



Notice of Meeting and Meeting Agenda Transportation Committee

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

9:30 AM

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

D. Murdock (Chair), P. Brent, S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries, B. Desjardins,
S. Goodmanson, C. Harder, D. Kobayashi, M. Tait, D. Thompson, C. McNeil-Smith (Board Chair, ex officio)

The Capital Regional District strives to be a place where inclusion is paramount and all people are treated with dignity. We pledge to make our meetings a place where all feel welcome and respected.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-1063](#) Minutes of the June 19, 2024 and September 11, 2024 Transportation Committee Meetings

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meetings of June 19, 2024 and September 11, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Attachments: [Minutes - June 19, 2024](#)
[Minutes - September 11, 2024](#)

4. Chair's Remarks

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. [24-1190](#) Presentation: Steve Martin, CRD Traffic Safety Commission; Re: Annual Update

Attachments: [Presentation: CRD Traffic Safety Commission Annual Update](#)

5.1.2. [24-1193](#) Presentation: Thomas Bevan, CEO, Island Corridor Foundation; Re: Integrated Transportation Planning

Attachments: [Presentation: ICF Integrated Transportation Planning](#)

5.2. Delegations

The public are welcome to attend CRD Board meetings in-person.

Delegations will have the option to participate electronically. Please complete the online application at www.crd.bc.ca/address no later than 4:30 pm two days before the meeting and staff will respond with details.

Alternatively, you may email your comments on an agenda item to the CRD Board at crdboard@crd.bc.ca.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-1018](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. The following minutes are for information only.

- a) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of July 9, 2024
- b) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of September 10, 2024
- c) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of October 8, 2024
- d) Regional Transportation Working Group minutes of September 5, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes: CRD Traffic Safety Commission - July 9, 2024](#)
[Minutes: CRD Traffic Safety Commission - Sep 10, 2024](#)
[Minutes: CRD Traffic Safety Commission - Oct 8, 2024](#)
[Minutes: Reg'l Transportation Working Group - Sep 5, 2024](#)

7. Notice(s) of Motion

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held in 2025.

To ensure quorum, please advise Tamara Pillipow (tpillipow@crd.bc.ca) if you or your alternate cannot attend.

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

9:30 AM

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

PRESENT

Directors: D. Murdock (Chair), L. Szpak (Vice Chair), P. Brent, S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries, B. Desjardins, S. Goodmanson, D. Kobayashi (EP), C. McNeil-Smith, M. Tait (EP), D. Thompson, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest(s): D. Bracewell, Consultant, Mobility Foresight; V. Chan, KPMG (EP); L. Miles, KPMG (EP)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Szpak provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Desjardins, SECONDED by Director Brice,
That the agenda for the June 19, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting be
approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [24-537](#) Minutes of the April 17, 2024 Transportation Committee Meeting

**MOVED by Director Goodmanson, SECONDED by Director Brice,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of April 17, 2024 be
adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Murdock thanked staff for their instrumental work in getting us to this phase in transportation governance.

5. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations or delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [24-565](#) Regional Transportation Governance - Workshop Outcomes and Next Steps

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- engagement with stakeholders such as Island Corridor Foundation
- the timeline, budget implications, and process of establishing this service
- consideration of shared benefits and equity across the region
- clarification of scope on grants and funding

**MOVED by Director Szpak, SECONDED by Director Caradonna,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District
Board:**

**That staff draft a broad transportation service establishment bylaw that allows for
the implementation of all eight service categories, bringing it back for readings
by Q4 2024.**

CARRIED

6.2. [24-566](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information:

- a) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of April 9, 2024

7. Notice(s) of Motion

There were no notice(s) of motion.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Szpak,
That the June 19, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at 10:46
am.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

9:00 AM

6th Floor Boardroom
625 Fisgard St.
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Special Meeting

PRESENT

Directors: D. Murdock (Chair), L. Szpak (Vice Chair), J. Bateman (for M. Tait) (EP), P. Brent (9:09 am), S. Brice, J. Caradonna, Z. de Vries (9:22 am), B. Desjardins, S. Goodmanson, D. Kobayashi (EP), C. McNeil-Smith, D. Thompson, C. Plant (Board Chair, ex officio)

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Chan, Chief Financial Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services; K. Morley, General Manager, Corporate Services; S. Henderson, Senior Manager, Real Estate and SGI Administration; P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional and Strategic Planning; M. MacIntyre, Senior Manager, Regional Parks; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional and Strategic Planning; N. Brotman, Research Planner, Regional & Strategic Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guest(s): Director G. Holman; D. Bracewell, Consultant, Mobility Foresight; V. Chan, KPMG (EP); L. Miles, KPMG (EP)

Regrets: Director M. Tait

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Szpak provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director Goodmanson,
That the agenda for the September 11, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting
be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations/Delegations

There were no presentations.

3.1. Delegations

- 3.1.1. [24-844](#) Delegation - James Anderson; Representing Amalgamation Yes; Re: Item 4.1.: Bylaw No. 4630: Regional Transportation Service

J. Anderson spoke to Item 4.1.

- 3.1.2. [24-850](#) Delegation - Brian Webster; Representing Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission; Re: Item 4.1.: Bylaw No. 4630: Regional Transportation Service

B. Webster spoke to Item 4.1.

Director Brent joined the meeting in person at 9:09 am.

4. Special Meeting Matters

- 4.1. [24-786](#) Bylaw No. 4630: Regional Transportation Service

**MOVED by Director Thompson, SECONDED by Director Desjardins,
That Director Holman be allowed to participate (without vote) in the September 11, 2024 session of the Transportation Committee.
CARRIED**

K. Lorette spoke to Item 4.1.

Director de Vries joined the meeting in person at 9:22 am.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the next steps to establish this service
- that this service complements the work of municipal staff without creating redundancies
- clarification and timeline of the incremental increase to the requisition
- the inclusion of Salt Spring Island electoral area in this service
- the timeline to update the regional transportation plan
- clarification that municipal grant funding remains with the municipality
- the committee thanked staff for their hard work on this project

**MOVED by Director Plant, SECONDED by Director Brent,
The Transportation Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:**

1. That Bylaw No. 4630, "Regional Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2024", be introduced and read a first, second and third time;
2. That participating area approval be obtained by regional alternative approval process;
3. That Bylaw No. 4630, be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval; and
4. That staff be directed to continue to consider governance options and report back in Q1, 2025.

CARRIED

4.2. [24-785](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions for Information

The following minutes were received for information only:

- a) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of May 14, 2024
- b) CRD Traffic Safety Commission minutes of June 11, 2024
- c) Regional Transportation Working Group minutes of June 13, 2024

5. Adjournment

MOVED by Director Thompson, **SECONDED** by Director McNeil-Smith,
That the September 11, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting be adjourned at
10:39 am.
CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER

November 2024 Update



CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY
COMMISSION

Steve Martin - Chair

Mandate of the TSC

(Partnerships Based Model)

- *Review traffic safety problems in the CRD and make recommendations to the CRD Board, through a CRD Board Committee, for the purpose of reducing or eliminating the problems; and,*
- *Plan and operate traffic safety education programs within the CRD, as provided for in the annual budget for the Commission, as approved by the CRD Board.*

Commission Membership


(Broad Stakeholder Base, Range of Expertise & Collaboration Across Sectors)

- Public Health
- Law Enforcement
- Community Member
- **MADD**
- ICBC
- **School District**
- RoadSafetyBC
- BCAA Road Safety
- University of Victoria
- Commercial Vehicle Safety
- Transportation Planning
- V-I Safety Council (Motorcycles)
- Media
- MoTI
- BC Transit
- Walk-On Victoria
- BC Coroners Service
- Capital Bike

NOTE: MADD new associate member; School District representation is a recently filled vacancy

Strategic Priorities

Our 2023 evidence-based review of road safety problems in the CRD guides our priorities

- 
1. Distracted Driving (All Distractions)
 2. Speeding
 3. Impaired Driving (Drugs & Alcohol)

Evidence & Data

Top 3 Fatalities by Victim

1. Driver
2. Pedestrian
3. Passenger

Top 3 Contributing Factors to Crashes

1. Distracted Driving (All Distractions)
2. Speeding
3. Impaired Driving (Drugs & Alcohol)

Evidence & Data

- Intersections are the leading(75%) location for all injuries
- Intersections represent the greatest risk for vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians & cyclists)



Priority Action Areas

Education & Awareness (see Attachment for examples)

- Pedestrians crossing at intersections and cross walks
- Intersections (all users)
- Support for impaired, driver inattention and speed campaigns
- Promote leading jurisdiction “best in class” measures to address road safety

Advocacy

- Automated Speed Enforcement
 - Intersections & Other High-Risk Areas
 - Speed interval cameras (High-Risk Highway Areas)

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

The TSC is currently finalizing an ASE report for the Transportation Committee



Our report will include:

- Data & evidence supporting ASE
- Intelligence from a September 2024 National ASC report
- Implementation & advocacy recommendations

