

# Engagement Highlights

## Regional Transportation Plan



Capital Regional District | February 2026

## Engagement Goal

To establish a new regional vision and plan for transportation which reflects and responds to the unique needs and aspirations of residents across the 13 municipalities and electoral areas in the capital region. The Regional Transportation Plan engagement is structured to support decision-making at key moments in plan development. Rather than seeking broad input all at once, engagement is paced to align with when values, priorities, and strategic choices are being shaped alongside technical analysis.

## Objectives

1. Support the development of a shared regional vision, goals, and transportation priorities
2. Inform decision-making at each stage of the plan, with clarity about how input will be used
3. Surface regional patterns, trade-offs, and system-wide considerations
4. Strengthen understanding of and confidence in the emerging strategy
5. Demonstrate alignment with regional and provincial priorities
6. Communicate clearly how engagement input has influenced the plan

## Tools and Techniques

Engagement activities are designed to reflect The CRD's regional mandate and build on prior planning and engagement work across the region. The approach emphasizes:

- A regional perspective that focuses on shared outcomes and system-wide opportunities
- Drawing on previous regional studies and engagement across the capital region
- Transparency about constraints, trade-offs, and decision-making roles
- Accessibility through plain language and inclusive formats

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Engagement activities will include:

- Public survey (Get Involved CRD website)
- Pop up tent at community events
- Social media, digital and print advertising
- Media outreach
- Workshops with governments, First Nations and partners
- Workshops with community groups
- Meetings with community and advocacy groups
- Advisory group meetings (RTAC, DPAC)
- Information session to share the plan
- Engagement summary report

Membership on the RTAC includes:

- CRD, 13 municipalities and three electoral areas
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit
- BC Transit
- BC Ferries
- Victoria Airport Authority
- Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
- Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
- Island Corridor Foundation
- Vancouver Island Health Authority or Provincial Health Services Authority

Membership on the DPAC includes senior planning staff from the CRD, the 13 municipalities and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

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### Timelines

Phase	Timing	Purpose	Participants
Phase 1	Complete	Scoping and initiating	
Phase 2	Q1 2026	<b>Validating key challenges and opportunities</b>  Identified through foundational research and confirming early decision-making criteria. Input gathered during this period will be synthesized into a “What We Heard” summary report. The report will document themes raised and identify areas requiring further refinement as the plan moves into the next stage of development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee meetings</li><li>• RTAC Workshop</li></ul>
Phase 3	Q2	<b>Draft plan development</b>  Co-develop and refine draft strategies with governance bodies and key interest holders. Explore regional opportunities, test emerging directions, and assess alignment with local goals. Use structured discussions to strengthen confidence in the draft plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CRD Board &amp; Committees</li><li>• Elected officials</li><li>• RTAC &amp; DPAC</li><li>• Regional public</li></ul>
Phase 4	Q4 2026 - Q1 2027	<b>Refining the plan</b>  Incorporate feedback into the draft plan. Clarify areas of change, address outstanding tensions, and confirm direction. Begin shifting toward broader communication and preparing for governance consideration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CRD Board &amp; Committees</li><li>• RTAC &amp; DPAC</li></ul>

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Phase 5	Q3 – Q4 2027	<b>Finalizing and approving the plan</b>  Confirm the final plan. Demonstrate how engagement informed decisions. Reinforce alignment with regional and provincial priorities while supporting clarity and transparency ahead of approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CRD Board &amp; Committees</li></ul>
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## Election Considerations

Engagement has been structured to align with the upcoming election cycle and associated governance transition.

Engagement with elected officials will occur through late spring 2026. Following June 2026, engagement activities involving elected officials will pause in accordance with election period protocols.

During the transition period in late fall 2026, engagement will focus on advisory committees and regional partners, ensuring that technical refinement and alignment work continues while governance bodies are in transition.

Re-engagement with the newly appointed Board is anticipated in early 2027 (targeting late February). At that time, staff will provide supporting materials to assist with onboarding and ensure continuity. These materials are expected to outline work completed to date, key engagement themes, emerging draft directions, and upcoming decision points.

This approach is intended to ensure continuity across governance cycles while maintaining transparency, clarity of process, and alignment with prior Board direction.

## Engagement with First Nations

Engagement with First Nations will occur through a separate but parallel process in coordination with the CRD's First Nation's Relation team. Early outreach has already begun in collaboration with BC Transit as they have developed their Victoria Regional Transit Plan, with timelines and approaches tailored to the interests and decision-making processes of each Nation. CRD staff will ensure coordination between public and First Nations engagement while maintaining distinct processes.