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## Notes of a Meeting of the Regional Transportation Working Group Held Thursday, June 13, 2024, via MS Teams

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### **PRESENT: Staff:**

J. Starke, Manager Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area; G. Tokgoz, Manager Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; N. Brotman, Research Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Douillard, Research Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; L. Hube, Planning Assistant, Regional and Strategic Planning; D. Pagani (recorder).

### **Also present:**

K. Balzer, City of Langford; J. Baylis, City of Colwood; L. Beckett, District of the Highlands; J. Clary, Town of Sidney; C. Davie, Township of Esquimalt; B. DeMaere, Town of Sidney; I. Leung, Town of View Royal; T. McKay, District of Saanich; C. Purvis, BC Transit; D. Puskas, District of Central Saanich; S. Rennick, District of Oak Bay; M. Van der Laan, City of Victoria; P. Webber, Province of British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI).

### **Senior Project Director, CRD Transportation Governance:**

D. Bracewell, Principal, Mobility Foresight.

### **REGRETS:**

C. Mossey, BC Transit.

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

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning, provided a welcome for members of the Regional Transportation Working Group (working group).

J. Hicks introduced G. Tokgoz, Manager Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal, Facilities Management and Engineering Services, who will give a presentation on Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal at a future meeting.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

The working group members approved the agenda without addition of further items.

### **3. Transit Future Plan Refresh**

C. Purvis, BC Transit, provided background on the scope of the Transit Future Plan refresh and its relationship to the Regional Corridor Strategy.

Working group members raised concerns about capacity and how much will be required from local government staff as part of the input on consultation, ensuring equity across all local governments in the update and consulting with MoTI on parallel plans with local governments.

- **Action:** BC Transit to provide working group members with a Terms of Reference for the Transit Future Plan work when available.

#### **4. Regional Transportation Service – Engagement – What We Heard and Next Steps**

J. Hicks provided an overview of the May 24 Regional Transportation Governance Workshop, presented the key findings from the What We Heard Report and outlined the next steps.

After the presentation, working group members responded to a series of questions, providing feedback on the key findings, the value of the workshop and the pros and cons of combining staff, elected officials and partners at the workshop. While working group members generally reflected that the workshop was helpful and there was general support across all eight categories, it was noted that perhaps the participants who attended were generally more favourable toward a regional transportation service.

- **Action:** CRD staff to provide working group members with a link to the staff report and agenda for the June 19 CRD Transportation Committee meeting.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

Working group members expressed support for a meeting in late-August on Regional Trails given that it is anticipated that early-September will be the report back on the next steps of establishing a regional transportation service. Dates and times TBD, recognizing a September working group meeting is likely to be a week in advance of the September 11 CRD Transportation Committee meeting.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The working group meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.