Current New Initiatives Focus on Youth

Junior Hockey Engagement

- A targeted education program to engage the 5 VIJHL teams within the CRD in a conversation about road safety

Supporting the P.A.R.T.Y Program (Prevent Alcohol & Risk-Related Trauma in Youth)

- Operating since 1986 High School students hear from first responders, health care and mortuary professionals. Since COVID the delivery has moved to online
- The current initiative evaluates the effectiveness of the online delivery of the program (changes in youth road safety attitudes) across schools in the CRD

Funding of Community Partner Projects

Evaluation Criteria

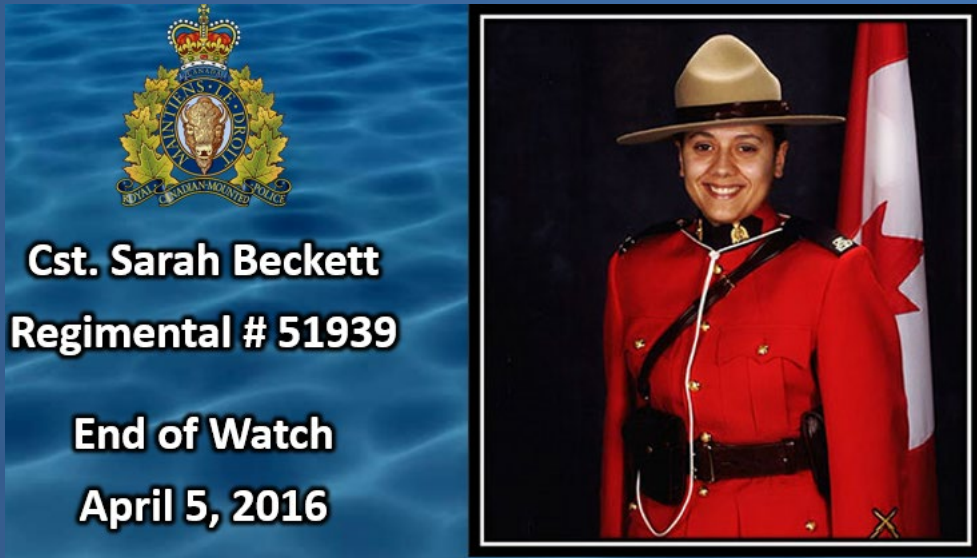
- Quality of project
- Merit of project
- Proposed evaluation of project
- Match with TSC priorities
- Likelihood of success
- Recognition of challenges
- Budget / matching funds



Example Funded Projects

- Micro-Mobility Options Study for Transportation Committee (completed)
- UVic Centre for Youth and Society Joint Project Social Media
- Safety and Etiquette on shared cycling and walking paths/trails
- CHEK TV TSC Campaigns
- Junior Hockey Teams: Targeted Road Safety Engagement
- Let's Get Visible
- VISC Rider Refresher Training
- P.A R.T. Y. Program Evaluation of On-Line Delivery
- Cycling skills training
- School crosswalk safety

2024 Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship

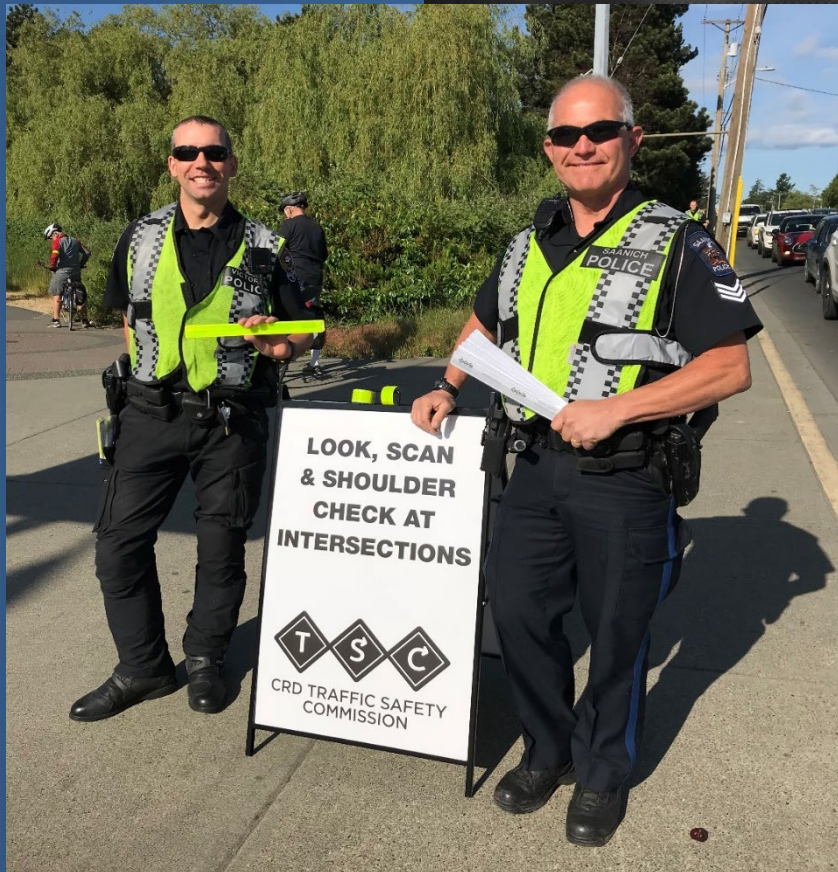


- Macy Johnston was awarded 2024 scholarship
 - Macy is a graduate of Stelly's Secondary School
 - Macy is studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Dalhousie University. Macy is intending to follow a career in law enforcement.

Examples of Education Campaigns

Education Campaigns

60% of crashes occur
at intersections



Education Campaigns



Let's Get Visible

BE ALERT
BE BRIGHT
STOP!
Pick up your reflective strips here.

CRD **TSC**
Making a difference Together CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION



Click Into Safety
ALWAYS IN FASHION
www.traffic-safety.ca

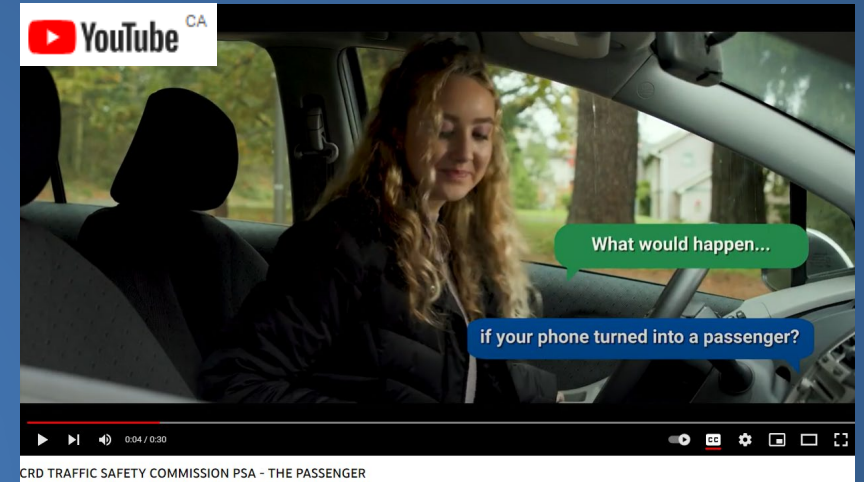
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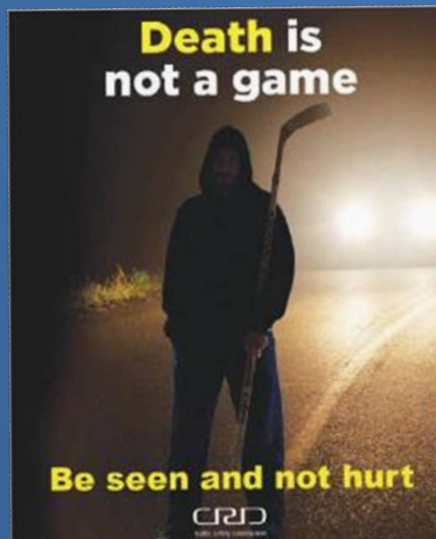
What would happen...
if your phone turned into a passenger?

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION PSA - THE PASSENGER



LOOK, SCAN & SHOULDER CHECK

TSC
CRD Traffic Safety Commission



Death is not a game

Be seen and not hurt

CRD
CRD Traffic Safety Commission



C Get Home Safe - Traffic Saf...
GET HOME SAFE!



Protect your neck.
Adjust your head restraint.

TSC
CRD Traffic Safety Commission



Keep Kids Safe In The Back Seat

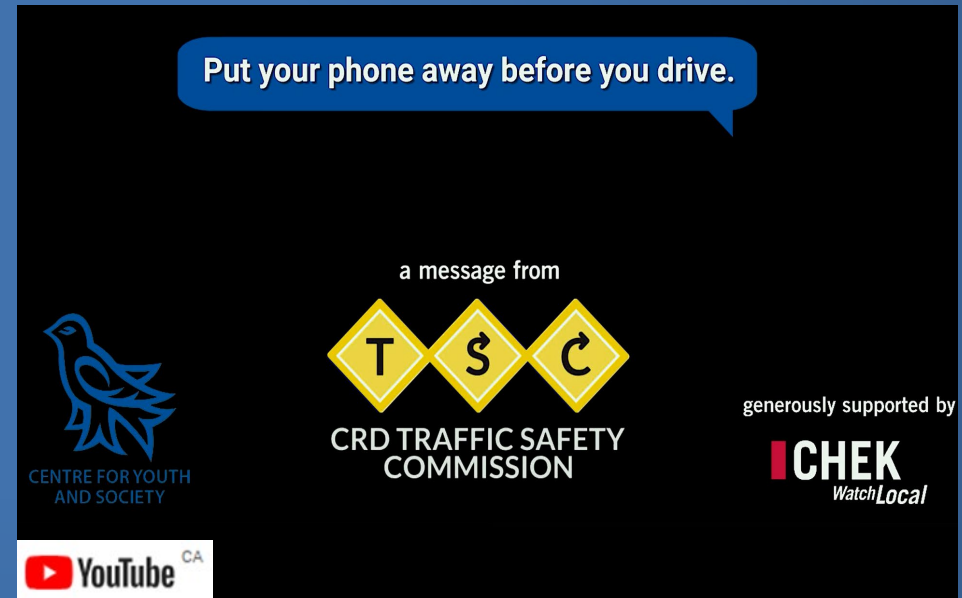
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Recent/Current Campaigns in partnership with CHEK Social Media and Broadcast

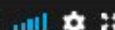




What if that cyclist was you?



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Thank you!



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COMMISSION

INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

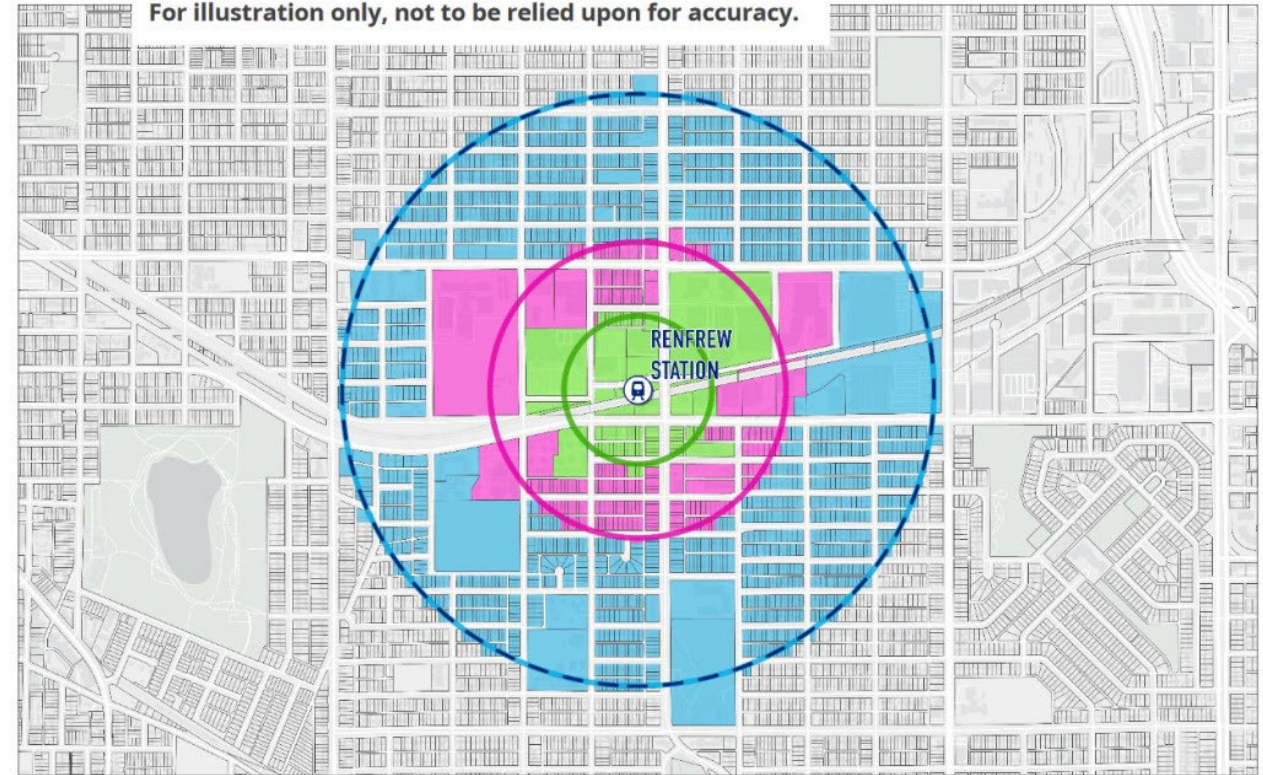
THOMAS BEVAN, RPP,
CEO, ISLAND CORRIDOR FOUNDATION

PRINCIPLES

The best
transportation plan is
a good land use plan

Catchment Area Map Example:

For illustration only, not to be relied upon for accuracy.



Legend

 Passenger Rail

 Transit Oriented Area

 Parcel

 200 metre Tier

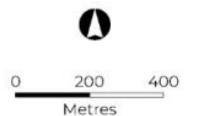
 400 metre Tier

 800 metre Tier

 200 metre Tier Parcel

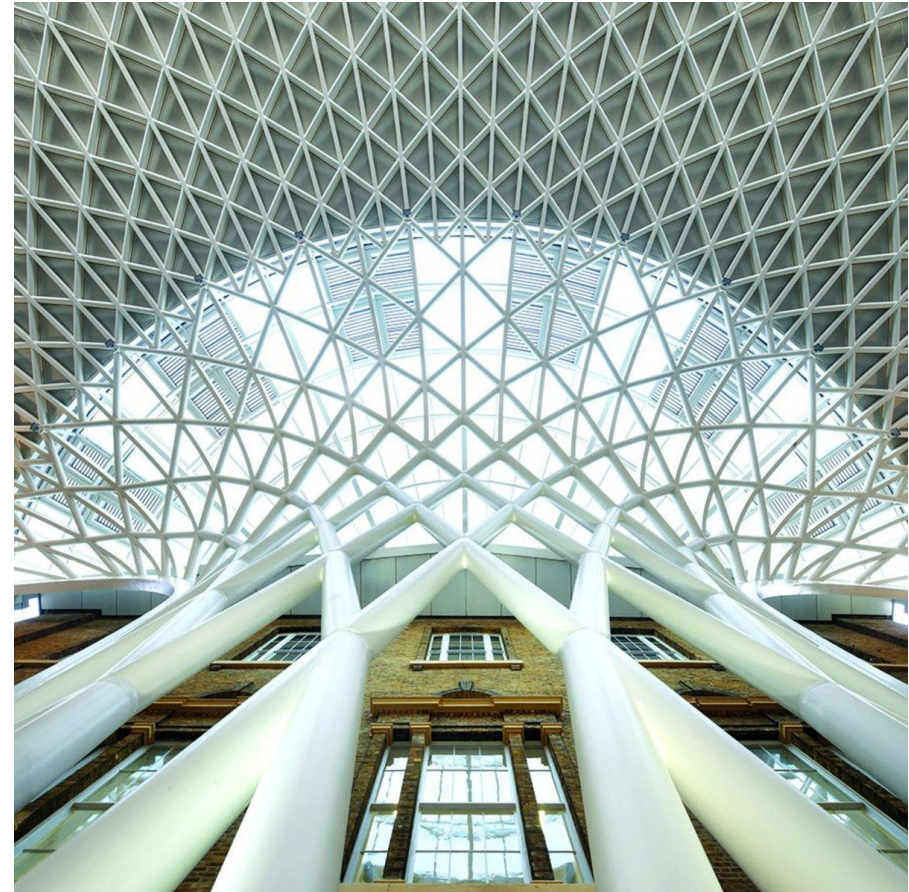
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MULTIMODALITY IS CRITICAL

- By land, water, and air
- A connected continuum of service - active transit, public transit, carshare, personal vehicles
- Integration of modes makes for network affects, and the systems success compounds
- Hub development model creates efficiency and development concentration (ie Waterfront Station, Lonsdale Quay, Loughheed Town Centre)



