



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 7, 2019**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** February 3, 2019  
**From:** Councillor Collins  
**Subject:** Support Transformational Improvements to Transit Across BC

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2019 annual convention of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, and directs staff to forward this resolution to member local governments requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

**Resolution: Support Transformational Improvements to Transit**

WHEREAS the transportation sector is the second-largest contributor of GHG

AND WHEREAS some of the largest reductions in GHGs are possible through facilitating a mode shift to low carbon mobility options, such as increased ridership of emissions-free transit.

AND WHEREAS transforming regional public transit could drastically increase mode-shift to clean public transit system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments call on the Government of British Columbia and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission to support transformational improvements to transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit, including transitioning transit fleets to zero emissions as early in the 2020s as possible, and where applicable consider:

- i. Introduction of "tap" payment-systems common to multi-modal service providers, to support rapid loading of busses and align with Smart Mobility goals.
- ii. Introduction of real-time, digital bus information to enable super-convenient, accessible transit operational information.
- iii. Installation of Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) sensors in buses
- iv. Installation of 'all door loading' capabilities for busses
- v. Increases in dedicated bus lanes
- vi. Completion of the business-case to determine the most effective investments in public transportation to realize the highest potential mode-shift and ridership, including but not

limited assessing commuter ferry, public transit along rail corridors and highways, bus rapid transit (BRT) or light-rail transit (LRT).

- vii. Reporting of annual regional transit GHG and combustion pollutants, mitigation priorities, progress and business cases for investments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laurel Collins".

Councillor Collins