

Community Liaison Committee Minutes of Meeting

Date:	April 30, 2009	Next Meeting:	May 28, 2009
Time:	12pm to 2pm		12pm to 2pm
Location:	CRD Board Room – 6 th Floor		CRD Board Room – 6 th Floor
Purpose:	Meeting #5: To review the different options for Rapid Transit.		

Attendees:	<p>Community Liaison Committee</p> <p>Allan Murphy, VIHA Barb Desjardins, Esquimalt Community Rep Bev Highton, Association of Douglas Street Businesses Brian Bonney, CFIB Darin Guenette, Captain, DND Darrell Wick, Saanich Community Rep Doug Backhouse, Island Corridor Foundation Doug Robinson, View Royal Community Rep Emmet McCusker, View Royal Community Rep (Alternate) Erik Kaye, Victoria Community Rep Geoff Pearce, Citizens for Commuter Rail Irwin Henderson, Island Transformations Jim Hartshorn, Westshore Development Association John Harris, Metchosin Community Rep John Luton, Capital Bike and Walk Society Mike Wicks, West Shore Chamber of Commerce Mir Ali, Turner Lane (Colwood Corners) Neil Connelly, UVic Pat Danforth, Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee Patrick O'Connor, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition Sheila Brown, BC Ferries (Alternate) Tracy Olsen, North Saanich Community Rep Vageli Dadiotis, Royal Roads</p>	<p>Regrets</p> <p>Brian Tucknott, Colwood Community Rep Dan Gunn, VIATECH Dan Pollock, Uvic Graduate Students Society Darren Marr, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition David Wilson, Central Saanich Community Rep Edward Pullman, Uvic Student Society Jim Carson, Carson Development Group John Gaipman, Victoria School District John Espley, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce John Manson, Langford Community Representative Kathryn Le Gros, Camosun Ken Kelly, Downtown Victoria Business Association Mohan Kang, Taxi Association of Victoria Paul McDaniel, BC Ferries Randy Northy, Association of Douglas Street Business Terry Stewart, Victoria Airport Authority Todd Litman, Victoria Transportation Institute Travis Lee, Urban Development Institute</p> <p>Project Team</p> <p>Ashok Bhatti, MOT David Leather, Pacific Liaison Erinn Cousins, BC Transit (regrets) Graeme Masterton, BC Transit Robert Lapham, CRD Santino Pirillo, McElhanney Jack Stuempe, Jack Stuempe & Associates</p>
Attachments:	None	

	Description	Action Items
1.0	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Geoff Pearce called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m 	
2.0	Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rearranged agenda, Dick Faulks to present as item 3. ▪ Agenda approved 	
3.0	Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correction to be made: Brian Bonney in attendance at last meeting. ▪ Motion to adopt minutes as circulated passed. 	
4.0	Dick Faulks and Irwin Henderson: Light Rail in Victoria Dick Faulks and Irwin Henderson gave a presentation as part of the association <i>Road, Rails and Trails: User and climate friendly transportation for the island</i> . The presentation described the organization as being focused on sustainable and accessible transportation and alternative energy pricing. The presentation covered three main points: an overview of a rail option that they believe could exist in the region; a description of their larger vision in which the railway would fit; and examples of how this type of rail is used elsewhere. Comments from the committee were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When building a case for comparing costs between road and rail, the costs of the roads should include any subsidies to provide a more equitable comparison. ▪ Transit uses existing roads whereas rail may require land development which in the end could only be used for rail whereas roads can be used for numerous transportation methods. The infrastructure costs for getting rail up and running would have to include these large expenses for developing land for rail. ▪ It is difficult to predict how many people will use a new transportation option; for example, it was predicted that the Selkirk Trestle would be used by 700 people a day, whereas on some days nearly 5000 people a day use the trestle. The latent demand was not anticipated. ▪ A commuter rail solution would create significant issues for at grade railway crossings in Esquimalt (congestion, safety, noise etc.) ▪ The dollar value may not be as important as other sustainability factors; social and environmental benefits need to be emphasized when choosing a mode of Rapid Transit. ▪ Consider hiring international experts to help us do the right thing and explain it locally. ▪ It is important to achieve progress. 	
5.0	Graeme Masterton: Rapid Transit elements & Land Use and Transportation Graeme Masterton delivered a presentation on the typical characteristics of Rapid Transit. Comments from the committee were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the project team convinced that a segregated running way is necessary for a Rapid Transit system? 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It has become apparent that in order to have reliable and efficient service, such as that offered by a Rapid Transit system, a designated right-of way lane or some other means of bypassing congestion is required. <p>Santino Pirillo presented a summary of average daily transit ridership on the Cowichan Valley routes. He also presented updated histograms illustrating intra-municipal trips, identifying “shopping” trips as well as those for work education and other. Additional slides illustrated the current concentration of transit coverage (i.e. the “supply” picture as opposed to the “demand” picture illustrated by previously-presented trip origin-destination data).</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Open House Summary Jack Stuempel gave a summary of the feedback given at the Open Houses.</p> <p>Comments from the committee were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The attendance was so low that the feedback does not give an accurate representation of what the public is feeling. ▪ Better locations, more advertising etc. are needed for future open houses. 	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next meeting May 28, 2009 	

Notes by: Charissa Heagy
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