King's Cross Station, UK

Waterfront

Bus Connections



Canada Line to Richmond - YVR



SeaBus to North Vancouver



West Coast Express to Mission



Convention Centre

Canada Place

Waterfront Centre



YOU REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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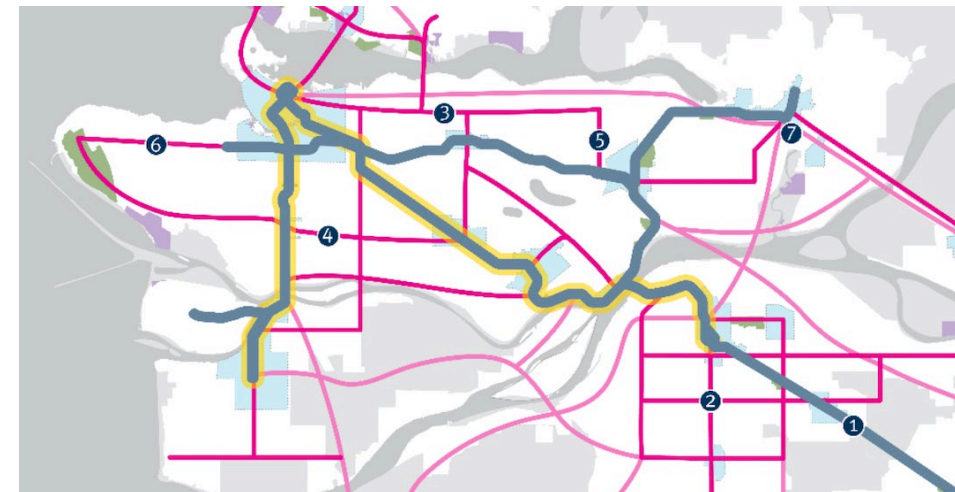
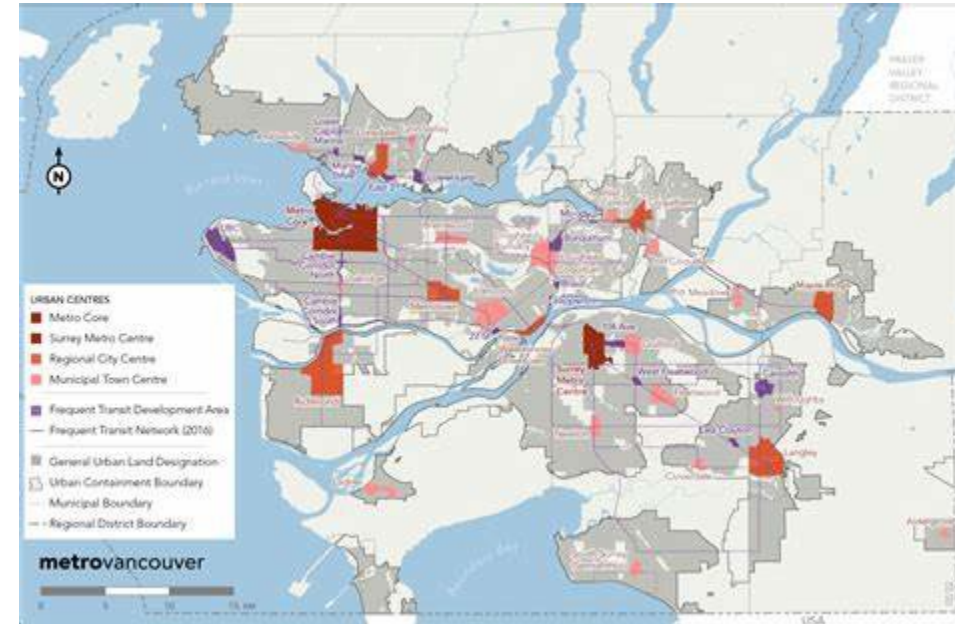
INTER-REGIONAL INTEGRATION COMPOUNDS EFFICIENCIES

- Currently the Island transportation network is fractured between RDs and even neighboring cities
- Need an integrated approach across jurisdictional boundaries aka Translink
- CRD is leading the way, but why not past the Malahat?



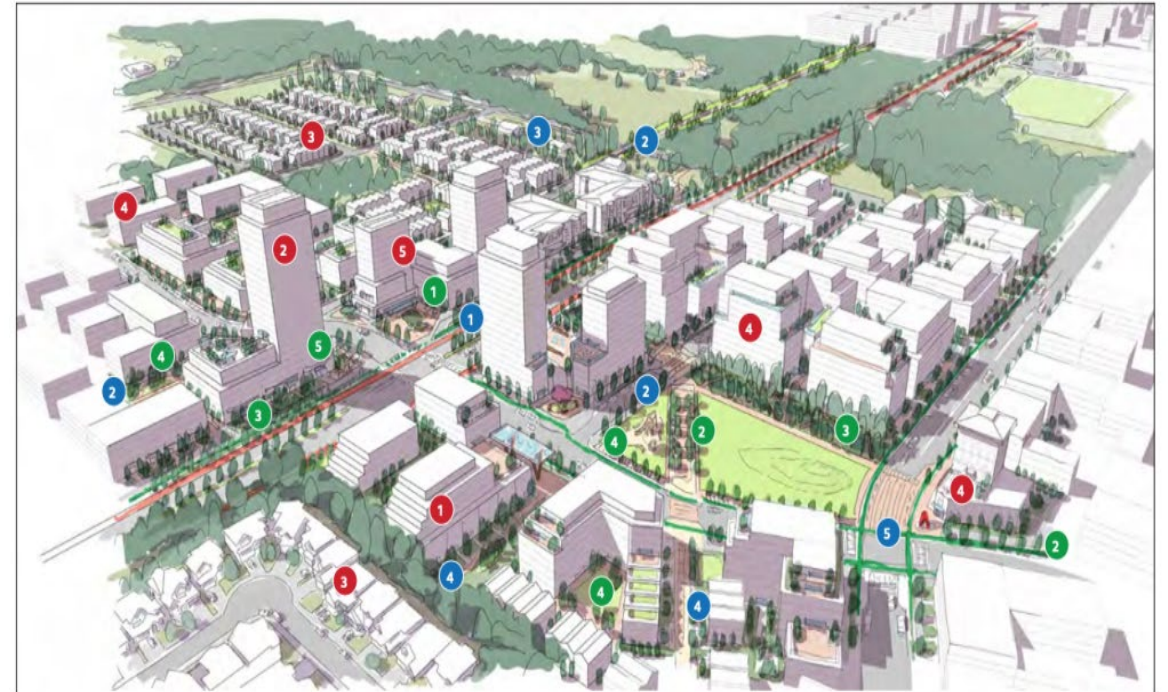
INTEGRATED PLANNING LEADERSHIP

- Metro 2050 by Metro Van & Transport 2050 by Translink happened concurrently
- Creating a complementary vision for a future growth and transportation strategy for Metro Van at the macro level



200TH STREET CORRIDOR EXAMPLE OF SUCCESS

- Vision for Langley - a spine of connected villages by 2040
- Collaborative effort across agencies – City of Langley, Township of Langley, City of Surrey, Metro Van, Translink, BC Hydro, BC Housing
- Implementation of Metro 2050 and Transport 2050 vision at the corridor level
- Rapid transit growth corridor
- Multi modal transportation corridor, future proofing for evolution of modal split
- Transit-oriented development
- Policy changes to guide future development along the Corridor
- 47,000 new housing units, major jobs, parks, utilities and new services



View of 200 Street and 74 Avenue, artists' rendering of what The Commons Urban Village concept could look like.

THE VANCOUVER ISLAND CORRIDOR

- How can the Corridor be part of the integrated planning puzzle?
- It already forms the original spine of the Island's modern linear settlement pattern
- Governed and controlled by the 14 First nation and 5 Regional District it passes through
- It is an opportunity to connect CRD communities and potentially beyond
- Transit oriented development along a spine that further focusses the Island's future growth
- Potential for multimodal connections and movement of people across a range of diverse modes
- Potential to concentrate, and co locate utilities (water, energy, etc) that facilitate new growth



SHARED VISION PROJECT

- Working with members on the future of the Corridor
- All future scenarios will be determined by our members and for their benefit
- December 2024: discuss shared principles
- February 2025: consultant reports due
- Spring 2025: explore common interests

ISLAND CORRIDOR

**SHARED
VISION
PROJECT**

**CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2024**

Members: Neil Arason, Island Health
Douglas Baer, Capital Bike
Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Natalia Heilke, RoadSafetyBC
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria
Steve Martin, Community Member (Chair)
Owen Page, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Colin Plant, CRD Board Chair (for Dean Murdock)
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic

Associates: Natalie Bandringa, CRD

Regrets: Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
Dr. Murray Fyfe, Island Health
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Collaborative for Youth and Society, UVic
Myke Labelle, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Sgt. Jereme Leslie, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit
Dean Murdock, CRD Board (Vice-Chair)
Keith Vass, Media
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Martin provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Ron Cronk, **SECONDED** by Owen Page, that the agenda be approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2024

MOVED by Neil Arason, **SECONDED** by Ron Cronk, that the minutes of the meeting held on June 11, 2024 be approved. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Martin commented that he was away for the June meeting but was appreciative of the good progress made around research on automated enforcement which is in line with our strategic priorities.

