

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of, March 20, 2002

SUBJECT:

Stakeholders Committee - Regional Transportation Strategy Project

BACKGROUND:

- Oct 11, 2000: Committee-of-the-Whole reviews the findings of Capital Summit 2 and recommends to the Board that staff be authorized to prepare a draft Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) on the basis of the findings.
- Oct 18, 2000: Regional Planning Committee (RPC) reviews preliminary project descriptions for regional strategies for transportation, economic development and housing affordability.
- Nov 15, 2000: RPC directs staff to send a letter to BC Transit requesting their assistance in the development of an outline of a collaborative and inclusive process to prepare a regional transportation strategy
- January 17, 2001: BC Transit presents a status report to the Regional Planning Committee outlining the anticipated scope of work and identifying potential funding options and project management strategies. The Committee receives the report as information and clarifies that it wishes BC Transit to take the lead role in this process.
- February 23, 2001: Inter-municipal Advisory Committee is provided with a status report on the Regional Transportation Strategy. The Committee expresses support for the project and the terms of reference attached.
- March 21, 2001: Regional Planning Committee is provided with a draft project description and funding plan. The Committee approves project initiation and a budget allocation from CRD as well as a planning grants application
- June 20, 2001: Regional Planning Committee approves project description, Management Committee Terms of Reference, Stakeholder Committee membership with some discussion
- January 23, 2002: CRD Board approved execution of the proposed RTS partnership agreement and initiation of the project and approves the RTS project terms of reference.

DISCUSSION:

Since the initiation of the project there has been discussion regarding the membership of the Stakeholders Committee. The Stakeholders Committee is being established with a membership of approximately 20 persons. The Committee will provide input to the transportation strategy from system users and others involved in transportation policy in the region.

Community input regarding the strategy would be received through the public participation processes created in conjunction with the project and through existing Municipal and CRD committees. Two CRD committees that are key to the process are the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) and the Intermunicipal Planning Advisory Committee (IMPAC).

Below is the suggested list of agencies that would be invited to each sent one representative to participate on the RTS Stakeholders Committee. This list includes transportation agencies or groups, economic and social agencies and linkages with other regional projects (RHAS, REDS) and committees involved in transportation policy. The recommended agencies are:

From the CRD	From Transportation Agencies
Regional Planning Committee	BC Ferries
Regional Cycling Committee	Victoria Airport Authority
CRD Roundtable on the Environment	Victoria Harbour Authority
Economic Development Strategy	BC Automobile Association
Housing Affordability Strategy	BC Trucking Association
	Greater Victoria Electric Railway Association
From Economic and Social Agencies	Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition
Urban Development Institute	
Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce	
Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission	
Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	
Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria	
BC Transit Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee	

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Planning Committee confirms the RTS Stakeholders Committee membership list for the project.

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Mark Hornell, Director
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

W.M. Jordan, Executive Director
Attachment