



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 14, 2020**

Date: May 11, 2020

From: Councillor Dubow, Councillor Potts, Councillor Isitt

Subject: Sustainable Transportation during Covid-19 Recovery

Recommendations

That Council endorse the following actions for sustainable transportation during Covid-19 recovery:

- (1) Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the following priorities for public transit during Covid-19 recovery:
 - a. Retain the current fare-free public transit program during the pandemic, to ensure driver safety, economic relief for passengers and low-carbon transport.
 - b. Deploy the existing BC Transit fleet with maximum service hours for bus and handyDart to substantially improve service and equity, alongside fast-tracking the purchase of new buses and expansion of fleet maintenance facilities.
 - c. Implement transit priority including bus lanes on existing roads, to increase transit capacity, speed and reliability at peak periods.

- (2) Request that the Mayor write, on behalf of Council, to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Transportation, indicating the City of Victoria's support for the following priorities for public transit during Covid-19 recovery:
 - a. Job-creation investment in a third fleet maintenance facility for the Victoria Regional Transit System, to allow for major service expansion and rapid transit.
 - b. Job-creation investment in the electrification and expansion of local, regional and national inter-city bus and rail networks, under public ownership, operation and control, including bus priority lanes, LRT and other modes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Dubow

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Councillor Isitt