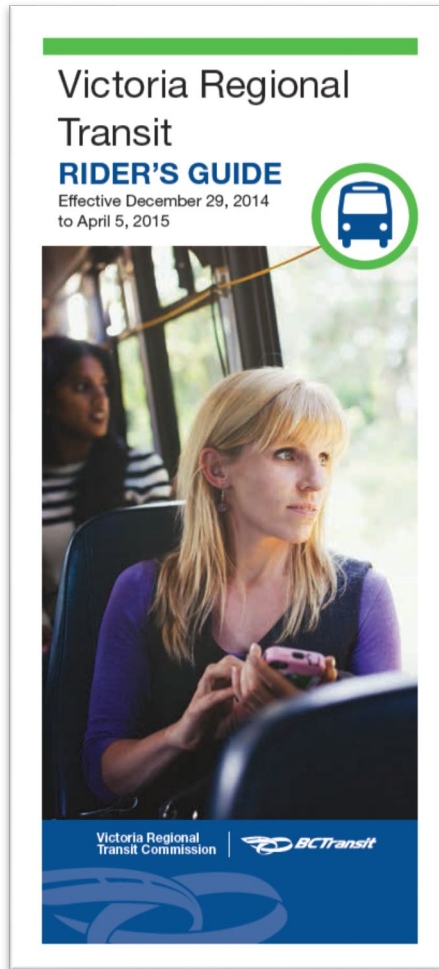


# BC Transit – Regional Priorities

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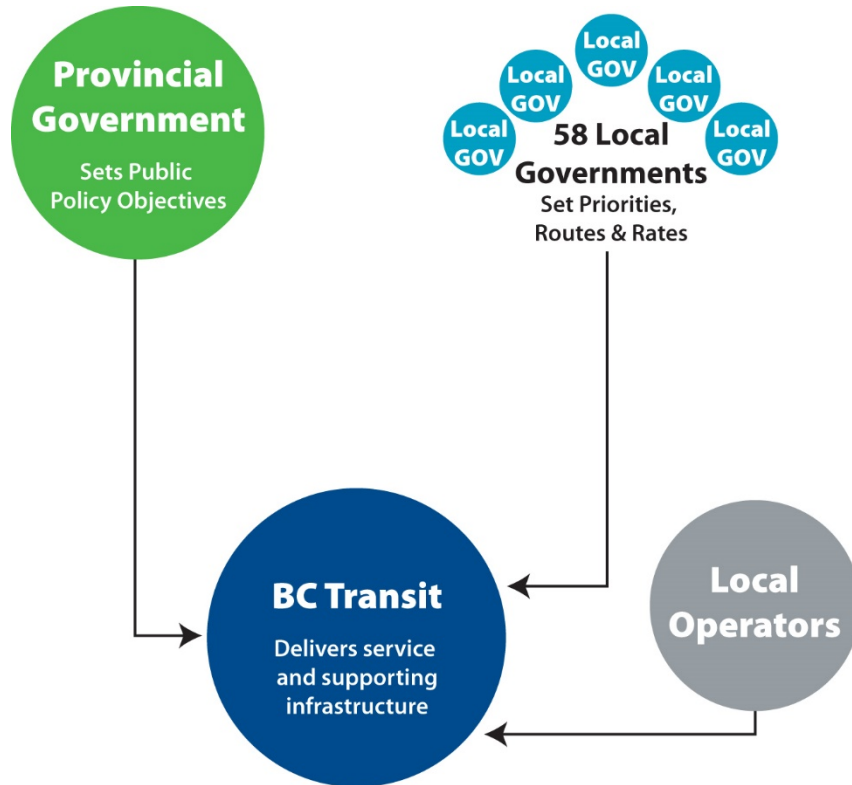


# Victoria Regional Transit Commission



- Established under the *British Columbia Transit Act*
  - Local government representation for transit services in the Capital Regional District
- Eight elected local government officials appointed by government
- Chair is designated by the Minister responsible for BC Transit
- Appointment process, composition and term described in the *Act*
- Staff, resources and contracted services provided by BC Transit

# System Operates Through Partnership: BC Transit's Model



## Victoria Regional Transit Commission

- Plans community, establishes transit priorities and routes
- Sets service levels and approves budgets
- Set fares
- Provide local tax subsidy

## BC Transit

- Turns VRTC priorities into transit operating and capital plans
- Works with Province to access funding
- Operates Victoria conventional service
- Manages capital program

