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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Transportation Select Committee
Held June 27, 2012 in the Board Room, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

Present: Directors: F. Leonard (Chair), D. Fortin (V. Chair), M. Alto, J. Brownoff, L. Cross, L. Hundleby (for B. Desjardins), J. Cullington (for C. Hamilton), G. Hill, W. McIntyre, K. Roessing (for J. Mendum), W. Milne, G. Young (ex officio)
Staff: K. Daniels, Chief Administrative Officer; B. Lapham, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; M. Misek-Evans, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; H. Raines (recorder)
Also present: Todd Litman, Victoria Transport Policy Institute

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

1. Approval of Agenda

It was requested that the agenda be amended to include the supplementary agenda.

MOVED by Director Hill, **SECONDED** by Director Brownoff,
That the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That the minutes of the May 9 and 23, 2012 meetings be adopted as previously circulated.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks – The Chair had no remarks.

4. Presentations/Delegations

1. David Langley re item 5: Mr. Langley spoke to the technical reports from September 2011, and gave a presentation. He felt that the issue of LRT needed an independent peer review and a more complete discussion. He urged the Committee to look thoroughly at the LRT study and make informed decisions.

Director Alto entered at 11:34 am.

5. Victoria Regional Rapid Transit (VRRT) Task Force – Draft Technical Report

R. Lapham spoke to the report. He addressed the makeup of the task force, the public consultation and engagement to date and research on national and international LRT users and initiative. Mr. Lapham introduced Todd Litman from Victoria Transport Policy Institute.

Director Cross entered at 11:46 am.

Todd Litman, Victoria Transport Policy Institute, gave a presentation based on the draft report. His report included background information on the report, current public funding for regional transportation, transit benefits, a comprehensive review of funding for public transit projects, funding options evaluation, peer transit agencies and their funding for capital projects and evaluation criteria of funding options. He indicated that additional research is recommended to better understand the impacts of the funding options.

Staff provided additional information, indicating that before going forward with public hearings, there needs to be a review of the capacity of the region to fund capital projects, and that there is an urgent need to increase ridership and decrease road congestion

The floor was opened for discussion. Topics included:

- The need for long range planning and the implementation of a regional capital infrastructure fund
- Interim and long-term transit solutions, including bus lanes, HOV lanes and better equipment, and the funding options for these solutions
- Viability of LRT for the region
- The need for more information before making decisions on funding options

MOVED by Director Cross, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,

That the Transportation Select Committee direct staff to finalize the report and post to website to provide opportunities for the public to provide feedback, defer discussion until the BC Transit Independent Review Panel report is released, and have the Committee engage in discussions with Metro Vancouver.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence: Susan Brice, Chair, Regional Transit Commission, May 11, 2012 re: Transit Priority in the Capital Region

MOVED by Director Brownoff, **SECONDED** by Director Hill,
That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

7. New Business - There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.

CHAIR