

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
Regional Planning Services Department

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, January 22, 2003

SUBJECT:

Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) Project Update.

BACKGROUND:

On March 27, 2002 the Board approved initiating the Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) project which is now being called the "*TravelChoice Strategy*". The TravelChoices Strategy is an implementation initiative of the RGS. It is proceeding under the direction of BC Transit, working within a Board approved partnership agreement. This agreement involves BC Transit, Capital Regional District, Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, all financial contributors to this project. The work plan for this project focuses on developing a publicly supported multi-modal transportation strategy that is consistent with the RGS.

Attachment A includes the breakdown of the project costs by funding partner, as well as the project work plan. Attachment B includes two previous status reports reviewed by RPC.

This report is intended to provide the new Regional Planning Committee (RPC) with an overview of the RTS project, its schedule, a summary of its primary reports and the progress to date.

DISCUSSION:

By June 2002, RPC received the first working paper produced by the study. This first working paper titled "Goals and Objectives for the TravelChoices Strategy" outlines the transportation issues facing the region. This report has been circulated to staff at all member municipalities.

In December 2002, working paper #2 titled "Commercial Vehicle Strategy" and working paper #3 titled "Bicycle Strategy" were released and also forwarded to all area municipalities for comment. These working papers will be on the RPC agenda for February.

The project management team is working with the Inter-Municipal Planning Advisory Committee (IMPAC), a community-based stakeholder committee and a municipal working group comprised of planners and engineers in the preparation of these working papers. The Regional Cycling Committee will also be meeting to discuss the draft cycling strategy.

It is expected that all working papers (refer to the following list) will be completed by the end of February 2003. The draft long-term strategy report will follow later in the spring. Once the long-term strategy is approved, the consultant will be preparing a short-term implementation strategy intended to initiate key parts of the TravelChoices Strategy. To date, the RTS project remains on budget.

Scheduled Working Papers	Progress (% complete)
Long-term Strategy	
- Start-up & Issues (Working Paper 1)	100%
- Goals, Objectives & Challenges (Working Paper 1)	100%
- Commercial Vehicle Strategy (Working paper 2)	100%
- Bicycle Strategy (Working Paper 3)	100%
- Increasing Travel Choices Strategy	10%
- Pedestrian Strategy	10%
- Transit Strategy	30%
- Road Network Strategy	20%
- Funding & Administration Strategy	10%
- Land Use – Transportation Strategy	5%
- Summary Document	0%

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Planning Committee receive report as information.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

W.M. Jordan, Executive Director

Attachments

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