

Meeting Notes of the Regional Transportation Working Group Held Tuesday, February 11th, 2025, at Langford City Hall

PRESENT: Staff:

P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Planning; G. Tokgoz, Manager of Regional Trails, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; K. Mullin, Administrative Clerk, Regional Planning (recorder).

Also present:

K. Balzer, City of Langford; L. Beckett, District of the Highlands; C. Davie, Township of Esquimalt; J. Hicks, City of Victoria; I. Leung, Town of View Royal; T. McKay, District of Saanich; C. Mossey, BC Transit; J. Merkley, MoTT; P. Webber, MoTT; M. Pearson, MoTT; P. Webber, MoTT; J. Baylis, City of Colwood; A. Vizcarra, District of North Saanich, R. Ding, District of Oak Bay; D. Puskas, District of Central Saanich.

REGRETS:

K. Lorette, General Manager, Housing Planning and Protective Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; B. Demaere, City of Sidney; J. Carter, Sooke.

The meeting was called to order at 9:06am.

1. Welcome and Introductions

T. McKay welcomed members of the Regional Transportation Working Group (working group) and K. Balzer provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

T. McKay introduced Agenda and requests introductions from participants.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Review of Terms of Reference

T. McKay initiates a review of the Terms of Reference document.

Discussion of the document's "purpose" section arose with several mentions that language should be stronger to reflect the regional transportation service.

4. Discussion of Future Agenda Items from Membership

The working group members discussed topics revolving around increasing traffic safety education and campaigning. Mention of including a member of ICBC in future meetings would be beneficial to provide insight on emerging technologies, signage and safety concerns.

5. Regional Transportation Service

P. Klassen provided an update on the establishment of the Regional Transportation Service particularly regarding the AAP process. Discussion around AAPs and members' experiences arose regarding public's concerns and understanding of the process. The encouragement of

public educational workshops and materials was mentioned to mitigate confusion and misinformation regarding AAPs.

P. Klassen provided an overview of the Island Corridor project with a focus on the importance of aligning the regional transportation plan with the Island Corridor Foundation's vision.

J. Douillard led a breakout session for members to discuss the relevance and updates needed for the regional transportation plan's vision and key themes.

The working group members suggested adding safety, efficiency and affordability to the vision.

Regarding the Regional Transportation Plan, members mentioned the need for alignment with municipalities' local visions and the importance of clear objectives and outcomes. Working group members also mentioned the need for consistency in terminology and definitions across the Victoria Regional Transit plan, Regional Growth Strategy, Regional Transportation Plan and municipalities' plans.

G. Tokgoz provided information on the Federal Active Transportation Fund and an update on the CRD's application process.

6. Fall Road Safety Campaign Planning

The working group members discussed the need for increasing traffic safety campaigns particularly around mid-block crossings, regional trail crossings, elephant's feet and mixing zones. The discussion of collaborating with the Traffic Safety Commission and ICBC on future traffic safety campaigns was proposed. The working group members agreed that consistency of language in municipal bylaws related to active transportation needs to be further explored especially around terms such as "elephant's feet" and "mixing zones". The proposal of drafting an advocacy letter to province was proposed.

- **Action:** CRD staff to assist in drafting an advocacy letter to province regarding MVA amendments related to mid-block crossings and other road safety issues.
- **Action:** CRD staff to explore collaboration opportunities with the Traffic Safety Commission around road safety.
- **Action:** Discuss consistency in municipal bylaws related to active transportation in future meetings.

T. McKay concluded the meeting with a roundtable. The working group members provided updates on projects taking place within their jurisdictions. Updates were provided by the Capital Regional District (CRD), BC Transit and each local government represented by a member at this meeting.

7. Adjournment

The working group meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm.