

## Community Liaison Committee Minutes of Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	<b>May 27, 2010</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>August 26, 2010</b>		
<b>Time:</b>	12pm to 2pm		12pm to 2pm		
<b>Location:</b>	CRD Board Room – 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor		CRD Board Room – 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor		
<b>Purpose:</b>	Meeting #13: June Open House Material Review				
<b>Attendees:</b>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Community Liaison Committee</b></p> <p>Allan Murphy, VIHA            Barb Desjardins, Esquimalt Community Rep            Bev Highton, Association of Douglas Street Businesses            Dan Pollock, Uvic Graduate Students Society            Michael McWhinnie, DND            Patrick O’Conner, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition            Doug Robinson, View Royal Community Rep            Edward Pullman, Uvic Student Society            Erik Kaye, Victoria Community Rep            Geoff Pearce, Citizens for Commuter Rail            Bill Draper, Island Transformations            Jim Hartshorn, Westshore Development            John Harris, Metchosin Community Rep            Michelle Mahovlich, Langford Community Rep            Kathryn Le Gros, Camosun            Ken Kelly, Downtown Victoria Business Association            Mir Ali*, Turner Lane (Colwood Corners)            Mohan Kang, Taxi Association of Victoria            Pat Danforth, Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee            Sheila Brown, BC Ferries (Alternate)            Randall Garrison, Esquimalt Councillor            Jeremy Watney, ITO            Rob Bennet, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce (Alternate)</p> <p><b>Project Team</b></p> <p>Manuel Achadinha, BC Transit            Erinn Pinkerton, BC Transit            Graeme Masterton, BC Transit            Adrian South, BC Transit            David Leather, Pacific Liaicon            Robert Broe, Pacific Liaicon            Jack Stuempel, Jack Stuempel &amp; 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<b>Attachments:</b>	Presentation Materials				

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1.0	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Geoff Pearce called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.</li> </ul>	
1.1	<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The E&amp;N project update from MoT was moved to the first agenda item.</li> <li>▪ Moved by Doug Robinson, Seconded by John Harris</li> <li>▪ That the agenda be approved. Carried.</li> </ul>	
2.0	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moved by Mohan Kang</li> <li>▪ Seconded by Mir Ali</li> <li>▪ Minutes of the February 25 meeting of the CLC to be adopted as circulated. Carried.</li> </ul>	
3.0	<p><b>E &amp; N Rail Study Update</b></p> <p>Ashok Bhatti reported on the latest news from the E&amp;N Rail study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 of the report is substantially complete in draft form, and was more engaging than thought.</li> <li>• Phase 2 is underway and focused on the strategic options for the corridor.</li> <li>• The capital costs to upgrade the line are large.</li> <li>• Phase 2 examines strategic options for the corridor instead of being a business plan.</li> <li>• At this time MoT continues to work with the Island Corridor Foundation and expects to release a report soon that combines both phases.</li> <li>• MoT apologizes for the delays.</li> </ul> <p>Comments from the Committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CLC Committee members are very unhappy about yet another delay in the release of the report.</li> <li>▪ What can the CLC do to assist the MoT in moving the process along?</li> <li>• The continuous delays in releasing the report are causing gridlock amongst the members of the CLC. The committee needs to address the issues surrounding the future of the E&amp;N even if it is not the same type of transit service as a rapid transit network.</li> <li>▪ The ongoing apologies from the MoT are beginning to lose credibility with the CLC. If the Committee is considered a valuable resource, why is the CLC not allowed to view a draft version of the report? Will we ever see this report generated? There are only 3 sessions remaining of the CLC in this process, there is doubt being cast on whether or not the information in the report will ever been reviewed by this Committee. This is a failure in communications and engagement. Moved by Bev Highton, seconded by Randal Garrison, that the CLC is very disappointed in the delays in reviewing the MOT rail study report. The CLC wants an opportunity to review the MOT rail study ahead of</li> </ul>	

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	time and then requests a special CLC meeting in July. Carried.	
4.0	<p><b>June Open House Presentation Boards</b></p> <p>Graeme Masterton and Erinn Pinkerton presented the draft open house boards for the June open house. The panels presented information on the present stage of the Rapid Transit Project, and the interconnection to the Master Plan, now rebranded as “Transit Future”.</p> <p>Comments from the Committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The preferred method of transport in Victoria is referenced as being transit, but this is not the case. The automobile is clearly the preferred choice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This may be true today; the board refers to an objective for the future.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The wording under the heading “Rapid Transit” indicates that the service is inter-community and regional travel only (Transit Future – Layers of Service board). Rapid transit will service local trips within communities as well, but this does not reflect that. Esquimalt is defined out of the Rapid Transit service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- material to be modified to reflect comments from CLC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sooke is not shown as part of the network at all on the map (Transit Future – Proposed Network Map board). Should it not be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sooke is not part of the Rapid Transit corridor but does sustain its own network of local service.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It would be good to add suggested routes under the sticky note feedback section, since participants might need some examples (Transit Future – Proposed Network Map board).</li> <li>• The link to Langford is represented by a dotted line rather than a solid one. While the route is under development, it should be drawn as part of the network, not as a “future” link (Transit Future – Proposed Network Map board). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The approved alignment is to Colwood Corners right now, and no alignment has been agreed upon with Langford; however, point taken.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The size of the street cross section illustrations on all of the boards is quite hard to read. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The actual post boards are quite large so this should not be a problem for the final version.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It is unclear how the Helmcken Road and McKenzie Road crossings on section B of the transit way will be treated. Is the transit way going to cross at grade, over, or under? (Transit Way Option Details – Segment B – Six Mile to Uptown board).</li> <li>• Will regular buses be permitted to use the Transitway? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Until we have chosen a vehicle technology we are leaving this option open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There is no apparent connection between the Transitway and the potential E&amp;N commuter rail station on Pandora. It would be beneficial to show this on your map.</li> <li>• Is it possible to show the amount of GHG’s reduced on the illustration of moving people in cars versus transit? What about the number of people, number of cars affected (Sustainable Transportation Solutions board).</li> <li>• Please add when the next stages of public input are under the “Next Steps”. It is</li> </ul>	

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	<p>important to let the public know what their role is, and how their responses are used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please show a cost comparison of the route from six mile to uptown versus six mile on E&amp;N to downtown.</li> <li>• Don't overlook need to consider economic feasibility, or the cost of highway expansion in the absence of improved transit. For the fall open house, in addition to the rubber-tired rapid transit vehicle that has been offered for exhibition, efforts should be made to secure a rail-based vehicle.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>June Open House Feedback Form</b></p> <p>Erinn Pinkerton introduced the proposed feedback form to be included at the June 2010 Open House. The intent of the form is to gather public input on transportation use, median or curbside preference, and couplet versus a one street approach.</p> <p>Comments from the Committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The answers for Question #4 "What are your priorities for future transit projects in the Victoria region" require clarification as the selection of one actually covers all the others below.</li> <li>• Consider a question for feedback on commuter rail.</li> <li>• Final section of the form is open for general comments. It might be good to ask for the public's comments on specific existing or future services, rather than leaving it wide open. Comments received might not be transit specific.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.0</b></p>	<p><b>Option Screening and Business Market Survey</b></p> <p><u>Option Screening</u> Erinn Pinkerton presented the general criteria used by BC Transit to screen the alignment options. These criteria are under development for the downtown sections of the alignment (Hillside South) in conjunction with the City Of Victoria Planners and Engineers.</p> <p><u>Business Market Survey</u> Erinn Pinkerton introduced the RFP in development for the survey, and the intended goals and results. Target date for completion is July 30, 2010.</p> <p>There were no comments from the Committee on either topic.</p>	
<p><b>7.0</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>There was no new business from the Committee.</p>	
<p><b>8.0</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next regular meeting will be on August 26, 2010.</p>	