



Making a difference...together

Executive Offices
625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

T: 250.360.3125
F: 250.360.3130
www.crd.bc.ca

January 13, 2025

File: 0400-20

The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Transportation and Transit
Via email: TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Farnworth:

RE: PROVINCE-WIDE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

Last April, the Chair on behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board wrote Premier Eby seeking provincial government support to create a province-wide trip reduction program. A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

To date, we have not received a response from the Premier's office. With your appointment as the Minister of Transportation and Transit and a mandate to focus on the ways in which people move around the province, including transportation networks, we were hoping you might be able to provide a response.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cliff McNeil-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cliff McNeil-Smith
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

Attachment

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD



Making a difference...together

Executive Office
625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000
Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

T: 250.360.3125
F: 250.360.3130
www.crd.bc.ca

April 2, 2024

File: 0400-20

The Honourable David Eby
Premier, Province of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1
Via email: Premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Eby:

RE: PROVINCE-WIDE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

At the March 13, 2024, Capital Regional District (CRD) Board meeting a Resolution was passed to advocate to the provincial government for the creation of, and a timeline for, a province-wide trip reduction program.

Implementing a province-wide trip reduction program would bring benefits to the residents, economy, and environment of the capital region, including enhanced affordability, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, heightened engagement in cycling, walking and public transit use, decreased operational expenses for businesses, reduced traffic congestion, enhanced safety, and reduced road maintenance costs, among others.

Provincial initiatives have the potential to reach a larger population and cover a wider geographical area than those undertaken by individual local governments. In addition, a province wide approach could align with broader provincial goals and policies related to transportation, environmental sustainability, and public health while providing an opportunity for coordinated action towards achieving these goals. Communities that lack the resources or capacity to develop their own initiatives could benefit from the assistance of a provide-wide program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services, CRD