

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

10:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT

Directors: D. Screech (Chair), J. Loveday (Vice Chair) (EP), S. Brice, B. Desjardins (EP), Z. de Vries (for F. Haynes) (EP), P. Brent (for D. Howe) (EP), B. Isitt (EP), C. McNeil-Smith (EP), R. Martin, R. Mersereau, L. Seaton, J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), M. Tait (10:30 am) (EP), N. Taylor, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks and Environmental Services (EP); K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP – Electronic Participation

Guest: Y. Williams, Uber Western Canada

Regrets: Directors F. Haynes, D. Howe

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Screech provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the agenda for the April 21, 2021 Transportation Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [21-312](#) Minutes of the February 17, 2021 and February 24, 2021 Transportation Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of February 17, 2021 and February 24, 2021 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. Chair's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

- 5.1. [21-308](#) Presentation: Yanique Williams, Uber Western Canada re Update on Uber's Plans to Launch in Victoria

Y. Williams presented the Update on Uber's Plans to Launch in Victoria

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Uber's labour structure for drivers
- cost to changing governmental regulatory framework
- the impact to bus ridership and other modes of transportation
- inter-municipal business licenses

- 5.2. [21-318](#) Delegation - Eric Doherty: Representing Greater Victoria Acting Together: Re: Agenda Item 6.1. Identification of Regional Transportation Priorities

Eric Doherty spoke in favour of Item 6.1.

- 5.3. [21-319](#) Delegation - Beatrice Gentili-Hittos: Representing Climate Justice Victoria: Re: Agenda Item 6.1.: Identification of Regional Transportation Priorities

Beatrice Gentili-Hittos spoke in favour of Item 6.1.

- 5.4. [21-322](#) Delegation - Todd Litman: Representing Cities for Everyone: Re: Agenda Item 6.1. Identification of Regional Transportation Priorities

Todd Litman spoke of concerns with Item 6.1.

6. Committee Business

- 6.1. [21-306](#) Identification of Regional Transportation Priorities

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- the content to be shared with the province, and the process of informing them of our changing priorities
- developing sub regional priorities
- advocating for funding through various authorities
- equity and climate considerations factored into the recommendations
- a Westshore ferry feasibility study
- mode share targets of the Capital Regional District
- clarification of highway safety improvements
- E & N rail consideration
- method of sharing information with municipalities

Director Tait joined the meeting at 10:30 am.

MOVED by Director Seaton, **SECONDED** by Director Martin,
That Alternate Director Bateman may participate in the meeting without vote.
CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:

1. That the categorized priority areas listed in Appendix A be confirmed;

MOVED by Director Isitt, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the motion be amended by adding the following wording after "confirmed",
"subject to clarification of the description of the 'Highway Safety Improvements'
priority to ensure alignment with the Mode Share targets in this report".
CARRIED

OPPOSED: Desjardins, McNeil-Smith, Seaton, Tait

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That this item be tabled until the motion that has been referred to by Director
Desjardins is considered.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Brice, de Vries, Screech

MOVED by Director Desjardins, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the committee recommend to the Board:

That we move to the advocacy options that the Province proceed with 1) a
feasibility study of the Westshore ferry; and 2) for the maintenance and upgrade
of the rail corridor.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: de Vries

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Mersereau,
That we raise from the table the previous motion as amended, and call the
question.

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:

1. That the categorized priority areas listed in Appendix A be confirmed as
amended, subject to clarification of the description of the 'Highway Safety
Improvements' priority to ensure alignment with the Mode Share targets in this
report.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Tait

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:

2. That the list of confirmed regional transportation priority areas be shared with
the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, all CRD municipalities, CRD
electoral areas and agency partners; and

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,

That the motion be amended with the removal of page two (2), The Summary of Partner Input, from Appendix A when it is sent to the Province.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Brent, Brice, Desjardins, de Vries, Loveday, Mersereau, Plant, Screech, Seaton, Tait, Taylor

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

2. That the list of confirmed regional transportation priority areas be shared with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, all CRD municipalities, CRD electoral areas and agency partners; and

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,

3. That staff be directed to develop implementation strategies for each of the approved transportation priority areas and report back to the Board on the findings, including a consideration of cooperation mechanisms.

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Plant,
That the motion be amended to replace the word "Board" with the word "Committee"

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Tait,

3. That staff be directed to develop implementation strategies for each of the approved transportation priority areas and report back to the Committee on the findings, including a consideration of cooperation mechanisms.

CARRIED

6.2. [21-227](#)

Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

Mersereau/Martin

MOVED by Director Mersereau, **SECONDED** by Director Martin,
That the following minutes be received for information:

a) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - February 9, 2021

b) Traffic Safety Commission minutes - March 9, 2021

CARRIED

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no Notice(s) of Motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Martin, **SECONDED** by Director Seaton,
That the April 21, 2021 Closed Session of the Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:51 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder