

Meeting Notes of the Regional Transportation Working Group Held Tuesday April 15, 2025, via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: Staff:

K. Lorette, General Manager, Housing Planning and Protective Services; P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Planning; G. Tokgoz, Manager of Regional Trails, I. Lawrence, Senior Manager JdF Local Area Services; N. Bandringa, Planner; L. Hube, Planning Assistant; C. Neilson, Senior Manager, People Safety and Culture, K. Mullin, Administrative Clerk, Regional Planning (recorder).

Also present:

K. Balzer, City of Langford; C. Davie, Township of Esquimalt; J. Hicks, City of Victoria; B. Lubberts, Town of View Royal; T. McKay, District of Saanich; C. Mossey, BC Transit; P. Webber, MoTT; M. Pearson, MoTT; P. Webber, MoTT; J. Rosenberg, City of Colwood; D. Penney, District of North Saanich, S. Rennick, District of Oak Bay; D. Puskas, District of Central Saanich, E. Taylor, District of Sooke, T. Johnson, District of Metchosin; Y. Sylvestre, District of Central Saanich; J. Carter, Sooke; B. Demaere, City of Sidney.

REGRETS:

M. MacIntrye, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; I. Leung, Town of View Royal.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

T. McKay introduced Agenda and called to members for updates.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. BC Transit

C. Mossey provided brief updates on the work being done by BC Transit including Spring service change that went into effect as of April 14th. Other updates included service expansion approval by HandyDart and introduction of electric busses that are expected to be arriving over the next year.

4. Regional Transportation Service

P. Klassen provided an update on the Regional Transportation Service including that the AAP is live until May 16th. Additionally, P. Klassen mentioned the success of the virtual information session that was held on April 1st with 40 members of the public present.

5. CRD Accessibility Advisory Committee

C. Neilson noted that there is a request to provide more advocacy regarding permitting the use of mobility scooters in bike lanes. The requests have gone to the province which have

then noted that sharing lanes becomes municipal jurisdiction. Conversation around this topic will continue to be ongoing.

6. Round Table Updates

The working group members provided updates on their current and future project work taking place in their jurisdictions.

MoTT representatives presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Highway 17- Keating Cross Flyover project, Ravine Way Action Transportation and Transit, Tillicum Pedestrian Overpass, Uptown TOD and the Island Rail Corridor.

D. Penney from District of North Saanich mentioned they are working towards completing public engagement in the fall.

B. Demaere mentioned that the City of Sidney is wrapping up their first active transportation project. The Bowerbank Road Neighbourhood Bikeway is scheduled for construction this summer.

D. Puskas from District of Central Saanich mentioned they are working towards a speed reduction plan that involves a 10km reduction across the board.

T. McKay from District of Saanich provided updates on the district's DCC bylaw.

S. Rennick from District of Oak Bay mentioned that the municipality has developed a cost charge program that was approved by the inspector of municipalities in January.

J. Hicks from City of Victoria mentioned that work around redesigning Government St is underway. OCP is going to council. Bike valet renewal with Capital Bike has taken place.

B. Lubberts from Town of View Royal mentioned their Transportation Master plan is set to be updated this year. They are also undertaking a speed limit reduction study.

K. Balzer from City of Langford noted that SCIANEW STELITKEL Elementary school will be opening in September, connecting all high density areas to the school.

T. Johnson from District of Metchosin noted that they are looking to complete their first active transportation plan and are working on determining the priority network and projects.

P. Klassen from CRD mentioned the planning of an upcoming roadshow for councils in late June/July.

G. Tokgoz from CRD has the intention of sharing the Mult-Use Trails Safety Enhancement Study draft report with the group for input and comments. The construction of this project is expected to begin next spring.

7. Adjournment

The working group meeting was adjourned at 12:14pm.