CRD Board Chair Colin Plant is attending today's meeting as Dean Murdock's alternate. Chair Plant encouraged the Commission to bring recommendations to the Board through the Transportation Committee, in addition to the education campaigns that the Commission carries out. Chair Plant also explained the structure of the CRD Board which is comprised of 24 members from around the region. The Board has created a number of standing committees, and the Chair appoints Board members to the committees. The Transportation Committee is the largest committee. Recommendations from the Commission are made to the Transportation Committee, who then decide if they want to pass those to the Board.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Report on Island Health Meeting with School District Superintendents re representative on the Commission**
Deferred
- **Update on Transportation Working Group**
The Working Group met on June 13 and BC Transit did a presentation on the scope of the transit future plan refresh and its relationship to the regional corridor strategy. BC Transit will provide the working group with the terms of reference for the plan when they are available.

Also at the meeting, CRD staff presented an overview of the May 24 regional transportation governance workshop which indicated eight categories for the new potential transportation service. Those minutes went to the Transportation Committee meeting on June 19 and the Committee also received the official "What we Heard Report" and will be forwarding a recommendation to the Board that staff draft a Service Establishment Bylaw that allows for the implementation of all eight service categories and bring it back for reading by Q4 2024. That recommendation will be going to the Board meeting on July 10. If staff receive direction to draft a bylaw, it will come back to the Transportation Committee on September 11.

6. Priority Business

➤ Budget Update

There hasn't been much spending over the last month, and we have approximately \$68,000 remaining in the budget.

Natalie Bandringa brought forward a request for funding for rechargeable light up slap bands for the Let's Get Visible Campaign. Last year the Commission contributed \$10,000 and the request is for another \$10,000 to purchase these again.

MOVED by Colin Plant, **SECONDED** by Todd Litman, that the Commission allocate up to \$10,000 to support the CRD's Let's Get Visible campaign for trail and road users. **CARRIED**

Concerns were raised about pedestrian safety on trails and Board Chair Plant noted there is a motion going to the July 10 CRD Board meeting regarding safety on multi-use trails.

In a response to a question, it was noted that distribution of the slap bands takes place in municipalities throughout the CRD and on the trails. Municipal staff are invited to attend, and the police are often in attendance as well.

Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship

The date to receive applications for the 2024 Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship was extended to July 31.

➤ BCACP Calendar

- March – Distracted Drivers Campaign/Occupant Restraint Campaign`
- May – High Risk Driving Campaign
- July – Summer Impaired Driving Campaign (Alcohol/Drug)
- September – Distracted Drivers Campaign/Occupant Restraint Campaign
- October – Drive Relative to Conditions Campaign
- December – Winter Impaired Driving Campaign

The purpose of putting the BCACP calendar initiatives on our agenda is to act as a reminder for the Commission re the focus of our partners and to try and frame our advertising to support them. We could do the advertising ourselves or support any of our partners with additional funding to expand their campaigns.

Chair Martin raised the question of whether it would be possible during impaired driving campaigns for information to be handed out to motorists reminding them of the consequences. It was agreed this was a good idea and it could be complemented by having a Commission spokesperson talk to the media to raise awareness of the consequences.

Possible future agenda items were requested as follows: a campaign on the new passing law re bikes; conflict reduction plan for sidewalks and mixed-use paths; and Malahat highway bus improvements as a traffic safety strategy. Chair Martin will discuss these with Vice-Chair Murdock and look at adding these items to agendas in September and October.

7. Other Business

Malahat Bus Improvements

Todd Litman spoke briefly about the need for improvements to transit service on the Malahat. Todd is President of Better Island Transit which is a new organization that advocates for more frequent and affordable bus service on Vancouver Island. He commented that the bigger picture is to ask whether

vehicle travel reductions are considered a safety strategy and, if so, should we favour transportation improvements that reduce the amount of driving. There is a lot of research that indicates this is true. Currently BC Transit offers four buses a day between Duncan and Victoria oriented towards Duncan commuters so an insignificant amount of travel on the Malahat is via public transportation. There are good reasons to think that if there were frequent and affordable transit trips over the Malahat, you would expect to see a reduction in crashes. Better Island Transit is framing this primarily as a fairness issue, i.e., should the provincial government be investing in transportation services for non-drivers at least in proportion to demand, but there are also potentially large safety benefits. It is probably the most cost-effective way to improve safety and would cost a tiny fraction of the proposed Malahat median barrier widening work.

Todd asked if the Commission would be interested in him giving a presentation or sharing some of the research that has been done on this and maybe asking the Ministry if they could validate the idea that improving public transit would provide at least proportional reduction in crashes and should be considered as a traffic safety strategy.

Neil Arason commented that he agreed and everything he has read aligns with that, reducing exposure will reduce crashes as well as obviously reducing carbon. It would also allow access to mobility for disadvantaged groups. He doesn't agree that we should pit this against the addition of the median barriers as crossover crashes are deadly.

Chair Martin said he would like to have a more fulsome discussion on this topic, and it will be added to an agenda in the fall.

8. Member Updates

➤ RoadSafetyBC - Natalia Heilke

- Their new social media accounts are finally up and running so they are now on Instagram and Facebook and still on Twitter. Their communications staff will reach out to partners soon.
- They are in the early stages of developing the next BC Road Safety Strategy to update the current one that goes to 2025. The new strategy will go until 2030. They are hoping to develop a strategy that might be easier to iterate on and will be adding a safe systems approach that includes all six pieces, i.e., safe vehicles, safe roads, safe road users, safe speed, safe land use planning and post-crash care.
- One of the things they will be looking at is data communities and what the present data is and how it's being used or not and what the gaps are. They will be interested in some work to find out what municipalities would find useful in terms of data when it comes to planning purposes.

➤ ICBC – Colleen Woodger

No update

➤ Youth and Children – Hailey Bergstrom-Parker

No update

➤ Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health – Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul

- Recruiting is still taking place for participants for a study being done in conjunction with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General looking at self-regulation of regular cannabis users and hoping to understand how they monitor their impairment and make decisions about driving after use, etc.
- Another study that's happening now with funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council is looking at the relationship between transportation infrastructure and changes in rider and pedestrian cognition, physical and mental health. This is a longitudinal study and Paweena is working with engineers to come up with bikeability and walkability indices.

➤ CRD – Natalie Bandringa

- An action item from the last meeting was to write a staff report and forward the study on the efficacy of using automatic speed enforcement cameras and red-light cameras in the CRD that was presented at the June Commission meeting to the Transportation Committee. That will most likely go to the September Committee meeting. In the staff report Natalie will refer to the

letter sent by Chair Plant in January 2024 to the Honourable Mike Farnworth regarding the intersection safety camera program. No reply was received to that letter.

➤ **Integrated Road Safety Unit – Sgt. Jereme Leslie**

No update

➤ **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement – Myke Labelle**

No update

➤ **Vancouver Island Safety Council – Ron Cronk**

- They are running almost full classes through October. Ultimately, their goal is to make motorcycles safer to operate with better instruction and they currently follow the coroner's report on motorcycle fatalities and look for some of the key trigger points. One of the blind spots in the data is that there is nothing that says if you take a motorcycle course, you're better off than if you don't.

Ron represents motorcyclists for Vancouver Island as a stakeholder with the provincial government looking at graduated licensing for motorcyclists. It has been very robust, and they have gotten a lot of motorcycle schools involved. That was really a key contributor to where they are moving forward. There were some significant target groups that came out of the coroner's report and Vancouver Island Safety Council is hitting those target groups. The Commission assisted with funding for the rider refresher training course last year. Ron commented that the government has no appetite for mandatory motorcycle training in BC.

➤ **Capital Bike – Doug Baer**

- Capital Bike are trying to do a lot with respect to infrastructure and are looking at a proposal not to put bike facilities along Wallace Drive in Central Saanich. The plan is to paint sharrows on the road and guidelines for sharrows suggest that if there are more than about 500-1000 cars per day, that shouldn't be done and could make the road more dangerous.
- Trying to figure out what to do re the Municipality of Saanich because in the third quarter Saanich Engineering will be bringing in a report as to what it would cost to do an acceleration of the active transportation plan. Saanich engineering is less than enthusiastic about the idea. Is there something that can be done short of compressing a 50-year active transportation plan into 10-15 years? Is there something that will improve infrastructure in the Municipality of Saanich without incurring the massive cost of doing everything and what are the priorities? They don't want to see the opportunity lost or the Municipality saying "this is too expensive, let's do nothing."

➤ **Walk On, Victoria – Todd Litman**

- Walk On Victoria is currently focused in the core communities and they do pedestrian audits where they walk around the neighborhoods and look for sidewalks that need improvement but they are also aware that a lot of the other outlying areas where people walk less are the ones that need the most improvement. Their long-term hope is that the CRD can develop tools for doing sidewalk inventories and identify where the gaps are in areas that don't currently have a lot of walking going on.

➤ **Municipal Police Forces/RCMP**

No update

➤ **BC Transit – Dallas Perry**

No update

➤ **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Owen Page**

There are a number of projects of all sizes ongoing.

- Keating Cross Road – The highway will be closed overnight for three or four nights at the end of the month to place the girders across the highway to support the foundation of the flyover.
- Salt Spring Island – Project to widen Fulford Ganges Road between Cranberry and Seaview. The tender closed last week, and it is planned to break ground as soon as August.
- Highway 14 – culvert repairs underway.
- Line painting wrapping up for their service area.

