

2017/09/19

Barbara Dejardins, Chair Capital Regional District 625 Fisgard Street Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Dear Barbara Dejardins,

RE: Request for an Advisory Committee on Regional Transportation Issues

At the City of Langford Regular Meeting of Council held on September 18th, 2017, Council endorsed the following three priorities for transportation with respect to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure networks in the following order of importance:

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- 1. Installation of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (HOV)/bus lanes on the Trans Canada Highway between the West Shore Parkway and downtown Victoria;
- 2. Development of the E&N Corridor by BC Transit for a major bus or train corridor; and
- 3. Upgrades to Sooke Road Highway No. 14 leading to and from the municipality of Sooke.

To further advance these priorities and to reduce duplication of services, the City of Langford asks that the Capital Regional District establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations and priorities to BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Further information can be found in the attached report.

Sincerely,

Braden Hutchins

Director of Corporate Services

cc: The Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Manuel Achadinha, CEO, BC Transit

Robert Lapham, CAO, Capital Regional District

Attachment: Transportation Priorities - City of Langford Report



Staff Report

to

Council

Date:

September 18, 2017

Department:

Engineering

Subject:

Transportation Priorities - City of Langford

Background

The City of Langford has two Provincial highways that extend through our City and play a major role in our transportation network. Trans-Canada Highway No. 1 bisects the City in an east/west direction separating north Langford from the southern extents of the City. Sooke Road Highway No. 14 extends through southern Langford and connects vehicles travelling from the westerly communities of Sooke and Metchosin to those in our easterly communities of Colwood and View Royal.

Commentary

Langford residents experience long wait times in their weekly commutes for work in the areas of the CRD Core as well as out to the University of Victoria, Camosun College and the Dockyard area of the Department of National Defence in Esquimalt (DND).

The City has identified three top priorities for Langford residents with respect to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure networks as follows:

- 1. Installation of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (HOV)/bus lanes on the Trans Canada Highway between the West Shore Parkway and downtown Victoria;
- 2. Development of the E&N Corridor by BC Transit for a major bus or train corridor; and
- 3. Upgrades to Sooke Road Highway No. 14 leading to and from the municipality of Sooke

To further advance these priorities and to reduce duplication of services, it is recommended that the City write a letter to the Capital Regional District suggesting that an advisory committee be established to provide recommendations and priorities to BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Financial Implications

None noted.

Legal Implications

None noted.

Options

That Council

- 1. Endorse the following three priorities for transportation in importance order as follows:
 - a. Installation of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes (HOV)/bus lanes on the Trans Canada Highway between the West Shore Parkway and downtown Victoria;
 - b. Development of the E&N Corridor by BC Transit for a major bus or train corridor; and
 - c. Upgrades to Sooke Road Highway No. 14 leading to and from the municipality of Sooke

And

2. That, to further advance these priorities and to reduce duplication of services, the City write a letter to the Capital Regional District suggesting that an advisory committee be established to provide recommendations and priorities to BC Transit and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

And

3. That the three priorities and request for a CRD advisory committee be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and to BC Transit for information.

OR

4. Do nothing at this time with respect to transportation priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted by:	Michelle Mahovlich, P.Eng. P.Geo. Director of Engineering	
Concurrence:	Chris Aubrey, Fire Chief	
Concurrence:	Braden Hutchins, Director of Corporate Services	
Concurrence:	Darren Kiedyk, Chief Administrative Officer	

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