

Meeting Notes of the Regional Transportation Working Group Meeting Held Monday June 16th, 2025 via Sidney Community Safety Building

PRESENT: Staff:

J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Planning; G. Tokgoz, Manager of Regional Trails, K. Mullin, Administrative Clerk, Regional Planning (recorder).

Also present:

K. Balzer, City of Langford; C. Davie, Township of Esquimalt; M. Van der Laan, City of Victoria; I. Leung, Town of View Royal; T. McKay, District of Saanich; E. Wren, BC Transit; P. Webber, MoTT; R. Ding, District of Oak Bay; D. Puskas, District of Central Saanich; J. Clary, City of Sidney; L. Beckett, District of Highlands, B. Martin, District of North Saanich.

REGRETS:

P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; D. Penney, District of North Saanich; T. Johnson, District of Metchosin; J. Hicks, City of Victoria; J. Carter, District of Sooke.

The meeting was called to order at 9:11am.

1. Welcome and Introductions/Agenda

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

E. Wren was introduced and welcomed by members.

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

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

2. Speed Limits

C. Davie presented a PowerPoint presentation on the recent work being done by Township of Esquimalt to create more pedestrian friendly neighbourhoods. The presentation highlighted the reduction of speed limits in all major roads to 40km/h with collector/local roads being reduced to 30km/h. C. Davie also mentioned increased awareness signage on major collector roads, school zones and playground zones as well as the use of speed bumps and planters as a form of traffic calming. The results from the Township's count data proved that the majority of baseline speeds were reduced with only limited locations where speeds did not decrease.

3. Regional Transportation Service Update

J. Douillard announced that on June 11th the CRD Board has adopted Bylaw No. 4630 to establish the new Regional Transportation Service. The service establishment allows for new services to now be offered. On June 25th a staff report will be coming out to present governance options for the service. The department is recommending that a Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) be established. The continuation of the Traffic Safety Commission will be addressed and guided by the Board. A terms of reference document for the RTAC will be sent to TWG members for feedback in the next upcoming months.

G.Tokgoz informed the group that the draft ISL Engineering Multi-Use Trails Safety Enhancement Study has been circulated and that the CRD is seeking feedback from TWG members. A meeting invitation has been sent out to provide an opportunity for input, which can also be submitted via email before July 18.

4. Break

Break was held from 10:30am-10:40am.

5. Setting Levels of Service for Transit – Reconciling Community Expectations and Reality

T. McKay began the discussion with a focus on gaps between BC Transit's and individual municipalities' transportation priorities.

K. Balzer mentioned that Langford residents have expressed that they are often bypassed by busses which reduces the city's overall ridership targets. K. Balzer also mentioned that the city of Langford can not meet their mode share targets due to the lack of service in the region.

Members mentioned that it would be beneficial to have a formal report on bypasses recorded by BC Transit.

Members mentioned that it would be useful to have BC Transit's data more accessible for determining ridership at specific stops. The suggestion of developing a database platform that is available for members was proposed.

6. Road Safety Improvements – Advocacy to Federal Gov/Transportation Canada for better regulation of vehicle design and imported new mobility devices

T. McKay began the discussion with mention of the increase of e-scooter related injuries. The lack of border regulations has made it easier for people to purchase e-scooters with speeds that exceed Provincial regulations.

J. Douillard mentioned that the group can make a motion to recommend to the Transportation Committee to write an advocacy letter to the Federal government.

J. Douillard to formulate a memo to bring back to committee with recommendations and an advocacy approach.

7. Regional Template Bylaws

T. McKay inquired if the CRD would include template language into municipalities' bylaws particularly regarding "multi-use crosstrail crossings".

J. Douillard mentioned that joint purchasing of traffic safety related equipment/supplies can be facilitated by the CRD.

T. McKay encouraged members to send regional template Bylaw ideas to J. Douillard directly.

J. Douillard to draft multi-use trail crossing model bylaw language for the next TWG meeting.

Adjournment

The working group meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am.