

Notes of a Meeting of the Transportation Working Group Held January 24, 2022 as a MS Teams Meeting

PRESENT: Staff: E. Sinclair, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; I. Lawrence, Manager, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning; C. Stewart, Planner, Regional Parks; C. MacKenzie (recorder)

Also present: L. Beckett, District of Highlands; J. Clary, Town of Sidney; J. Clary, Township of Esquimalt; Sherry Hurst, District of Metchosin; R. Kenny, City of Victoria; H. Lockhart, City of Colwood; T. McKay, District of Saanich; L. Mullins, BC Transit; M. Pearson, Province of British Columbia, MoTI; S. Renick, District of Oak Bay; J. Rosenberg, Town of View Royal; P. Webber, Province of British Columbia, MoTI

ABSENT: K. Campbell, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area; J. Carter, District of Sooke; M. Mahovlich, City of Langford; B. Martin, District of North Saanich; A. Pickard, District of Central Saanich; J. Starke, Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area;

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

E. Sinclair provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

The Transportation Working Group approved the agenda.

2. Meeting Format and Structure

E. Sinclair reviewed the meeting format and reporting structure with the Capital Regional District (CRD) Transportation Committee.

3. Member Updates – Sharing of Baseline Information

Capital Regional District (CRD) staff prepared a template to seek input from working group members on the following: leading plans and policies, mode share targets, and the three transportation priority areas that require a region-wide approach for implementation (safety policy, transportation demand management and implementation of a connected and consistent active travel network). Input will be gathered from working group participants and used to create a baseline of ongoing actions across the region. The baseline will identify gaps for the working group to address.

Members shared information from their templates with the group, as summarized below.

a) Leading Plans and Policies

The municipalities of Sidney, View Royal, Colwood and the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area identified that they are developing new active transportation plans. Esquimalt is in the process of finalizing their active transportation plan.

The working group discussed its interest in using information from completed local active transportation plans to review the CRD Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan (PCMP) and consider updates for future use. Such an update wold support advancing the priority for implementing a connected and consistent active transportation network.

b) Monitoring including Mode Share Targets

The working group discussed target setting and monitoring efforts. Data-gathering, analysis and reporting needs will be an ongoing agenda item for discussion.

J. Hicks provided an update on the pending Origin and Destination Travel Survey scheduled for release in late 2023. The working group identified challenges with only receiving mode share data every five or six years and expressed interest in examining options to increase reporting in interim years.

c) Priority Areas

Connected and consistent active transportation network

- C. Stewart provided an update on the Regional Trails Management Plan (RTMP). RTMP actions include a number of matters that relate to the working group's mandate related to implementing a connected and consistent active transportation network.
- E. Sinclair and J. Hicks highlighted that the working group will be asked for input on actions related to construction and detour policies and trail widening policies, at the request of the Regional Parks Committee.

Safety Policy

The working group discussed the vision zero approach and other approaches to transportation safety in existing plans.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

The working group discussed different approaches to TDM, including parking, school travel planning, land use and development approval variances.

4. Action List

- All members provide completed templates to J. Hicks by mid-February.
- J. Hicks collate information in to a regional summary for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Adjournment

The Transportation Working Group meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm to March 14, 2022.