➤ **Island Health – Neil Arason**

- Neil commented that at the next meeting he would like to have a discussion about amending our agenda so that we include a standing item on our main advocacy items and things we could recommend to the Transportation Committee.
- He also asked if it would be possible to get a list of members of the Transportation Working Group and a copy of their terms of reference. Chair Plant noted that the Working Group reports to the Transportation Committee so their minutes are part of the workings of other bodies.

Action: Natalie will supply information on the Transportation Working Group

Natalie Heilke suggested it would be useful for new members to have a reference package with information about the Commission mandate and membership, and how it relates to other groups in the CRD structure.

➤ **Working Group for UVic Collaborative for Youth and Society Joint Project – Dr. Frederick Grouzet**

No update

Annual Presentation to the Transportation Committee

Chair Martin asked about the date for the annual Commission presentation which typically takes place in the fall. It was noted that the Transportation Committee meeting in September is a special meeting, however, the presentation could be made to the Board in September. The date for this presentation will be confirmed.

Presentation to John Hicks

Chair Martin proposed that John's work on the Commission be recognized with a card and gift certificate.

MOVED by Colin Plant, **SECONDED** by Neil Arason, that \$100 be allocated for a gift certificate for John Hicks in appreciation of his service to the Commission. **CARRIED**

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2024 at 1:00 pm. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 pm.

CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Members: Neil Arason, Island Health
Douglas Baer, Capital Bike
Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Natalia Heilke, RoadSafetyBC
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria
Steve Martin, Community Member (Chair)
Dean Murdock, CRD Board (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement

Associates: Natalie Bandringa, CRD

Regrets: Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
Dr. Murray Fyfe, Island Health
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Collaborative for Youth and Society, UVic
Myke Labelle, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Sgt. Jereme Leslie, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit
Owen Page, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Keith Vass, Media

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

Guests: Otis Geddes, UVic Graduate Student
Amelia Smit, Island Health

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Martin provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Neil Arason, **SECONDED** by Ron Cronk, that the agenda be approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2024

MOVED by Colleen Woodger, **SECONDED** by Ron Cronk, that the minutes of the meeting held on July 9, 2024 be approved. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Martin referred to the report presented at the June Commission meeting on research re efficacy of using automatic speed enforcement cameras and red-light cameras in the CRD. This report will be on the Transportation Committee's agenda this month and Chair Martin suggested the Commission develop some recommendations to the Committee and more senior governments on how we would go about implementation. If we are recommending intersection-based cameras, we could look at the top three areas of highest risk, e.g., school zones, etc. From a highway perspective it could possibly be started as a pilot for those difficult to enforce areas. There are several things that we could add.

Chair Martin asked for a couple of volunteers to meet and brainstorm on how we would recommend implementing automated speed enforcement, both on highways and in the city. It's an excellent report but we can add to it to set the table for success and a bit of a blueprint for how we could advocate for that, both from our perspective and the Transportation Committee's perspective. Paweena Sukhawathanakul and Neil Arason agreed to assist with this work and Chair Martin will reach out to Jereme Leslie from IRSU to see if he could join. Ron Cronk also agreed to attend the initial meeting of the working group.

Action: *Paweena Sukhawathanakul will send out a copy of the research re efficacy of using automatic speed enforcement cameras and red-light cameras in the CRD*

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- **Report on Island Health Meeting with School District Superintendents re representative on the Commission**

Defer to October meeting

- **Information handout to motorists (during impaired driving campaigns) reminding them of consequences (e.g., IRP sanctions)**

Chair Martin has proposed putting together an information handout on the consequences of IRP sanctions. There has been an increase in impaired driving and not everyone is aware of the consequences for drivers. This would fit into our public education mandate. We would need a small group to get together to develop the handout. Chair Martin will also be talking to the CRD to see if the Commission could have some dedicated staff time to help move valuable public education road safety items along.

Members agreed this would be a good idea. The cost of sanctions could end up being over \$1000 and it would be worthwhile to remind drivers of that. We would need to talk to the police to confirm that this is something they would want to use. ICBC has developed cards under the “Think of Me” program with children’s drawings on the front and safety messages on the back which the police distribute.

Action: Colleen Woodger will forward sample copies of the “Think of Me” cards

It was agreed to start with impaired driving messages and go from there. It is hoped to have this done for the December impaired driving campaigns.

MOVED by Steve Martin, **SECONDED** by Natalia Heilke, that the Commission allocate \$1500 to develop an information handout to be distributed to motorists during impaired driving campaigns to remind them of consequences around IRP sanctions. **CARRIED**

Members of the working group will be Chair Martin, Neil Arason and Natalia Heilke. Chair Martin will also reach out to Jereme Leslie to see if he can participate.

- **Update on Transportation Working Group**

There were three presentations at last week’s meeting.

- BC Transit - BC Transit staff presented that they have engaged with federal and provincial officials on the Canada Public Transit Fund announcement and call for expression of interest. It is expected the federal funding program will contribute regular and predictable funding support. At this time, BC Transit is planning to act as the lead applicant in submitting Expressions of Interest to the Baseline and Metro Agreement funding streams on behalf of our local government partners. For the Baseline Funding Stream, that is expected to take place in the coming weeks (by the September 16 deadline) and for the Metro Agreement Funding Stream, BC Transit will collaborate more extensively with local and regional government partners in the development of Integrated Regional Plans for Metro Regions.
- CRD staff update on the CRD Trails Widening and Lighting Project - The project scope includes 6 km of trail widening on the Galloping Goose and Lochside trails. Some tasks have been added to the scope of the project, i.e., a review of the rigid bollards on regional trails and a complete comprehensive safety study in light of the growth of personal mobility devices and e-bikes on trails. Trail widening and lighting construction will begin in 2025 and is expected to be completed in 2028. Work will be done in stages and triple A detours will be provided. Plans are for a 6.5m separated-use pathway with lighting.
- As per Board direction, Regional Planning staff have been working on developing a Regional Transportation Service Bylaw. This new Bylaw will be going forward to tomorrow’s Transportation Committee and Board meetings for consideration. The full staff report and Bylaw can be viewed online.

6. Priority Business

- **Budget Update**

The budget is currently 54% spent. There is \$30,000 remaining in payments to third parties so it would be good to spend that down on supporting activities or campaigns. As agreed at last month’s meeting, the rechargeable light up slap bands have been purchased and will be

distributed as part of the Traffic Safety Commission and CRD branded “Let’s Get Visible” campaign.

➤ **Review of Applications for the Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship**

Five applications were received. Colleen Woodger and Ron Cronk volunteered to review them according to the established criteria and bring back a recommendation on awarding the scholarship to next month’s meeting.

Action: Add to October meeting agenda

➤ **BCACP Calendar**

- March – Distracted Drivers Campaign/Occupant Restraint Campaign
- May – High Risk Driving Campaign
- July – Summer Impaired Driving Campaign (Alcohol/Drug)
- September – Distracted Drivers Campaign/Occupant Restraint Campaign
- October – Drive Relative to Conditions Campaign
- December – Winter Impaired Driving Campaign

The purpose of putting the BCACP calendar initiatives on our agenda is to act as a reminder for the Commission re the focus of our partners and to try and frame our advertising to support them. We could do the advertising ourselves or support any of our partners with additional funding to expand their campaigns.

The distracted driving campaign is taking place this month and extra signage has been placed in school zones. In October, a pedestrian safety campaign will take place and reflectors will be distributed. Impaired driving campaigns will begin in December.

7. **Other Business**

➤ **Presentation of Findings Related to the Evaluation of the P.A.R.T.Y. Program and Fall Implementation Plan**

Paweena Sukhawathanakul introduced this presentation and noted that the Commission allocated funds last year for a formal evaluation of the Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program. The program was presented to two schools in the spring, and pre and post assessments were done. It is hoped to do more data collection in the fall.

Otis Geddes, UVic Graduate Student, provided an overview of findings related to the evaluation. The program is a one-day injury awareness and prevention program for youth aged 15 and older and has been operating since 1986. Previous evaluations have shown short-term improvements in students’ attitudes toward safety, knowledge about injuries and risk and their ability to evaluate unsafe behaviour. Since Covid the program has moved to online delivery and the intention of this evaluation was to look at its effectiveness.

Oak Bay and Stelly’s Secondary Schools participated, with surveys being given to 128 students before and after completing the program. Along with the surveys, discussions were held with the students about the program. The survey included measuring students’ attitudes towards safety, and their level of knowledge about injury and risk, and looking at their substance use and their engagement in risky behaviours. Students had significantly safer attitudes after the program. The attitudes that shifted most after taking the program were the importance of making a plan before going out and the effect that taking a risk has on other people. Student scores on safety evaluation were also better after the program. Besides changes in the measures, the relationships towards attitudes, knowledge and safety evaluations with substance use and risky behaviour were also looked at. Overall, the most reliable strongest relationships were between safety evaluations and the behaviours.

