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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

The Honourable Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Trevena:

RE: SOUTH ISLAND TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY

I am writing on behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board to convey the CRD's interest in actively participating in the development of the South Island Transportation Strategy (Strategy). In support of the project, the CRD can share transportation data/reports and staff expertise.

The CRD is a key player in regional transportation discussions. The CRD Board approved the CRD Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in 2014. The RTP, which was co-funded by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, identified key principles and actions to move the region towards the plan's vision of "A future where transportation is sustainable, offers choice, enables smart growth and makes livable communities possible".

Significant engagement was undertaken with partner municipalities and other stakeholders such as BC Transit and MOTI in the development of the RTP. In fact MOTI staff sat on both the steering and technical committees. The RTP would provide a very strong base from which to frame the new Strategy.

The importance of an improved regional multi-modal network cannot be overstated. Multi-modal transportation is key to mitigating climate change and congestion in the region while enhancing community health and wellbeing. The CRD Board recently approved its Strategic Priorities for 2019-2022 and transportation was once again identified as a top priority. The Board recently declared a Climate Emergency. Recognizing that transportation is responsible for the majority of GHG emissions in the region, it is clear that any action to mitigate climate change must include multi-modal transportation as a foundation.

The Board is excited to hear more about the Strategy directly from you and passed a Resolution on February 13, 2019 inviting you to address the Board at a future meeting to provide detail of the South Island Transportation Strategy. I am hopeful that you will be able to address the Board in the near future. Please contact Carolyn Jenkinson, Manager, Executive Services at cjenkinson@crd.bc.ca to arrange a suitable date.

In the interim, if you have any questions or wish to discuss any detail of the Strategy please reach out to me personally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Plant', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD