



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

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Premier of British Columbia, the Minister of Transportation, BC Transit and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, requesting favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Support Transformational Improvements to Regional BC 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 the Province of British Columbia and BC Transit take immediate actions to support and provide funding for transformational improvements to regional BC transit infrastructure to promote and enable rapid mode shift to transit, including transitioning the BC Transit fleet to zero emissions as early in the 2020s as possible, and:

- i. Completion of dedicated bus lanes on all connections between the West Shore and downtown.
- ii. Installation of Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) sensors in all buses that operate in the City of Victoria.
- iii. Installation of 'all door loading' capabilities for all busses in the Victoria regional transit system.
- iv. Introduction of real-time, digital bus information to enable super- convenient, accessible transit operational information.
- v. Introduction of "tap" payment-systems common to multi-modal service providers, to support rapid loading of busses and align with Smart Mobility goals.

- vi. Completion of the business-case to determine the most effective investments in public transportation to realize the highest potential mode-shift and ridership in the South Island, including but not limited assessing commuter ferry, public transit along the E&N rail corridor and Douglas Street / Highway 1 / Highway 99, 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