



January 3, 2020

Her Worship
Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
No. 1 Centennial Square
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Reference: 290283

Dear Mayor Helps,

Re: Go Victoria

The Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, asked me to respond on her behalf to your briefing note of November 18, 2019, regarding the City of Victoria's Go Victoria strategy.

The ministry supports your goals to expand active transportation and transit in Greater Victoria. As you know, the ministry is currently leading a transportation study of the South Island. The study is exploring options for transit, active transportation, pedestrian movements, ferry services, rail and existing roads, as well as the connections between them. The resulting plan is expected in spring 2020.

I understand the ministry's regional transportation planning staff recently met with your team to discuss in more detail Go Victoria and your interest in pursuing a Bus Rapid Transit system. Staff have also shared your views and Go Victoria with the consultant working on the transportation study. You can be sure we will keep your initiatives and suggestions in mind as we proceed.

Once the study is complete, the ministry may consider forming a project group to explore the idea of Bus Rapid Transit. In the meantime, we would be pleased to continue to work with you and your staff to help guide the direction of Go Victoria.

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If you have any questions or would like an update on the South Island transportation study, please do not hesitate to contact the ministry's local District Manager, Michael Pearson. He can be reached at 250 751-3287 or at Michael.Pearson@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



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MLA, North Island

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