

Appendix A: Existing Transportation Plans & Studies

Responsibility for transportation functions is shared across a number of authorities in the region, each responsible for taking action on matters within their own jurisdiction.

Since 2011, 15 plans and studies have been developed to define and identify solutions to two core transportation problems affecting the region:

- 1) Traffic congestion in AM and PM peak periods increases travel time and decreases residents’ quality of life.
- 2) Need to shift mode share as the regional road network is largely built out, focusing on actions that improve transportation choice and change behaviour.

How are we doing?



-  Mode share is improving: 22.4% in 2011, compared to 26.6% in 2017.
-  Traffic volumes and travel times continue to increase.

Table 1 lists the existing plans. Table 2 summarizes the four high-level actions that can be taken to address these problems.

Table 1. List of Transportation Plans & Studies

Authority	Plan / Study	Year
BC Transit	Victoria Transit Future Plan	2011
CRD	Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan (PCMP)	2011
CRD	Regional Transit Local Funding Options	2012
CRD	Transit Governance Review	2013
CRD	Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)	2014
CRD	Transportation Service Feasibility Study	2014
Province (MAH)	End of Regionally Significant Projects Fund (RSPF) for regional districts	2014
CRD	Regional Trails Management Plan	2016
CRD	Transportation Data and Analytics Program Review	2016
Province (MAH)	Governing Greater Victoria – the Role of Elected Officials and Shared Services (Bish Report)	2016
Province (MAH)	Capital Integrated Services and Governance Initiative	2017
Province (MOTI)	Move, Commute, Connect – BC Active Transportation Strategy (CleanBC)	2019
Province (MOTI)	South Island Transportation Strategy (SITS)	2020
BC Transit	Victoria Regional Transit 10 Year Vision	2020
BC Transit	(Draft) Victoria Region Rapid Bus Strategy and Implementation Action Plan	2020
BC Transit	Local Area Transit Plans	Ongoing

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Table 2. Summary of Key Actions by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Planning & Policies	Infrastructure	Land Use	Behaviour Change
Purpose	Identify solutions to transportation problems	Make investments to ensure safety and improve mode choice	Achieve densities that can be efficiently served by transit and support active transportation	Promote behaviours that support using different travel modes
CRD	RTP, PCMP, trail management plan, transportation data, governance reviews	Regional trail network Lost funding mechanism in 2014	Development policy and approval in JdF EA RGS growth management concept	Climate action programming, active school travel planning
Municipalities & EAs	Transportation / active travel master plans	Local roads, including active transportation	Development policy and approval (e.g., nodal development)	Programming
BC Transit	Transit Future, Rapid Bus Strategy	Regional transit system	N/A	Education / outreach campaigns
Province	SITS, governance reviews	Provincial highways Fund transit (capital) Grants for local roads	N/A	Grants / incentives for active transportation

Opportunities:

- 1) The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies a regional multi-modal transportation network that is being implemented by individual jurisdictions, acting within their existing authorities.
- 2) Preliminary data show that volumes remain steady through the pandemic but are more distributed through the day, decreasing congestion and travel time.
- 3) Since 2017, the Province invested \$500M in the South Island.

Gaps:

- 1) No approved list of regional priorities to catalyse action or attract funding.
- 2) No single agency acting as a champion for regional priorities.
- 3) No funding mechanism to incentivize regional prioritization of infrastructure projects.
- 4) No formal mechanism to discuss or evaluate the regional impacts of individual transportation decisions.