

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
Regional Planning Services Department

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, May 21, 2003

SUBJECT:

Regional Transportation Strategy Project

BACKGROUND:

The Regional TravelChoices Strategy deliverables include 1) a series of working papers on key elements of a transportation strategy, 2) a long-term TravelChoices Strategy and 3) a short-term implementation strategy.

Seven working papers have been circulated for consideration by the Regional Planning Committee. These draft strategies focus on the broad aspects of a regional transit service and the major inter-municipal road network system, cycling network, transportation demand management and land use that must support the key directions of the Regional Growth Strategy.

DISCUSSION:

By May 2003, the project management team had completed and circulated the following working papers:

- ‘Goals and Objectives for the TravelChoices Strategy’ – working paper #1.
- ‘Commercial Vehicle Strategy’ – working paper #2.
- ‘Bicycle Strategy’ – working paper #3.
- ‘Transit Strategy’ – working paper #4.
- ‘Network Strategy’ – working paper # 5
- ‘Transportation Demand Management Strategy’ – working paper #6
- ‘Land Use Strategy’ – working paper #7

All working papers have been circulated to municipal staff, through the Technical Working Group which has assisted the project team in developing the long terms strategies and short term priorities expressed in these working papers. In addition, the working papers have been circulated to municipal councils and to a Stakeholders Committee made up of transportation agencies and users in the region.

At its April meeting, the Regional Planning Committee requested that the May meeting be devoted to the TravelChoices Strategy. At the meeting, the project consultants will review the working papers circulated to the committee and review the comments received to date. The presentation and discussion will focus on the challenges and opportunities facing the region with respect to achieving the transportation vision of the RGS and what the critical next steps should be to achieve the goals of the strategy. The project schedule calls for the presentation of the summary document and recommendations to the CRD Board by June 2003.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Planning Committee receive this report as information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

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