and Macroeconomic concepts. Strong analytical and writing skills are also required.