

Memorandum

To: CRD Board

From: Dave Thompson, Director

Re: December 13 agenda item 10.2 – Motion re BC Clean Transportation Action Plan

Date: 2023-12-11

Overview

The Provincial Government is due to release the BC Clean Transportation Action Plan (CTAP) early in the new year. The CTAP will outline future provincial policy and action on transportation. Such policy and action is anticipated, and relied upon, in CRD plans and strategies in relation to transportation, regional growth and climate action.

A staff briefing on the implications of the CTAP will assist the board in considering how the CTAP interacts with and supports our plans and strategies, and what future Board direction may be advisable.

Background

The CTAP is:

“a commitment under the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030. The purpose of the CTAP is to identify the next set of actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector by 27-32% by 2030, and increase economic opportunities in clean transportation in British Columbia. The CTAP is intended to take actions across five foundational areas: reducing vehicle kilometers traveled, shifting to more efficient modes, increasing vehicle efficiency, and transitioning the market to zero-emission vehicles and cleaner fuels.”¹

Given those purposes and actions, the CTAP will likely be a key component of achieving the vision and targets of the CRD’s Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):

“The 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes a vision for transportation in the region and outlines outcomes and actions needed for the CRD to achieve this vision. The RTP aims to improve mobility between communities, expand the range of accessible and affordable transportation choices, and support regional sustainability.

The RTP also establishes a mode share target of 42% for active transportation and transit combined for the region by 2038. As of 2021, the region’s mode share is 26.6%.

Responsibility for achieving the vision and taking action is shared by the CRD, member municipalities and electoral areas, the Province, and agencies such as BC Transit and BC Ferries.

¹ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/electricity-alternative-energy/transportation-energies/clean-transportation-policies-programs/clean-transportation-action-plan>

Additional multi-modal infrastructure investments and a concerted effort to direct growth to designated centers and corridors will be important for realizing the plan's goals.”²

The CTAP will also present an opportunity for the CRD to consider updating the 2014 RTP, and taking other steps to achieve the principles and policies of the CRD’s 2018 Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) ³ and the goals of the 2021 Climate Action Strategy (CAS),⁴ both of which include significant transportation components.

As noted in our December 13 agenda, at the November 15, 2023 Transportation Committee meeting, the following Notice of Motion was provided to be discussed at the CRD Board meeting:

That the Board direct staff to deliver a presentation on the new BC Clean Transportation Action Plan including the Vehicle Kilometres Travelled target and other targets and goals from the Regional Transportation Plan, and Climate Action Strategy, and other plans early in the new year.

² <https://www.crd.bc.ca/project/regional-transportation/regional-transportation-plan>

³ https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/bylaws/regionalgrowthstrategy/4017--capital-regional-district-regional-growth-strategy-bylaw-no-1-2016.pdf?sfvrsn=ecb611ca_10

⁴ https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/crd-document-library/plans-reports/climate/crd_climate-action-strategy_2021.pdf?sfvrsn=5e9c31cd_8