# Local Government Collaboration

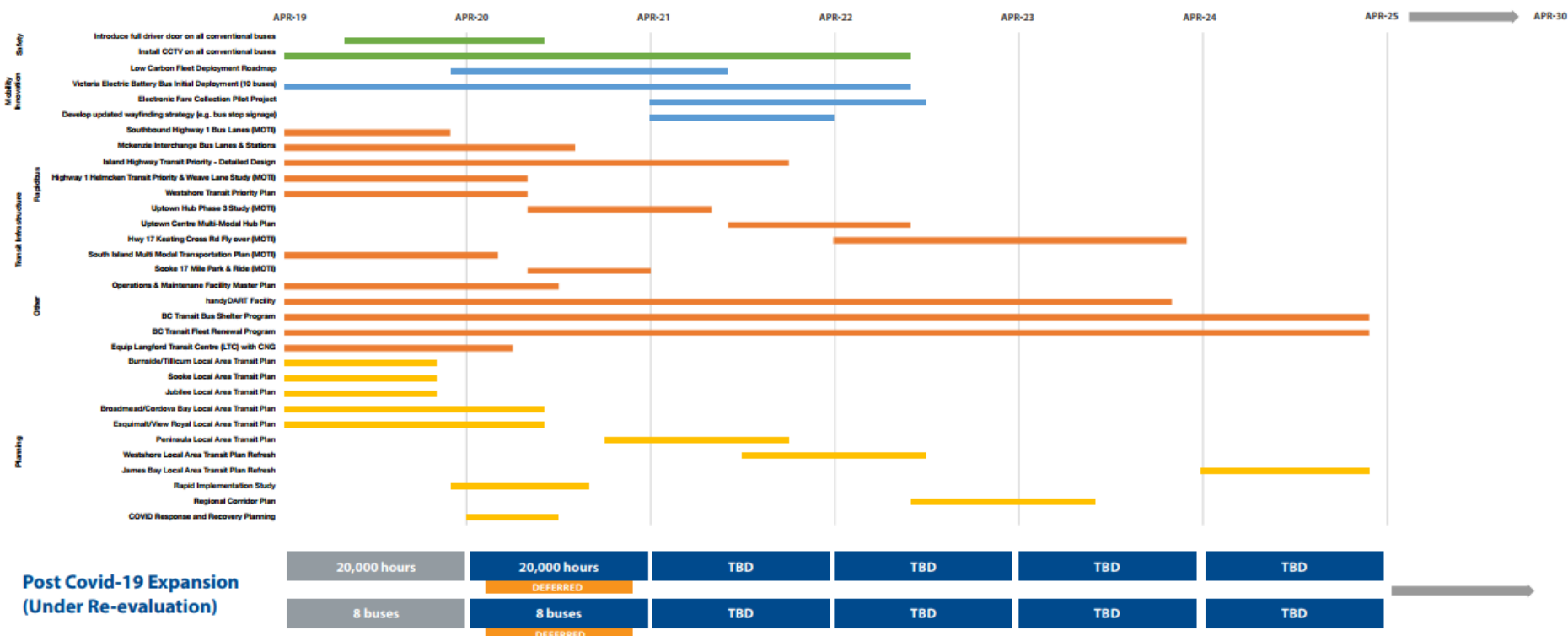
- Bus stops and shelters
- Municipalities responsible for roads collaboration on infrastructure for multi modal transportation
- Local planning initiatives (OCP etc.)
- Development Referrals
- Stakeholder engagement
- Collaboration with MOTI on Highways infrastructure
- Collaboration with CRD on regional growth strategies, regional parks and trails





# 10 Year Vision

## ACTIVE AND SCHEDULED VRTS PROJECTS AND PLANS



# 10 Year Vision – KPIs

## TRANSIT MODE SHARE

PROPORTION OF TRIPS TAKEN BY TRANSIT	POPULATION	CURRENT TRANSIT MODE SHARE	2030 TRANSIT MODE SHARE TARGET	REVISED TRANSIT FUTURE PLAN 2039 TARGET
CORE	65.8%	9.0%	14.0%	20.0%
WESTSHORE	23.1%	4.9%	7.2%	10.0%
PENINSULA	11.1%	3.9%	4.4%	5.0%
REGION TOTAL	100.0%	7.8%	11.0%	15.0%

## Other KPIs

Service reliability, trip comfort, access to transit,  
customer satisfaction

# Local Government Supporting Transit

- Continue to invest in transit infrastructure
- Dedicate right-of-way to transit
- Continue to focus density in key nodes and along key, transit supported corridors
- Continue to advocate for service