Some of the comments and feedback from students after the program were that they were familiar with a lot of the information provided but thought it would be good for their peers; majority of students felt that an in-person program would be more effective; the practical skills they learned were the most useful; some were skeptical that a one-day program could alter the decisions they and their classmates made.

Initial results suggest the on-line program is effective and the safety evaluation measure had the strongest relationships with actual behaviour. These preliminary results were based on a smaller sample than had been expected so it is planned to do a larger sample more representative of the region in October.

Paweena Sukhawathanakul commented that they will be asking the Commission for additional funds to do the data collection in the fall and include more schools. Amelia Smit noted there are already four signed up this fall.

➤ **Malahat Highway Bus Improvements to Promote Traffic Safety – Todd Litman**

The Ministry has recently issued a progress report on the South Island Transportation Strategy which was released in 2020. It includes several highway projects, including budgeting \$164 million to improve safety on the highway going through Goldstream Park, along with widening the road and adding retaining walls. First Nations bands oppose this and have asked for an environmental review. The Strategy does include some urban transit improvements and another review of the possibility of reestablishing rail service between Victoria and Campbell River, however, it does not include any bus improvements. There are four buses a day between Victoria and Duncan which are oriented towards Duncan commuters, and people cannot get from Victoria to Duncan and back on the same day. There are seven buses from Duncan to Nanaimo with no evening or Sunday service and a fare of \$10. Between Victoria and Sooke there are 43 trips a day with a fare of \$2.50.

Bus travel is much safer than driving, especially on highways and considering the types of people who would be likely to shift if there was frequent and affordable bus service. If the Malahat Highway could achieve the transit mode share that we have between Victoria and Sooke, traffic casualties on that highway should decrease by at least 10%, but possibly by as much as 25%. It would be more cost effective and beneficial to do this, instead of spending \$164 million to widen the highway. There is no planning system or good funding structure for creating an inter-regional bus service.

Todd is President of a new organization called Better Island Transit which is promoting frequent and affordable bus service on Vancouver Island, and he is proposing three things: (1) the Commission could investigate this and look at the degree to which public transit improvements increase safety; (2) request that the CRD Transportation Committee and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission ask for more affordable and frequent service on the Malahat and ask the CRD to support this as a public safety strategy; and (3) ask the province to correct this gap in the planning system that allows good local transit and highway planning but no good inter-regional bus service.

Members were generally supportive of the concept to have affordable bus transportation between Victoria and Duncan as there is a potential road safety connection. The strength of the road safety connection would depend on available service associated with ridership uptake.

Action: Chair Martin asked Todd to circulate his slide presentation for members to review and bring comments back for discussion at the October meeting.

8. **Member Updates**

Defer to October meeting

9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on October 8, 2024 at 1:00 pm. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

**CRD TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

Members: Neil Arason, Island Health
Ron Cronk, Vancouver Island Safety Council
Dr. Murray Fyfe, Island Health
Dr. Frederick Grouzet, Collaborative for Youth and Society, UVic
Natalia Heilke, RoadSafetyBC
Todd Litman, Walk On, Victoria
Steve Martin, Community Member (Chair)
Dean Murdock, CRD Board (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul, Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health, UVic

Associates: S/Sgt. Doug Cripps, Saanich Police
Adam Defrane, MADD
Jay Douillard, CRD

Regrets: Douglas Baer, Capital Bike
Hailey Bergstrom-Parker, Child Passenger Safety Program, BCAA Community Impact
Myke Labelle, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement
Sgt. Jereme Leslie, CRD Integrated Road Safety Unit
Owen Page, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Keith Vass, Media
Colleen Woodger, ICBC Road Safety and Community Involvement

Recording Secretary: Arlene Bowker

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Martin provided a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Ron Cronk, **SECONDED** by Paweena Sukhawathanakul, that the agenda be approved as distributed.

3. Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2024

MOVED by Ron Cronk, **SECONDED** by Paweena Sukhawathanakul, that the minutes of the meeting held on September 10, 2024 be approved. **CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Martin noted that Adam Defrane from MADD is in attendance today and is willing to join the Commission as an associate member. Chair Martin said how pleased he is to have a representative from MADD Canada on the Commission.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

➤ **Malahat Highway Bus Improvements to Promote Traffic Safety**

Additional discussion took place on this item as raised at last month's meeting. Todd Litman proposed a working group be formed to identify whether the Commission should promote an analysis of frequent and affordable public transit as a traffic safety strategy on the Malahat.

The Commission can't advocate directly to BC Transit but could make a recommendation to the CRD Board. It was suggested that it would also be necessary to get the Cowichan Valley Regional District on side. BC Transit representative Dallas Perry commented that they would be open to looking at this idea.

Vice-Chair Murdock noted that he sits on the Transit Commission which is responsible for the regional system. The challenge for the Transit Commission is that there is competition for resources to serve Greater Victoria, so the question is whether resources be reallocated for the Malahat vs increasing service to circulate within the system regionally. The issue is whether we could attract

investment or interest from senior government through BC Transit as a provincial agency. He believes there would be an appetite for conversation at a broader level to see if there is a way we could get support to move people safely between the two regions.

Todd commented that currently the province expects local governments to provide half of the subsidy requirements. In this case, achieving hourly service between Victoria and Nanaimo would cost approximately \$10-15 million a year, but the Ministry is currently budgeting \$164 million to add barriers on 1.5 km of the Malahat through Goldstream Park. What he is hoping will come out is a recognition that frequent and affordable bus service is justified on safety grounds. If public transit enhancements are recognized as a safety strategy, the Commission could help build that case. We could initiate that research and that has implications for the Malahat and throughout the province.

Vice-Chair Murdock said that the Transportation Committee and the Board would be very willing to suggest to the province that this is something they should look at. We can probably initiate a case and recommend to the Committee this be taken to the Board and the province. A compelling rationale on road safety should be included and, in that respect, this does fit within the mandate of the Commission.

It was agreed that Todd would provide a one-page briefing note summarizing why this is important. The Commission could forward that to the Transportation Committee with a request that the Committee recommend to the Board that the CRD write to the province and include supporting rationale.

Neil Arason offered to find a contact for the traffic safety committee in the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

Action: Todd Litman will prepare a one-page briefing note and circulate prior to the next meeting

➤ **Follow-up re Automated Speed and Interval Cameras – Implementation Recommendations (Update)**

The recommendations have not been finalized. It is planned to bring something back for the November or December meeting. Chair Martin referenced a report from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation which looked at automated speed cameras across the country and highlighted some potential ways that the province could move forward with that.

Action: Neil Arason to circulate report from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation

➤ **Expansion of UVIC research re P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) Program (Paweena)**

This is a follow-up on the presentation at last month's meeting of the preliminary findings on the evaluation of the PARTY Program. Findings from the pilot evaluation done with two schools in the spring found that there were trends towards safer attitudes and Paweena would like to request some additional funding to continue to collect more data with more schools in the fall and spring to be more representative.

Paweena also commented on a trend from last time showing that a greater proportion of youth now report being in the car with a cannabis impaired driver, more than alcohol.

MOVED by Steve Martin, **SECONDED** by Ron Cronk, that the Traffic Safety Commission approve funding in the amount of \$21,000 to carry out additional research for the evaluation of the PARTY Program. **CARRIED**

➤ **Report on Island Health Meeting with School District Superintendents re representative on the Commission**

Murray Fyfe has reached out to school districts to see about a representative and hopes to have a response by our next meeting.

➤ **Update on Transportation Working Group**

There is not much to update since last month. The next meeting of this group will be on November 19. It will be an in-person meeting so will be a good opportunity to do some

brainstorming, particularly on the regional transportation service. It was noted that this service establishment bylaw did receive three readings from the Board and is now with the Inspector of Municipalities. If that process goes through, it will be going through an alternate approval process and sent out to the electorate. That will likely begin in 2025 and run for 45 days.

Chair Martin suggested that at some point we should have a presentation on the regional transportation service.

6. Priority Business

➤ **Selection/Approval of Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship Recipient**

Five applications were received for this year's scholarship. The applications were evaluated by Ron Cronk, Doug Cripps and Colleen Woodger based on established criteria. The winner by consensus was Macy Johnston, a graduate of Stelly's Secondary School, who is currently attending Dalhousie University. It is hoped to have an in-person presentation to Macy next time she is in Victoria.

Ron Cronk commented that a previous winner of this scholarship is now a member of the Victoria Police Department.

MOVED by Murray Fyfe, **SECONDED** by Ron Cronk, that the 2024 Sarah Beckett Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 be awarded to Macy Johnston.

CARRIED

➤ **Budget Update**

There is approximately \$30,000 remaining in the budget for third party payments and \$13,000 left in advertising.

➤ **BCACP Calendar**

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This month's campaign is about driving relative to conditions. Sgt. Doug Cripps noted that later in the month they will run a few projects, weather dependent. He also commented that winter tires are now required on the Malahat and other highways in the province.

