

October 10, 2017

File: 0400-20

Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure
Room 305 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Honorable Trevena:

RE: MEETING AT THE 2017 UBCM CONVENTION

On behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD), thank you for meeting with us at the 2017 UBCM Convention.

As you know, our discussion focused on increasing service authority for regional transportation to address regional infrastructure needs, and we look towards your Ministry for support, specifically in:

- Playing a role in facilitating a governance review that could assist in securing consistent funding for regional transportation initiatives; and
- Taking on a fractured transportation governance, planning and delivery model.

We look forward to continuing open dialogue on these topics and to future meetings with you and/or your staff.

Sincerely,



Barbara Desjardins
Board Chair, CRD

cc: Hon. John Horgan, Premier, MLA Langford-Juan de Fuca
Hon. Carole James, Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier, MLA Victoria-Beacon Hill
Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, MLA Victoria-Swan Lake
Hon. Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, MLA Saanich South
Adam Olsen, MLA Saanich North and the Islands
Mitzi Dean, MLA Esquimalt-Metchosin
Dr. Andrew Weaver, MLA Oak Bay-Gordon Head
Grant Main, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure
CRD Board
Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD

bcc: Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning & Protective Services, CRD





Council Member Motion
Council Meeting of October 12, 2017

Date: October 10, 2017

From: Mayor Helps

Subject: Regional Transit

Background:

There are ongoing discussions amongst local governments in the region about regional transit issues. The correspondence from the City of Langford on the October 12, 2017 Council meeting agenda recommends the establishment of a regional advisory committee under the CRD to advise on regional transportation issues. This request will be considered at an upcoming meeting the CRD Transportation Committee. The purpose of this report and recommended motion arising from the City of Langford correspondence is to seek Council's endorsement to move this concept forward to the CRD to formally consider and regional advisory group.

Motion:

That Council endorse the following motion and forward to the CRD Board through the CRD Transportation Committee:

"That the Board direct CRD staff to create a transportation advisory group of the 13 mayors and the Director of the Juan de Fuca Electoral area for the purposes of establishing a common vision and transportation priorities for the region with a focus on a vision for transit and the necessary amendments to Provincial legislation to enable the 13 mayors and the Director of the Juan de Fuca Electoral area to sit as the Transit Commission."

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Helps".

Mayor Lisa Helps



City of Langford

2017/09/19

E-Mail: crdboard@crd.bc.ca

Barbara Dejardins, Chair
Capital Regional District
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Dear Barbara Dejardins,

RE: Request for an Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation Issues

At the City of Langford Regular Meeting of Council held on September 18th, 2017, Council endorsed the following three priorities for transportation with respect to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure networks in the following order of importance:

1. Installation of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (HOV)/bus lanes on the Trans Canada Highway between the West Shore Parkway and downtown Victoria;
2. Development of the E&N Corridor by BC Transit for a major bus or train corridor; and
3. Upgrades to Sooke Road Highway No. 14 leading to and from the municipality of Sooke.

To further advance these priorities and to reduce duplication of services, the City of Langford asks that the Capital Regional District establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations and priorities to BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Further information can be found in the attached report.

Sincerely,

Braden Hutchins
Director of Corporate Services

cc: The Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Manuel Achadinha, CEO, BC Transit
Robert Lapham, CAO, Capital Regional District

Attachment: Transportation Priorities – City of Langford Report



City of Langford

Staff Report

to

Council

Date: September 18, 2017
Department: Engineering
Subject: Transportation Priorities – City of Langford

Background

The City of Langford has two Provincial highways that extend through our City and play a major role in our transportation network. Trans-Canada Highway No. 1 bisects the City in an east/west direction separating north Langford from the southern extents of the City. Sooke Road Highway No. 14 extends through southern Langford and connects vehicles travelling from the westerly communities of Sooke and Metchosin to those in our easterly communities of Colwood and View Royal.

Commentary

Langford residents experience long wait times in their weekly commutes for work in the areas of the CRD Core as well as out to the University of Victoria, Camosun College and the Dockyard area of the Department of National Defence in Esquimalt (DND).

The City has identified three top priorities for Langford residents with respect to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure networks as follows:

1. Installation of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (HOV)/bus lanes on the Trans Canada Highway between the West Shore Parkway and downtown Victoria;
2. Development of the E&N Corridor by BC Transit for a major bus or train corridor; and
3. Upgrades to Sooke Road Highway No. 14 leading to and from the municipality of Sooke

To further advance these priorities and to reduce duplication of services, it is recommended that the City write a letter to the Capital Regional District suggesting that an advisory committee be established to provide recommendations and priorities to BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Financial Implications

None noted.

Legal Implications

None noted.

Options

That Council

1. Endorse the following three priorities for transportation in importance order as follows:
 - a. Installation of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (HOV)/bus lanes on the Trans Canada Highway between the West Shore Parkway and downtown Victoria;
 - b. Development of the E&N Corridor by BC Transit for a major bus or train corridor; and
 - c. Upgrades to Sooke Road Highway No. 14 leading to and from the municipality of Sooke

And

2. That, to further advance these priorities and to reduce duplication of services, the City write a letter to the Capital Regional District suggesting that an advisory committee be established to provide recommendations and priorities to BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

And

3. That the three priorities and request for a CRD advisory committee be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and to BC Transit for information.

OR

4. Do nothing at this time with respect to transportation priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted by:	Michelle Mahovlich, P.Eng. P.Geo. Director of Engineering
Concurrence:	Chris Aubrey, Fire Chief
Concurrence:	Braden Hutchins, Director of Corporate Services
Concurrence:	Darren Kiedyk, Chief Administrative Officer

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September 18, 2017

Mayor Carol Hamilton
City of Colwood
3300 Wishart Rd
Victoria, BC V9C 1R1

Dear Mayor Hamilton,

Re: Regional Transportation Issues

Thank-you for your letter dated September 14th inviting me to participate in a meeting regarding express transit lanes on the Trans-Canada Highway. I would be glad to attend.

I suggest that we broaden the parameters of the discussion. All the regional mayors should be invited so we can have a broad-based discussion on regional transportation issues.

Our Council definitely is of the opinion that we must identify a process for managing all regional transportation issues moving forward. We respectfully suggest that looking at individual solutions in isolation from others is not the preferred option. It is clear that Southern Vancouver Island has a number of transportation challenges. We must work collectively with all of our partners to identify these and form a cohesive plan to solve the issues. While express transit lanes are part of this, I am far from sure that these alone will solve the gridlock on the Trans-Canada Highway.

Thank you for taking initiative to arrange the meeting.

Sincerely,

David Screech
Mayor

Phone: (250) 812-2782



Cc: The Honorable John Horgan, Premier of BC
The Honorable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Mayor Richard Atwell, District of Saanich
Mayor Barb Desjardins, Town of Esquimalt
Mayor Alice Finall, District of North Saanich
Mayor Lisa Helps, City of Victoria
Mayor Nils Jensen, City of Oak Bay
Mayor Steve Price, Town of Sidney
Mayor John Ranns, District of Metchosin
Mayor Maja Tait, District of Sooke
Mayor Ken Williams, District of Highlands
Mayor Ryan Windsor, District of Central Saanich
Mayor Stew Young, City of Langford
Manuel Achadinha, President and CEO BC Transit
Bill Cleverley, Times Colonist
Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD