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**RELEASE: NEXT OPEN HOUSE SET FOR VICTORIA REGIONAL RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT**

VICTORIA - BC Transit will be hosting a second round of open houses in support of the Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project. This follows previous open houses held last March that helped launch the regional initiative.

“The first round of open houses was meant to educate the public about where we live, and where we travel,” said Manuel Achadinha, President & CEO of BC Transit. “During this second round, we’re asking for the public’s input on alignment options that best connect these areas.”

The open houses will be held from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion (411 Gorge Road) on June 23, and at the Colwood Municipal Hall (3300 Wishart Road) on June 25. There will also be a session from noon – 7:00 p.m. at the Victoria City Hall (#1 Centennial Square) on June 29.

Representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure will be there with information on the E&N Rail Study, and Capital Regional District staff will also be in attendance to provide an update on the CRD’s Regional Growth Strategy.

The Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project is developing rapid transit options that provide a safe, attractive, convenient, reliable and green alternative to automobile travel in the Capital Region, beginning with connections to the West Shore.

Displays and more details about the project are posted at [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com).

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