7. Other Business

➤ **Junior B Hockey Initiative Update and Request (Doug Cripps)**

Sgt. Doug Cripps talked about this initiative which was initially presented at the April Commission meeting. The idea came about because of the number of junior hockey players that have been involved in collisions resulting in serious injury or death and the desire to help educate youth in the community on traffic safety. Sgt. Cripps reached out to the President of the Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League, and they are on board with this proposal.

The program would be offered to VIJHL north and south so all teams within the CRD and will be presented by Sgt. Cripps and his partner in Saanich police traffic Sgt. Mark Prill, as well as Adam Defrane representing MADD. Paweena Sukhawathanakul has provided some great information around presenting to the players.

It is planned to meet with the players after practice, provide pizza, and get their attention for about an hour. MADD has agreed to pick up the cost for the pizza. It is proposed to leave the players with a \$50 gift certificate to a local sports store and Sgt. Cripps is asking for \$6500 from the Commission to cover the cost of these. Colleen Woodger has offered her services as well. The

Commission is well represented, and the Saanich Police public relations will be doing some media releases which will be from a CRD Traffic Safety Commission perspective. It is hoped to begin this program in November.

Murray Fyfe suggested that possibly we could look at some of the older hockey players who have graduated going into schools as role models and talking to younger students who are about to start driving, and possibly even have them integrated into the PARTY Program.

MOVED by Steve Martin, **SECONDED** by Frederick Grouzet, that approval be given to providing funding in the amount of \$6500 in support of this road safety education initiative for Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League players. **CARRIED**

8. Member Updates

➤ RoadSafetyBC - Natalia Heilke

- There is a new Responsible Driver Program service provider and a no barriers program to help some people with the cost of the ignition interlock device that is required to be installed in the vehicle of drivers who have received alcohol related driving prohibitions.
- Updates have been made to the impound lot operator program with significant rate increases for towing and storage fees. There are more details on the RoadSafetyBC website.
- The Vision Zero road safety grant program opened in September with a deadline of November 29 to apply. It is aimed at all sorts of community groups with grants up to \$20,000. There is also a separate application stream for First Nations and Indigenous communities. Please spread the word about this.

➤ ICBC – Colleen Woodger

No update

➤ Youth and Children – Hailey Bergstrom-Parker

- Hailey is away in California for special needs car seat training and now will be able to visit hospitals as the only trained car seat educator with special needs training.

➤ Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health – Dr. Paweena Sukhawathanakul

No update

➤ CRD – Jay Douillard

- An additional school has been added to the Ready Set Roll program this year. It is the WSANEC Leadership School and the tribal school on West Saanich Road. It is the first school they have worked with outside of the public system.
- Their volunteer-based bike count which is done twice a year is currently taking place. E-kick scooters are being counted for the first time. Children are the other component that they count.

➤ Integrated Road Safety Unit – Sgt. Jereme Leslie

No update

➤ Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement – Myke Labelle

No update

➤ Vancouver Island Safety Council – Ron Cronk

- The last novice class of the year is wrapping up and they will be completely shut for two months by the end of the month. The calendar is already set for next year. The rider refresher training which the Commission provided funding for is getting very good feedback from students. About 600 students went through this year.

➤ Capital Bike – Doug Baer

No update

➤ Walk On, Victoria – Todd Litman

No update

- **Municipal Police Forces/RCMP – S/Sgt. Doug Cripps**
 - Still seeing a lot of impaired driving in Saanich. They have a good group of traffic officers that are targeting this part of the population.
 - Doing MOTI construction project on highway Monday to Friday and a lot of tickets are being issued there.
 - Going into counterattack season for the fall.
- **BC Transit – Dallas Perry**
 - Operators are noticing the amount of speed taking place in the early morning around Colquitz Bridge when people are being clocked at 100 km/h. Roads are getting complicated, especially with the bus lanes. People are making turns from the centre lane and causing a lot of collisions with buses.
- **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Owen Page**

No update
- **Island Health – Neil Arason**
 - Vision Zero grant program going on until the end of November.
 - Neil proposed a public awareness initiative working with Chek news to provide information on the traffic related changes that are going on to help people understand the reasons behind them. It was agreed to bring this to the November meeting for discussion.

Action: Add public awareness initiative re traffic related changes to November agenda
- **Working Group for UVic Collaborative for Youth and Society Joint Project – Dr. Frederick Grouzet**
 - The main project they are working on in terms of a new video is around behaviours at intersections. It has been difficult to find the right intersection and to get the necessary permissions for filming. It was decided to look at an alternative and re-create intersection situations and behaviours by using toy cars rather than real cars and kids instead of adults in a big gymnasium. This was inspired by another video from Quebec done with basketball players and smart phones to show you can't do two things at the same time.
- **Vice-Chair Dean Murdock**
 - The road safety action plan is on the agenda for the end of this month at Saanich Council. That will be a major road map on objectives for infrastructure improvement, policy improvement and enforcement on road safety in the community. Once this happens, it will be helpful at some point to have an update from Saanich on what that implementation looks like.
- **Adam Defrane, MADD Canada**
 - Adam is excited to work with Doug Cripps on the VIJHL project.
 - November 1 starts Project Red Ribbon for MADD which is the start of the impaired campaign that runs through the holidays.
 - Recently attended a MADD western regional leadership conference in Vancouver.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 12 at 1:00 pm. On motion, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

Notes of a Meeting of the Regional Transportation Working Group Held Thursday, September 5, 2024, via MS Teams

PRESENT: Staff:

P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; I. Lawrence, Senior Manager, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Planning; J. Starke, Manager Service Delivery, Southern Gulf Island Electoral Area; G. Tokgoz, Manager Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; N. Brotman, Research Planner, Regional Planning; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Planning; L. Hube, Planning Assistant, Regional Planning; D. Pagani, Administrative Clerk, Regional Planning (recorder).

Also present:

K. Balzer, City of Langford; L. Beckett, District of the Highlands; S. Button, BC Transit; J. Clary, Town of Sidney; J. Clary, Township of Esquimalt; C. Davie, Township of Esquimalt; B. DeMaere, Town of Sidney; J. Hicks, City of Victoria; I. Leung, Town of View Royal; T. McKay, District of Saanich; C. Mossey, BC Transit; M. Pearson, Province of British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI); C. Purvis, BC Transit; D. Puskas, District of Central Saanich; S. Rennick, District of Oak Bay; P. Webber, MoTI; K. Weicker, MoTI.

Senior Project Director, CRD Transportation Governance:

D. Bracewell, Principal, Mobility Foresight.

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

D. Bracewell, Principal, Mobility Foresight, provided a welcome for members of the Regional Transportation Working Group (working group).

D. Bracewell also introduced new staff appointments: J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Planning, and Patrick Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning.

J. Douillard completed a roll call of working group members.

2. Approval of Agenda

The working group members approved the agenda without addition of further items.

3. Transit Future Plan Refresh

C. Purvis, BC Transit, provided an update on the history, timeline and expected deliverables of the Transit Future Plan refresh, as well as its rebranding as the Victoria Regional Transit Plan (VRTP).

C. Mossey, BC Transit, provided an overview of the new federal funding available through the Canada Public Transit Fund, including the Metro-Region Agreement and Baseline Funding streams. The VRTP will be a key input into an Integrated Regional Plan (IRP), which will demonstrate the impact of plans in the region in the application process to receive funding. C. Purvis further explained the connections between existing plans and how they will feed into the IRP.

Discussion ensued with working group members, during which time C. Purvis and C. Mossey clarified the IRP will be a technical document intended to secure funding from the Canada Public Transit Fund, and that the VRTP will be one document feeding into its development, along with existing local and regional plans.

4. Regional Trails Widening & Lighting Update

G. Tokgoz provided an update on the Regional Trails widening and lighting project, including the background, project scope and anticipated timelines.

5. Regional Transportation Service

D. Bracewell provided an update on the regional transportation service establishment, including the bylaw scope, recommendations contained in the staff report, maximum requisition and the electoral approval process. He also outlined the timeline for service establishment, pending direction from the Transportation Committee and Capital Regional District (CRD) Board on September 11, 2024.

After the presentation, working group members discussed the scaling of the proposed regional transportation service as it relates to the role of the CRD and the maximum requisition. D. Bracewell provided further clarification of the maximum requisition amount as it relates to staffing, operations, debt servicing and equipment reserves. Additionally, J. Douillard explained the incremental nature of the CRD service planning process, with CRD Executive and Board approval of staff-level business cases required at each stage.

- **Action:** CRD staff to share the staff report once it is published to the CRD Board agenda.

Working group members also provided feedback about how the group has been used in the past twelve months. It was expressed that they that they would prefer the meetings to focus more on brainstorming and collaboration, rather than solely on information sharing.

- **Action:** CRD staff to provide a copy of the working group Terms of Reference to members.
- **Action:** CRD staff to schedule a working group meeting in October to discuss the outcomes of the September 11, 2024 Transportation Committee and CRD Board meetings and begin pre-planning the role and expectations of the working group in 2025.

6. Adjournment

The working group meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm.