

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT  
Regional Planning Services Department**

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee  
Meeting of Wednesday, July 20, 2005

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**SUBJECT:**

Proposal to Establish an LRT Subcommittee

**BACKGROUND:**

- April 13, 2005      The Board adopts the *TravelChoices* Strategy.
- June 15, 2005      Regional Planning Committee requests that consideration of establishing a subcommittee on Light Rail Transit (LRT) be placed on the July agenda.

**DISCUSSION**

In discussion of correspondence received from the Island Transit Alliance Society, committee members indicated interest in having further discussion of LRT as a long range rapid transit option at the July meeting, including perhaps the establishment of a subcommittee to investigate the full costs and benefits of LRT and other rapid transit options. General background information on rapid transit options for the Capital Region can be found in *TravelChoices* working paper #4, on the CRD website at <http://www.crd.bc.ca/regplan/rgs/travelchoices/papers/index.htm> .

BC Transit staff are scheduled to present their Rapid Transit Network Development report to the Committee at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Also on September 21<sup>st</sup>, a draft *TravelChoices* Strategy Implementation Agreement is scheduled for presentation to the Committee. These two items provides the Committee an opportune time to discuss with BC Transit staff, the role of LRT options within this emerging developing framework.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Regional Planning Committee receive this report as information.

**RGS CONSISTENCY:**

TravelChoices: A Long-Term Transportation Strategy for the Capital Region, is an implementation component of the RGS and responds to its land use, environmental and transportation objectives.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:**

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