

Meeting Minutes

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

1:30 PM

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

PRESENT

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

Staff: T. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Lorette, General Manager, Housing, Planning and Protective Services; P. Klassen, Senior Manager, Regional Planning; S. May, Senior Manager, Facilities Management and Engineering Services; G. Tokgoz, Manager, Regional Trails and Trestles Renewal; J. Douillard, Senior Transportation Planner, Regional Planning; M. Lagoa, Deputy Corporate Officer; T. Pillipow, Committee Clerk (Recorder)

EP - Electronic Participation

Guests: N. Arason, Traffic Safety Commission; D. Bracewell, Consultant, Mobility Foresight; V. Chan, KPMG; S. Martin, Traffic Safety Commission; L. Miles, KPMG

Regrets: Directors S. Brice, B. Desjardins, S. Goodmanson

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm.

1. Territorial Acknowledgement

Director Thompson provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Director Brent, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the agenda for the Transportation Committee meeting of June 25, 2025 be
approved.
CARRIED**

3. Adoption of Minutes

3.1. [25-0638](#) Minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting of February 26, 2025

**MOVED by Director Brent, SECONDED by Director Thompson,
That the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting of February 26, 2025
be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED**

4. Chair's Remarks

Chair Murdock thanked everyone in attendance today and staff for their exceptional work. He noted that he was looking forward to discussing the topics on today's agenda.

5. Presentations/Delegations

5.1. Presentations

5.1.1. [25-0739](#) Presentation: Steve Martin, CRD Traffic Safety Commission Re: Automated Speed Enforcement

S. Martin presented the CRD Traffic Safety Commission's Report on Automated Speed Enforcement.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- allocation of funds generated by this proposed program
- lessons learned from previous programs
- implementing the program without legislative change
- the sensitivity or thresholds of the technology being used

5.2. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Committee Business

6.1. [25-0740](#) Transportation Governance

K. Lorette spoke to Item 6.1.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- coordinating with partners to ensure alignment of the transportation plan
- consideration of future light rail transit options
- governance structure options that reduce the risk of politicizing any decisions
- including water transportation in the transportation plan

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

- 1. That the Transportation Committee continue to oversee and make recommendations to the Board regarding matters related to regional transportation, including regional trails;**
- 2. That the updated 2025 Terms of Reference for the Transportation Committee be approved as attached as Appendix B;**
- 3. That staff be directed to develop a Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Regional Transportation Advisory Committee and supporting working groups and report back in the third quarter of 2025; and**
- 4. That staff report back on the merits of establishing a Transportation Commission, through the forthcoming process of updating the Regional Transportation Plan, and transferring the responsibilities of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC) to the CRD.**

CARRIED

Alternate Director Wagner left the meeting at 2:44 pm.

6.2. [25-0774](#) Regional Transportation Plan Update

K. Lorette presented Item 6.2. for information.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the timeline to develop this plan
- ensuring the regional plan is a cohesive effort

6.3. [25-0711](#) Regional Trestles Renewal - Trails Widening and Lighting Project Update

G. Tokgoz spoke to Item 6.3.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- engaging with the province regarding transfer of ownership of the land
- ensuring coordinated upgrade sequencing to the trail
- the scope of authority for this project

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

- 1. That staff be directed to proceed with permitting and procuring a final design for the Swan Lake Trestle for Option 1 while preparing to pivot to Option 2 should the Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary restoration project proceed; and**
- 2. That the Regional Trestles Renewal, Trails Widening and Lighting Project Update - June 2025 be forwarded to the Regional Parks Committee for information.**

CARRIED

6.4. [25-0593](#) Previous Minutes of Other CRD Committees and Commissions

Discussion ensued regarding the incorrect minutes being attached for the May 13, 2025 meeting.

MOVED by Director Brent, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
The Traffic Safety Commission recommends that the Transportation Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the CRD Board advocate for automated speed enforcement (ASE) and request the Provincial Government develop enabling legislation that would permit regional governments (through designation) the ability to decide, fund and implement ASE using a principle-based approach; and, that the Provincial Government require designated regional governments to adopt the following five principles to guide regional implementations:

1. Public Education: That public education regarding the safety objectives of ASE be a central component and priority of ASE throughout implementation and ongoing deployment.

2. Evidence Based Deployment: That an evidence-based process guides the location of ASE cameras to ensure that deployment is implemented with a clear view to achieving road safety outcomes.

3. Transparency: Publicize location and safety rationale of ASE camera locations including location specific warning signs so there are no surprises for drivers. Report on the achievement of outcomes based on a clearly defined program baseline.

4. Dedicate Revenue: The overarching goal of ASE is to reduce unsafe speed and lower speed related injuries and fatalities. ASE revenues should be dedicated to ASE cost recovery and road safety programs. A 2024 national report survey emphasized that a critical element of ongoing public support was that ASE programs are not perceived as a general revenue cash grab.

5. Start Small and Build Support: Implement with a view to build and maintain public acceptance. Engage community stakeholders to guide implementation and promote support. Adopt a graduated implementation approach beginning with a pilot deployment in high-risk areas including school and playground zones. Consider “soft” initial implementation where drivers are issued warning tickets during a predefined period.

CARRIED

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 Brent, **SECONDED** by Director Thompson,
That the Transportation Committee meeting of June 25, 2025 be adjourned at 3:12 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER