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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission Held February 22, 2022 at 9:00 am.

**** Electronic Meeting via Zoom****

Commissioners: Gayle Baker, Aubrey Smith, Peter Meyer, and Maxine Leichter

Staff: Karla Campbell, SSI Senior Manager, Dean Olafson, SSI Manager of Engineering, and Shayla Burnham, Recording Secretary

Regrets: Director Gary Holman, Myna Lee Johnstone, and Gary Lehman

1. Territorial Acknowledgement / Call Meeting to Order

A Territorial Acknowledgement was provided by Commissioner Baker and the meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Meyer, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Smith, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission approve the agenda of February 22, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

3. New Business

3.1 Fulford-Ganges Repaving Options

MOVED by Commissioner Leichter, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Meyer, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission recommends to the Ministry of Transportation the following options for the Fulford Ganges hill repaving project:

1. Splitting the bike lanes evenly on the uphill and downhill sides is the wisest allocation of the available space.
2. To address the safety concerns arising from narrower-than-desired lanes, place top priority on safety concerns, and, at a minimum, implement the following inexpensive safety improvements and address the safety concerns of the various intersections along the route, especially Seaview and Drake Roads.

a. Reduce Speed Limits and Add Traffic Calming Measures:

- i. Traffic calming measures to encourage 50 km/h between Cranberry and Embe, in preparation for the future consideration of a 30 km/h Ganges speed limit in the downtown core of Ganges village;
- ii. Given the high usage nearest Ganges, and anticipated increased usage of Drake Road due to affordable housing projects, explore traffic calming measures, such as rumble strips, thermoplastic linage, and cat eyes.

b. **Cautionary Signage and Painting:**

- i. Explore painting options for striping, lanes, and shoulder markings that will increase awareness that this is a slower, multi-modal roadway.
- ii. Install appropriate signage that explicitly states that it is a slower, multi-modal roadway and that vehicles must slow for cyclists, pedestrians, wheelchairs, etc.
- iii. Install simple speed reader boards when speed limits change.

c. **Refuges:**

- i. Install at least two refuges (selecting appropriate spots within adequate MoTI right of way) on each side of Ganges Hill to allow safe respite from the heavy traffic along this route. This may require a barrier installed to stop parking by Saturday Market visitors.
- ii. The downhill, northbound refuges would allow pedestrians, cyclists, etc., to take a break from the fast-moving downhill traffic.
- iii. The uphill, southbound refuges would create a safe rest spot for those having trouble powering themselves up the steep hill.
- iv. Also, consider providing a safe pullout for our bus and vehicles stopping for rideshares along the hill south of Drake Road.

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4. **Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022 at the Salt Spring Island Library Meeting Room, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC**

5. **Adjournment**

MOVED by Commissioner Leichter, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Smith, that the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:17 am.

CARRIED

CHAIR

SENIOR MANAGER