<u>SUBJECT</u>: Transportation Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors

BACKGROUND:

The Provincial government has announced plans to explore construction of an alternate highway route to Highway 1 within or in the vicinity of the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area or the Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park. The Province has also announced the initiation of a South Island Transportation Strategy.

Citing concerns relating to drinking water protection, biological diversity and impacts on outdoor recreation, the Regional Water Supply Commission and the Parks and Environment Committee have gone on record opposing any highway infrastructure development on these CRD lands.

In the interests of constructively engaging the Province to pursue transportation improvements of mutual benefit, the following recommendations are provided for consideration by the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 1. Urges the Provincial Government to implement measures to address congestion, safety and emergency closure concerns along the Highway 1 and Highway 14 corridors, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Establishment of public transit-only shoulder lanes on Highway 1 from Uptown to the Six Mile Pub;
 - (b) Speed-interval cameras on the Highway 1 corridor between Langford and Mill Bay and the Highway 14 corridor between Langford and Sooke;
 - (c) Construction of medians on, and twinning of, the Highway 1 corridor between Langford and Mill Bay wherever feasible;
 - (d) Establishment of more frequent, less costly public transit service over the Malahat;
 - (e) Restoration of rail operations on the E & N Corridor, including commuter rail service;
 - (f) Consideration of improved / restored ferry service across Saanich Inlet (Brentwood Bay-Mill Bay) and Esquimalt Harbour (Royal Bay-Dockyard).
- Requests that the Chair write, on behalf of the Board, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Ministers responsible for Transportation as well as Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies on Vancouver Island, advising the Provincial government of this position.
- 3. Requests that the Chair meet with the Premier and the Minister of Transportation to discuss opportunities for collaboration to address these transportation improvements.

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