# Regional Priorities

1. Ridership Recovery
2. RapidBus Implementation
3. Uptown Transit Hub





# Regional Context



**Westshore**  
31% INCREASE  
in ridership

Since 2014, the  
**50 Langford / Downtown** carries  
**44% MORE BOARDINGS**



**Peninsula**  
19% INCREASE  
in ridership

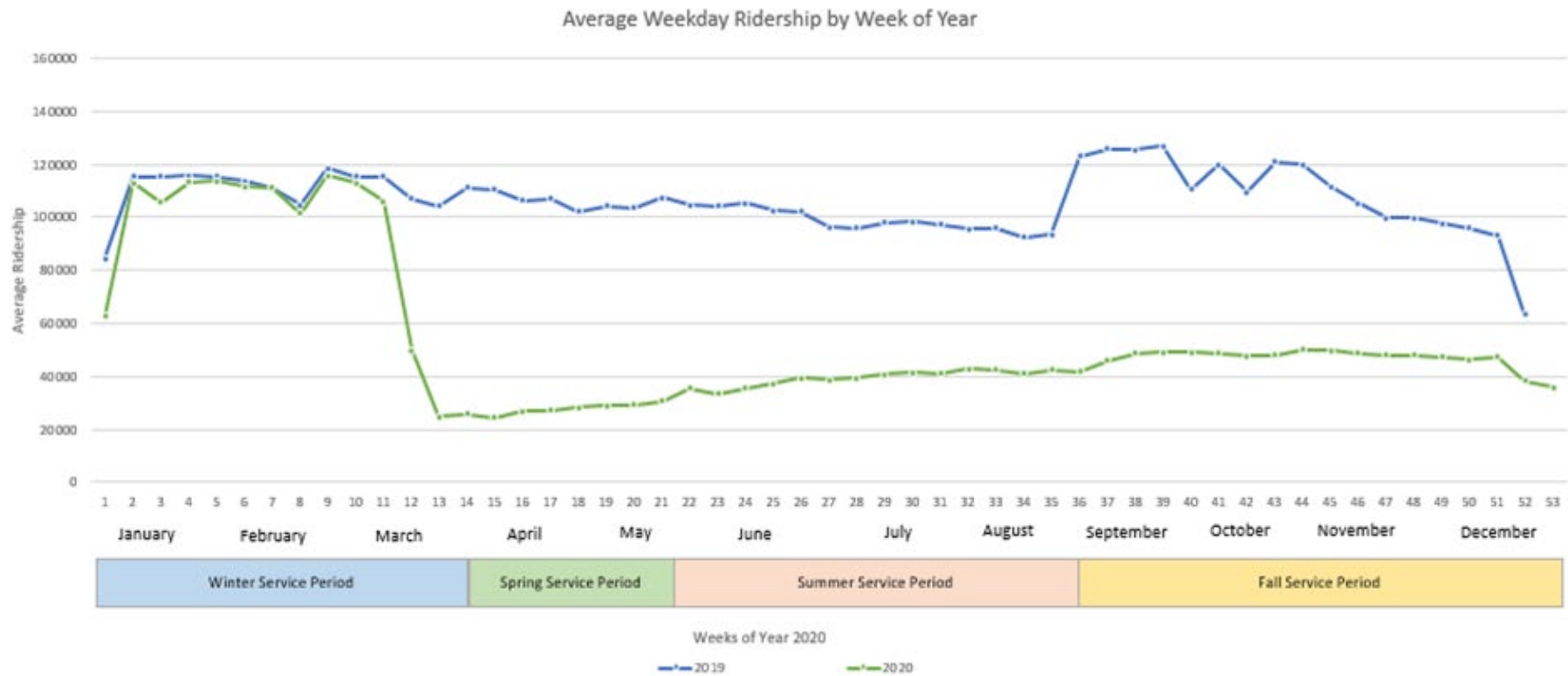
**Core**  
20% INCREASE  
in ridership



**23%**  
INCREASE  
SYSTEM-  
WIDE



# Recovery Phase - COVID 19



# Current State

- Cleaning and Sanitization on fleet and at facilities
- Capacity Management
- Protective Barriers for Operators
- Mandatory face mask use
- Data collection and analysis
- Marketing campaign- We Ride Together
- Building back Ridership

# Rebuild Phase: Future of Public Transit

- Support economic recovery
- Address community challenges – climate change, social isolation, traffic congestion and affordability
- Create vibrant and thriving communities

## OUR VALUES

### Safety



At the forefront of everything we do

### Innovation



Always improving and adapting to change

### Customer Service



Offering the best

### Teamwork



We can achieve more together

### Trust & Respect



Actions that inspire integrity, honesty and accountability

### Community



Responsive to the communities where we live and serve

## OUR VISION

**Your best transportation solution**

## OUR MISSION

**Delivering transportation services you can rely on**

# **RAPIDBUS IMPLEMENTATION**





# What is RapidBus?

- RapidBus is a rapid transit service delivered by buses designed to connect and support designated urban centres of high density, mixed-use areas of the region.
- Includes corridor treatments, unique stations, limited stops, high frequencies, and branded services.
- **CONNECTED, FREQUENT, FAST AND RELIABLE**



# Process

- Project began in Spring 2020 building off momentum of past infrastructure investments
- Guided by local partner engagement, with staff representation from both local, regional governments and provincial

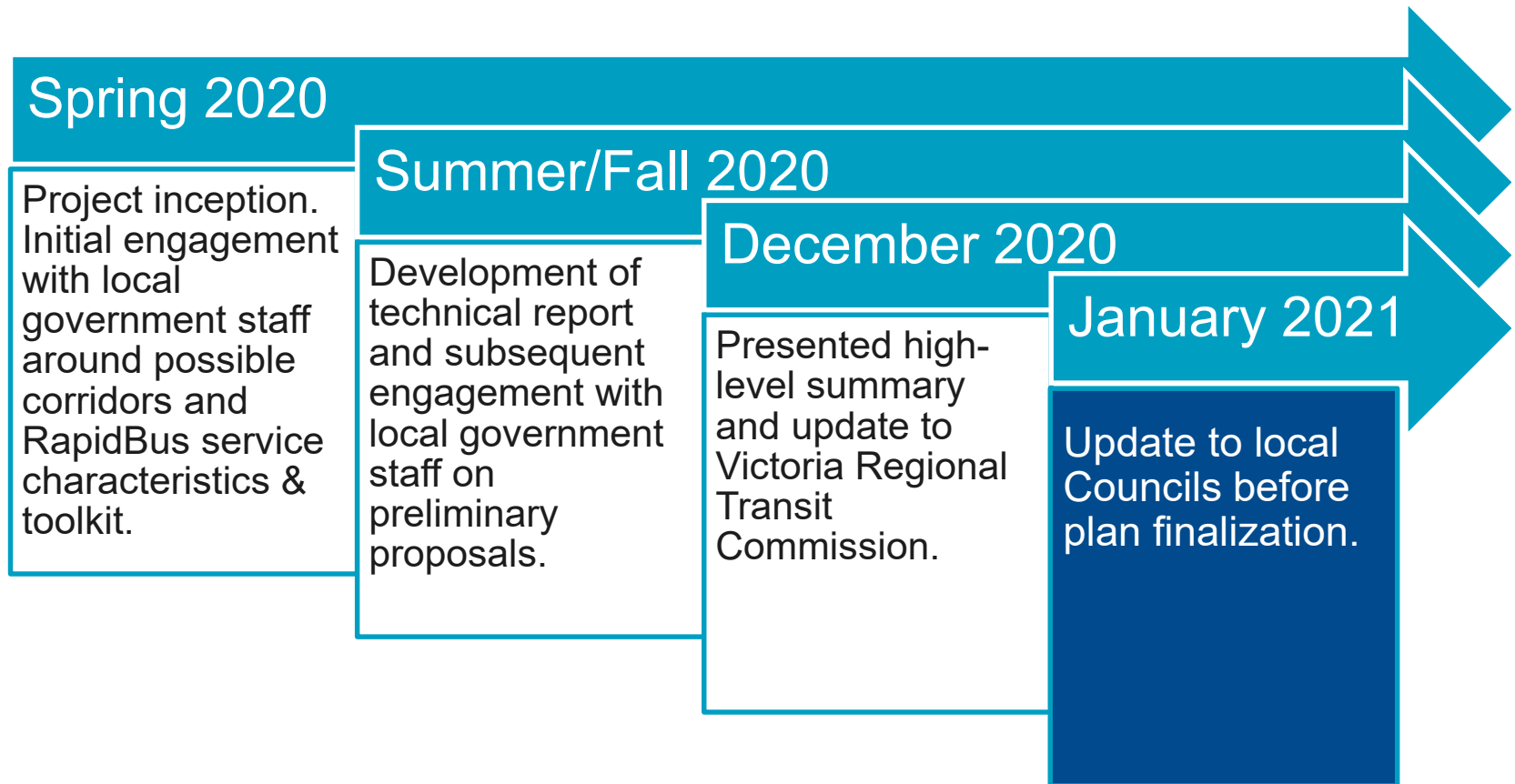


# RapidBus Vision

RapidBus has the potential to significantly increase transit mode share by:

1. Supporting post-pandemic regional economic recovery
2. Shaping and supporting growth and regional connections
3. Improving passenger comfort and convenience
4. Improving efficiency and capacity of the transit system

