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Notes of a Meeting of the Regional Transportation Working Group Held Monday, October 30, 2023

PRESENT: Staff:

E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; I. Lawrence, Senior Manager, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning; 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; L. Beckett, District of the Highlands; S. Button, BC Transit; J. Clary, Town of Sidney; J. Clary, Township of Esquimalt; C. Davie, Township of Esquimalt; B. DeMaere, Town of Sidney; R. Kenny, City of Victoria; T. McKay, District of Saanich; C. Mossey, BC Transit; M. Pearson, Province of British Columbia Ministry of Transportation, and Infrastructure (MoTI); D. Puskas, District of Central Saanich; J. Rosenberg, City of Colwood.

REGRETS:

N. Bandringa, Research Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; K. Campbell, Senior Manager, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area; J. Carter, District of Sooke; L. Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services; J. Leahy, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; K. Lesyshen, District of Metchosin; I. Leung, Town of View Royal; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; M. MacIntyre, Manager Park Planning & Development, Regional Parks; B. Martin, District of North Saanich; S. Rennick, District of Oak Bay; J. Starke, Manager Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area; Y. Sylvestre, District of Central Saanich; P. Webber, Province of British Columbia MoTI.

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning, provided a welcome, Territorial Acknowledgement and roll call for members of the Regional Transportation Working Group (working group).

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. 2024 Meeting Schedule

J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning, requested input from the members regarding which day works best to meet in 2024.

- **Action:** D. Pagani to distribute a poll to working group members.

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

E. Sinclair and J. Hicks presented the preliminary results of the transportation engagement process. They began with a message of thanks to the working group members for helping their respective local governments, electoral areas and agencies complete the transportation governance engagement workbook.

The results will be submitted with a staff report to the CRD Transportation Committee on November 15, 2023, meaning the information will be publicly available on November 10, 2023.

J. Hicks presented the results of Questions 1, 2 and 3. He showed charts and tables of response data and highlighted key takeaways, including which areas received regional, local and mixed support, as well as what emerged as key areas of agreement for moving forward and grey areas for further discussion.

E. Sinclair presented the results of Questions 4, 5, and 6. She similarly highlighted areas of agreement, but also indicated sections that, while providing useful information, are not relevant at this time. She then moved on to next steps, beginning with an overview of the scope of Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

J. Hicks explained the focus of the work going forward, including a timeline and pending sequence of events. He also noted that the CRD Board wants movement within the current term (2023-2026).

E. Sinclair concluded the presentation by responding to feedback received from councils during the engagement process. The November committee meeting will be the next opportunity to validate CRD Board direction and the schedule. Pending Board direction, the next step is to undertake concept development and analysis that would be used to scope a draft service establishment bylaw. While the course can be adjusted, staff are following the direction they received from the CRD Board in June 2023.

Following the presentation, the working group discussed the results of the transportation governance engagement workbook. Topics included:

- Whether discussions will take place regarding what can be done outside of regulatory change on topics such as transit.
- Inclusions of the “both” responses that appeared in Questions 1a to 1i.
- Suggestions to improve the clarity of information in the presentation.
- Interest in performance metrics for different stages and collaboration on goals.
- The working group’s role in assessing and studying the process going forward.
- Timing and next steps for the service feasibility study, forum of councils and bylaw establishment.
- Timeline of CRD Board and committee meetings, including when the results will be presented and when updates and further direction may be received.

During the discussion, the working group determined several follow-up actions:

- **Action:** Staff to do more cross-referencing regarding the order of Questions 1a to 1i for clarity of information.
- **Action:** Staff to determine which of the City of Langford’s items from Question 7 can receive formal responses.

- **Action:** Staff to provide a copy of the transportation engagement presentation to working group members. These preliminary responses are to be kept internal to staff, not to political representation.

E. Sinclair concluded with a message of thanks to the working group members, acknowledging all the hard work that went on through the summer. She asked that members pass on thanks to all who made this engagement process possible.

5. Next Meeting

Date and time TBD

6. Adjournment

The working group meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.