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Notes of a Meeting of the Regional Transportation Working Group Held Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion

PRESENT: Staff:

P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; G. Tokgoz, Manager Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; N. Bandringa, Research Planner, Regional Planning; K. Webber, Parks Planner, Regional Parks; D. Pagani, Administrative Clerk, Regional Planning (recorder).

Also present:

K. Balzer, City of Langford; C. Davie, Township of Esquimalt; B. DeMaere, Town of Sidney; R. Ding, District of Oak Bay; J. Hicks, City of Victoria; I. Leung, Town of View Royal; T. McKay, District of Saanich; C. Mossey, BC Transit; D. Penney, District of North Saanich; M. Storzer, District of North Saanich.

Consultant, CRD Transportation Governance:

D. Bracewell, Principal, Mobility Foresight.

REGRETS:

J. Douillard, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am.

1. Welcome and Introductions

P. Klassen welcomed members of the Regional Transportation Working Group (working group) and provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Roundtable Updates

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.

Discussion ensued on the future of the E&N Regional Trail, given ongoing visioning work with First Nations and the Island Corridor Foundation, and how this might impact projects along this corridor.

The topic of regional connectivity arose during a discussion of speed limit changes, particularly regarding signage when crossing between local government boundaries. This topic was flagged for future discussion.

Regarding the CRD Growth and Mobility Study, staff communicated that it is intended to be a dynamic tool, taking a static look at the current situation (in terms of data), while still being able to be updated and supplemented with new data.

3. Update on Transportation Governance

D. Bracewell provided an update on transportation governance as it relates to the forthcoming Regional Transportation Service (RTS), including potential models that can deliver the RTS and others currently outside of the CRD's legislative abilities. CRD staff noted this was for information and feedback, recognizing no current recommendation for any particular governance model was being presented.

Regarding the scope of changes related to the RTS, the working group members discussed ways to clarify the information, both in terms of the impact these changes will have on their work as well as how the information itself will be presented to the CRD Board, anticipated to be after the electoral approval process. Similar questions were raised during the presentation on the short list of potential governance model options.

- **Action:** CRD staff to consider revisiting how to bring back the governance model options prior to their presentation to the CRD Board, with particular attention to how the staff report at that time may incorporate commentary / thoughts from the working group.

4. Strategic Discussion on Moving Forward as a Working Group

The working group members discussed the future of the working group, particularly as it relates to the development of the RTS and the anticipated update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Topics included confirming the frequency of meetings, preference for online or in-person meetings, formalizing a rotating chair and brainstorming desired content and format for future meetings.

Given time constraints during this meeting, these items were not discussed in detail; however, the decision was made to nominate T. McKay as Chair and K. Balzer as Vice Chair.

- **Action:** CRD staff to work with the Chair and Vice Chair to schedule the meeting dates for 2025.
- **Action:** CRD staff to ensure a call for agenda items goes out before the next meeting.

5. Adjournment

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