# Timeline



# Proposed Implementation Process

## Phase 1

- Implement Westshore to Downtown Victoria Line

## Phase 2

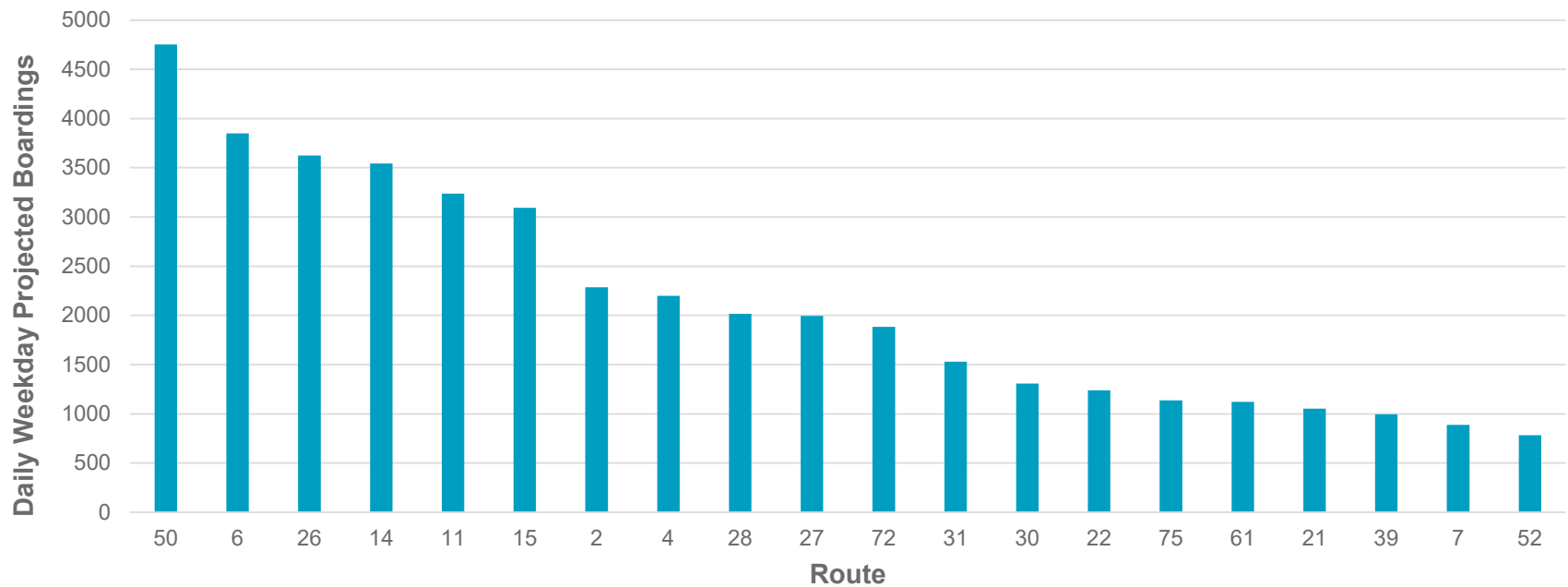
- Using the Westshore-Downtown Victoria Line as the prototype, expand RapidBus to other corridors in the region



