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BC TRANSIT SEEKING INPUT ON PROPOSED CENTRAL OKANAGAN TRANSIT NETWORK VISION

KELOWNA, B.C. – Residents of the Central Okanagan are invited to preview and comment on the proposed transit network vision that will shape the future of transit in the region. Outlining the growth of transit through 2035, the vision includes high-order transit services such as RapidBus and a frequent transit network (service at least every 15 minutes).

The vision was created in consultation with the public and in partnership with local government agencies and key stakeholders such as School District #23, the Interior Health Authority, the Westbank First Nations, business associations, community groups and post-secondary institutions.

“Community input is key in the development of long range plans for sustainable and customer-focused transit.” said Manuel Achadinha, President and CEO of BC Transit. The first round of public consultation resulted in over 500 responses through open houses and an online survey.

The public is now invited to comment on the proposed vision at a series of open houses from June 12 to 15, 2010:

- Saturday, June 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Orchard Park Mall (inside the mall between the Bay and Sears)
- Sunday, June 13, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Peachland Community Centre
- Monday, June 14, 9 a.m. to noon, Seniors’ Safety Fair, Trinity Baptist Church, 1905 Springfield Road
- Monday, June 14, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., West Kelowna Starbucks, 2475 Dobbins Road
- Tuesday, June 15, Noon to 4 p.m., Lake Country Library, 10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road

The Central Okanagan Transit Master Plan is scheduled to be finalized by the end of 2010.

The website, www.bctransit.com/kelowna2035, will be regularly updated for the duration of the project.