

Meeting notes of the Comox Valley Transit Management Advisory Committee held on June 10, 2021 via Zoom, commencing at 10:05 am.

PRESENT:

M. Moore, Senior Regional Transit Manager	BC Transit
K. Sanders, Regional Operations Manager	BC Transit
E. Amador, Transit Planner	BC Transit
J. Wadsworth, Project Development Manager	BC Transit
C. Miller, Engineering Technologist	City of Courtenay
C. Davidson, Manager of Engineering Projects	City of Courtenay
R. Crisfield, Manager of Operations	Village of Cumberland
D. Richards, General Manager	PWT
M. Zbarsky, Manager of Transit and Sustainability	CVRD
S. Speed, Branch Assistant – Executive Management Branch	CVRD

Items

BC Transit Corporate Update

BC Transit (BCT) Staff advised there will be a virtual annual update with the senior leadership team in June.

BCT staff explained that the TIPS expansion process will proceed later this year than normal due to COVID19 with the final Memorandum of Understanding being signed in September.

5th Street Bridge Project Update

City of Courtenay (CoC) staff explained that the project was slow to start but is progressing and on track with a mid-October completion. Traffic is moving well and busses are keeping on schedule.

Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) staff requested that the bus lane stay intact after project completion. City staff indicated they were looking at design options that may accommodate this on the east side of the bridge.

Service Change Plan

BCT staff provided a presentation on the service change plan for the transition back to regular service levels post-bridge construction as well as expanded service for March 2022 (3000 hours conventional, 600 hours paratransit). They will be reviewing options to address additional trip time requirements due to ongoing traffic congestion and trying to add additional trips on various routes. Route priorities were discussed and it was noted that the feedback is going to be gathered from bus drivers. The final plan should be available for the July Board meeting.

Transit Infrastructure Study

BCT staff explained that the study is looking at exchanges and transit priorities and has been presented to the CVRD Board. They will be presenting to councils over the next few weeks to provide information on the study and seek approval in principal before finalizing the report.

Transit Management Facility Study

BCT Staff explained they are seeking proposals from consultants and that the study will help support implementation of battery electric busses.

Rural Transit Update

CVRD staff explained there is a non-profit society running a bus again on Hornby Island this summer and the CVRD is currently working on an agreement for a contracted service on Denman Island.

Stakeholder/Project Update

None

General

Next Meeting

The next transit management advisory committee meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2021.

The meeting terminated at 10:50 am.

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Confirmed:

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