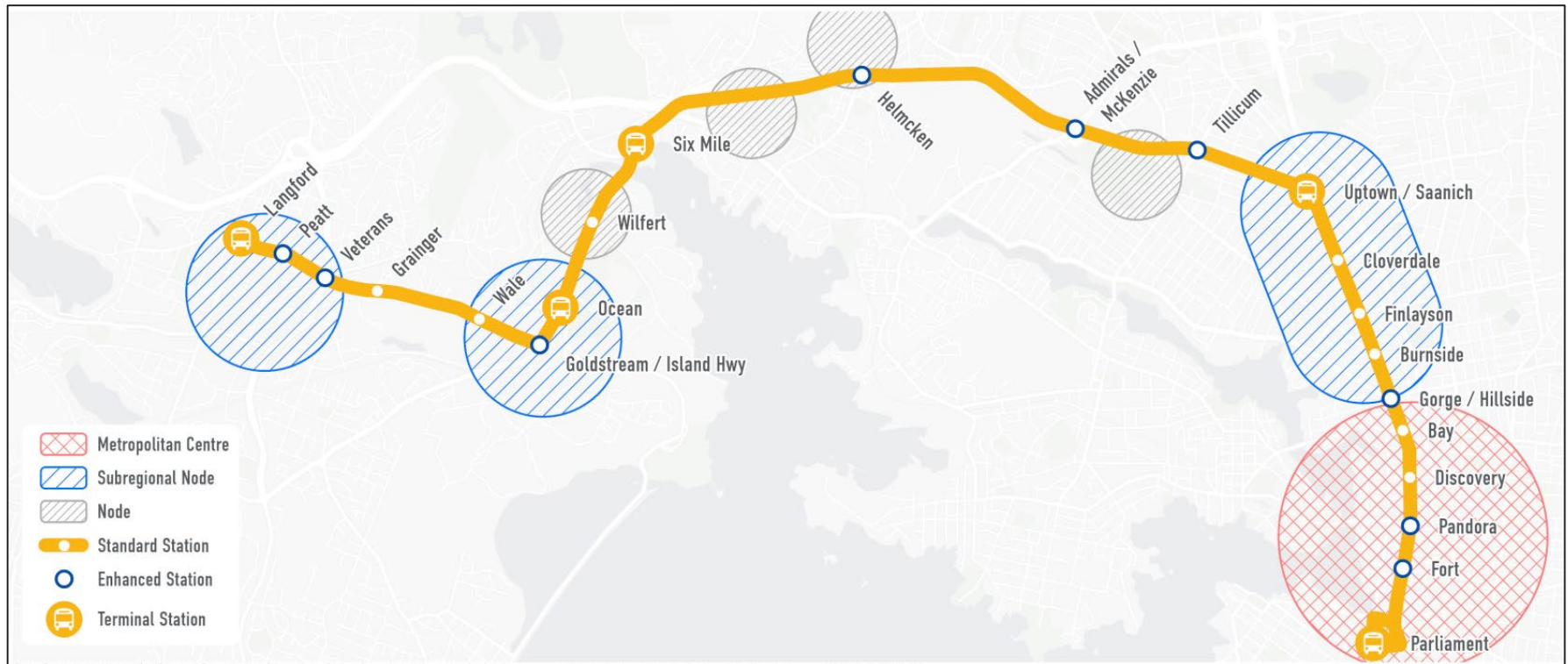


# Phase 1 - Westshore RapidBus

Daily Weekday APC Projected Boardings - Fall 2020 - Top 20 Routes



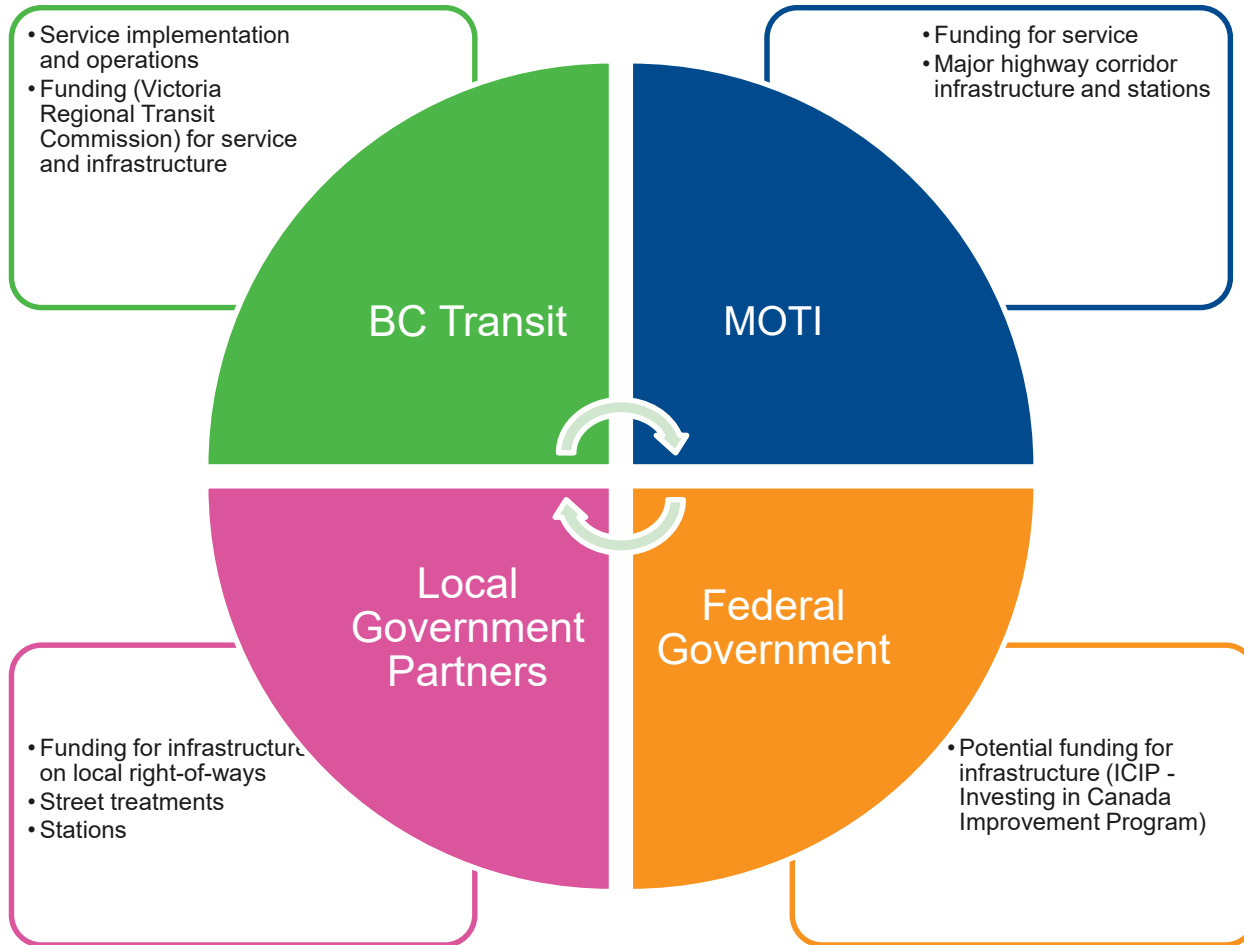
# Phase 1 - Westshore RapidBus



## Phase 2 – Additional Corridors

- Peninsula to Downtown Victoria
- UVIC to Uptown
- UVIC to Downtown Victoria

# Multi-Partner Project



# Next Steps

Date	Action
February 2021	Final RapidBus plan presented to the VRTC for endorsement
Spring 2021	Initiation of a formal implementation committee of key stakeholders in support of the Westshore-Downtown Victoria RapidBus service
Spring 2021	Initiate additional analysis (as required) on Phase II RapidBus corridors through partnerships with local governments
Summer 2021	Public and key stakeholder engagement for the detailed implementation plan of the Westshore to Downtown Victoria RapidBus Line
TBD	Implementation of Westshore to Downtown Victoria Line



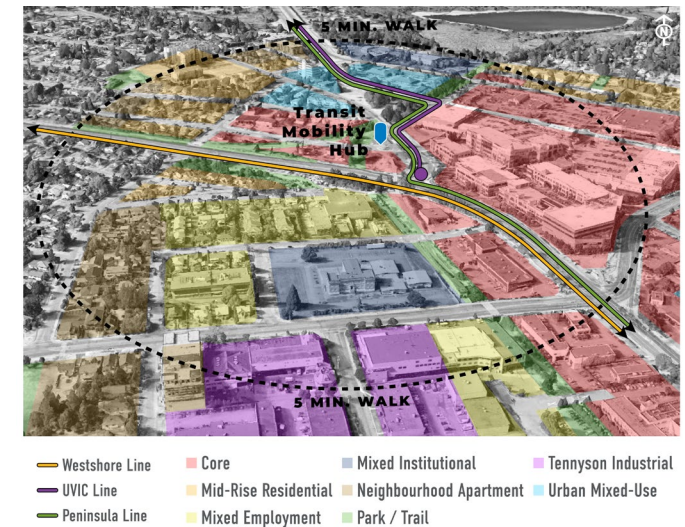
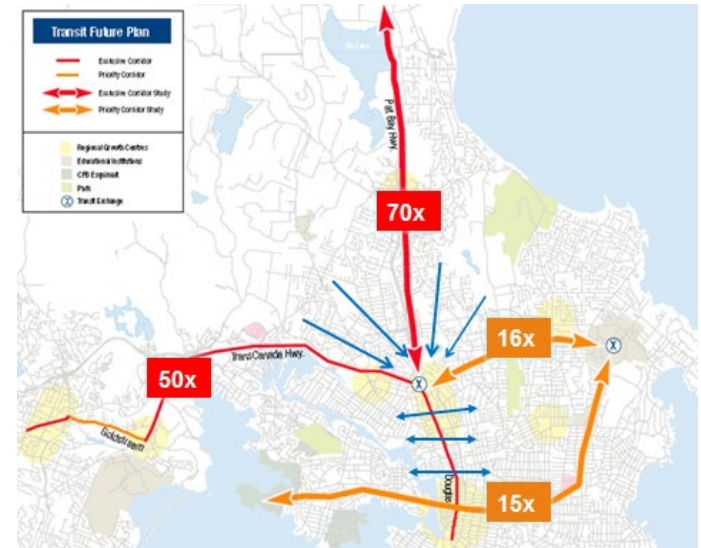
# **UPTOWN TRANSIT HUB**



# Uptown Multi-Modal Hub

## Transit Vision

- Critical for future Rapid Transit Network
  - Location converges future Westshore, Peninsula, and UVIC corridors
- Strong trip generator
  - Existing and proposed future land uses support vision



# Uptown Multi-Modal Hub

## Supporting Saanich's Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan

- Enhance the role and identity of the Uptown Centre as a regional hub and focal point in Saanich
- Support a more attractive, vibrant and walkable urban centre
- Support a connected, sustainable and balanced transportation network that encourages more walking, cycling and transit use
- Enhance open spaces, cultural and community facilities
- Integrate public realm improvements and land use changes to support the development of complete streets and the future introduction of rapid transit



# Uptown Multi-Modal Hub



## Completed Improvements

- Westshore Line – Bus Lanes implemented
- Peninsula/McKenzie Line – Transit only left turn movement from Carey onto Douglas
- New bus zones on Carey Rd  
Carey Rd



