

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

1:30 PM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

PRESENT:

D. Blackwell (Chair), C. McNeil-Smith (Vice Chair), S. Brice, B. Desjardins, J. Brownoff (for F. Haynes), L. Helps (in 1:32), M. Alto (for J. Loveday), R. Martin, R. Mersereau, G. Orr, D. Screech, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Staff: R. Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Bagh, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; J. Hicks, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; P. Perna, Committee Clerk; S. Closson, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

Guests: John Steiner, Urban Systems; Dan Casey, Urbans Systems; Dave Edgar, Ministry of Transportation; Mike Pearson, Ministry of Transportation; Peter Webber, Ministry of Transportation;

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

Chair Blackwell provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Board Chair Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,
That the agenda for the April 24, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting be approved.
CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

2.1. [19-426](#) Minutes of the February 27, 2019 Transportation Committee Meeting

MOVED by Director Brice, **SECONDED** by Director Haynes,
That the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting of February 27, 2019 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

4. Presentations/Delegations

- 4.1. [19-376](#) Presentation: Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, re. South Island Transportation Strategy
- Mike Pearson introduced the South Vancouver Island Multi Modal Transportation Plan.
- John Steiner spoke to the South Vancouver Island Multi Modal Transportation Plan presentation.
- Mike Pearson spoke to the Highway 1 Malahat segment detour route planning and E&N Corridor Condition Assessment.
- Discussion ensued on the following:
- Governance and management of the transportation plan
 - Engagement plan for consultation with municipalities and the CRD
 - Electoral Areas inclusion in the South Island Transportation Strategy
 - First Nations inclusion in the technical working groups
- MOVED by Board Chair Plant, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
Move to amend the agenda to hear New Business motions at this time.
CARRIED**

6. New Business

**MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That Board Chair Plant contact Minister Trevena to request a scope change to
include a governance model under the South Island Transportation Strategy
Plan.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That Board Chair Plant contact Minister Trevena to request a scope change to
include the Electoral Areas in the South Island Transportation Strategy Plan.
CARRIED**

- 4.3. [19-437](#) Delegation - Eric Doherty; Victorians for Transportation Choice: Re: Agenda Item 5.1 Transportation Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors 19-296
- Eric Doherty spoke in favour of 5.1 Motion with Notice: Transportation Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors.
- 4.2. [19-436](#) Delegation - Gwyer Webber; Re: Agenda Item 4.1: South Island Transportation Strategy and 5.1: Transportation Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors
- Gwyer Webber spoke in favour of a rail transit option, re: 5.1 Motion with Notice: Transportation Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors.
- 4.4. [19-438](#) Delegation - Eric Diller; Island Transformations Organization: Re: Agenda Item 4.1: South Island Transportation Strategy
- Eric Diller spoke in favour of 5.1 Motion with Notice: Transportation

Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors.

5. Committee Business

5.1. [19-296](#) Motion with Notice: Transportation Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors (Director Isitt)

Director Holman and Director Isitt spoke to the motion.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Priority bus lanes
- Public cost of transit
- Inclusion of items from motion in the Ministry of Transportation South Island Transportation Strategy presentation

**MOVED by Director Helps, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
Motion to allow Director Isitt to introduce Motion with Notice: Transportation Improvements on Highway 1 and Highway 14 Corridors.
CARRIED**

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Helps,
That the Board:**

1. Urges the Provincial Government to implement measures to address congestion, safety and emergency closure concerns along the Highway 1 and Highway 14 corridors, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Establishment of public transit-only shoulder lanes on Highway 1 from Uptown to the Six Mile Pub;
 - (b) Speed-interval cameras on the Highway 1 corridor between Langford and Mill Bay and the Highway 14 corridor between Langford and Sooke;
 - (c) Construction of medians on, and twinning of, the Highway 1 corridor between Langford and Mill Bay wherever feasible;
 - (d) Establishment of more frequent, less costly public transit service over the Malahat;
 - (e) Restoration of rail operations on the E & N Corridor, including commuter rail service;
 - (f) Consideration of improved / restored ferry service across Saanich Inlet (Brentwood Bay-Mill Bay) and Esquimalt Harbour (Royal Bay-Dockyard).
2. Requests that the Chair write, on behalf of the Board, to the Premier of British Columbia, copying the Ministers responsible for Transportation as well as Members of the Legislative Assembly representing constituencies on Vancouver Island, advising the Provincial government of this position.
3. Requests that the Chair meet with the Premier and the Minister of Transportation to discuss opportunities for collaboration to address these transportation improvements.

**MOVED by Alternate Director Alto, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
That the motion be amended as follows:**

1. "Urges the Provincial Government to consider implementing measures and
 - f) Remove "Consideration of"
- CARRIED**

MOVED by Director Mersereau, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,

That the motion be amended as follows:

1. "measures consistent with Provincial and Regional climate change mitigation targets to"

CARRIED

MOVED by Director Plant, **SECONDED** by Director Orr,

That the item be referred to staff to advance as part of the Capital Regional District submission to the South Island Transportation Strategy consultant.

CARRIED

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Director McNeil-Smith, **SECONDED** by Director Mersereau,

That the April 24, 2019 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:35 pm.

CARRIED

Chair

Recorder