# Uptown Multi-Modal Hub

## Next Steps

### Phase 1 Develop Uptown Multi Modal Hub

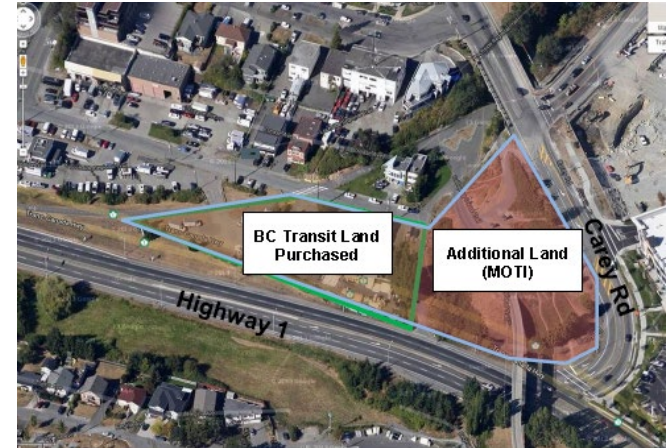
MoTI led study that is proposing the following improvements:

- Westshore Line - Highway 1 RapidBus Stations
- Peninsula/McKenzie Line - Ravine Rd bus lane and RapidBus Station
- Increase Transit Capacity and improve Transit Amenities on Carey Rd

### Phase 2 Develop Uptown Multi Modal Hub

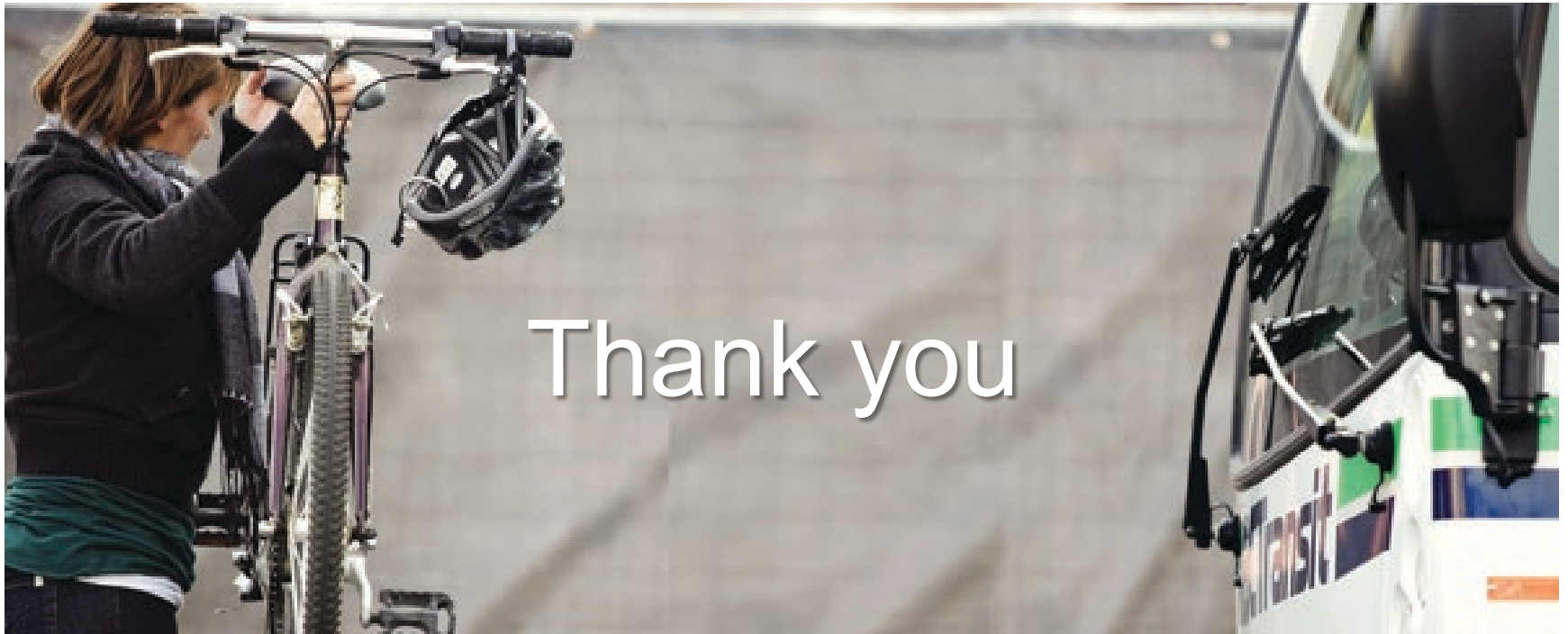
BC Transit study to be initiated this year

- Land owner BC Transit and MOTI
- Develop a multi-modal hub with Transit Oriented Development



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|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Westshore Line | Core                 | Mixed Institutional     | Tennyson Industrial |
| UVIC Line      | Mid-Rise Residential | Neighbourhood Apartment | Urban Mixed-Use     |
| Peninsula Line | Mixed Employment     | Park / Trail            |                     |





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