

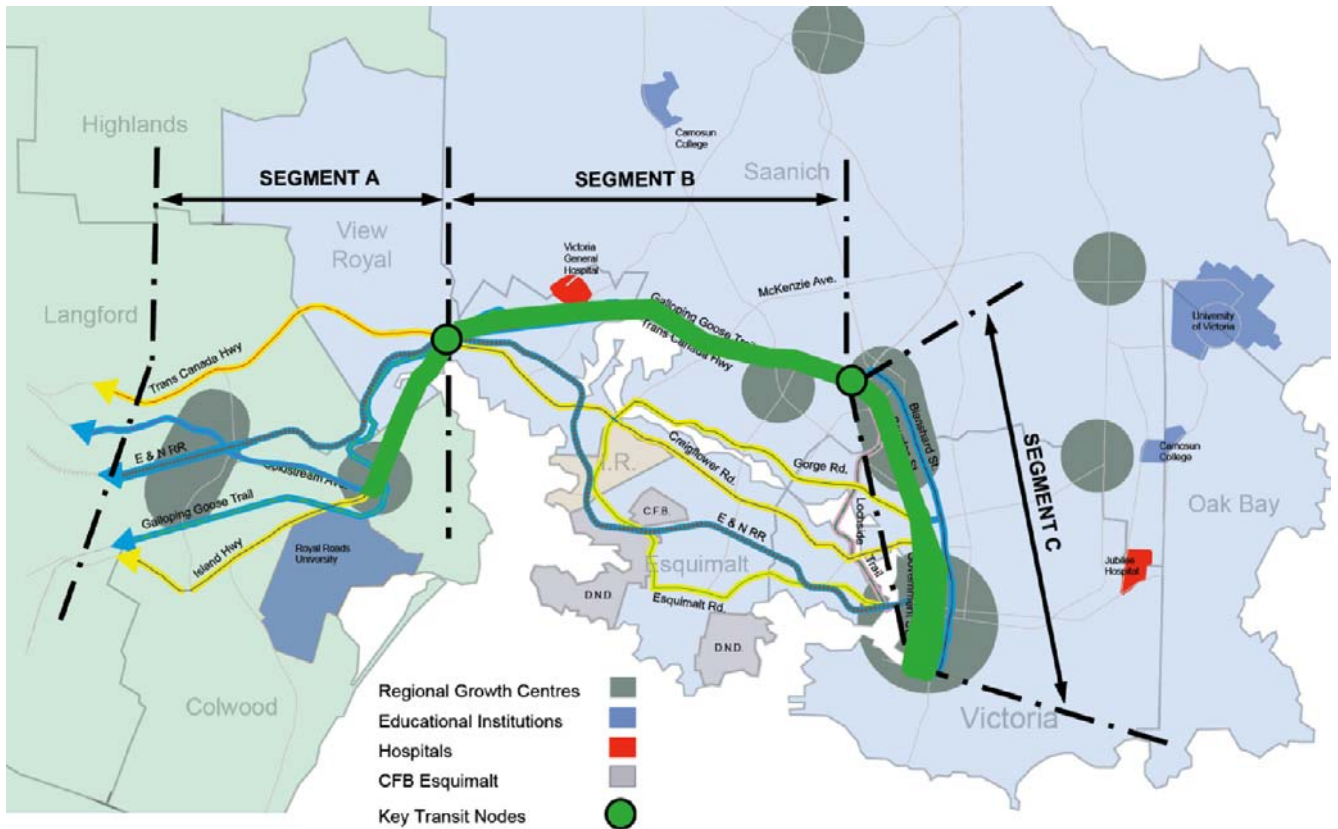
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RELEASE: BC TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES RAPID TRANSIT ALIGNMENT FROM WEST SHORE TO VICTORIA

VICTORIA – After a comprehensive 13 month consultation process, the BC Transit Board of Directors has approved the rapid transit alignment connecting the West Shore communities to Victoria.

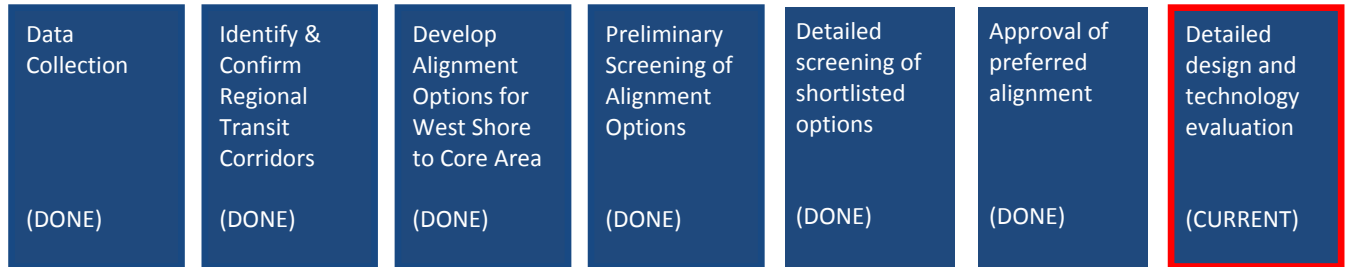
The BC Transit Board has approved the following alignment:

- **Segment A** – Colwood Corners to Six Mile along the Island Highway.
The connection from Colwood Corners to Langford is being assessed with the municipality of Langford.
- **Segment B** – Six Mile to Uptown between the TransCanada Highway and the Galloping Goose.
- **Segment C** – Uptown to Downtown along Douglas Street. An option that would loop Douglas and Government will also be assessed.



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The Victoria Regional Transit Project included 6 phases to develop the preferred alignment. The next phase of the project is to assess the different technologies (i.e. bus, rail, etc) that could operate on the approved alignment.



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

Rapid transit is a transit system designed to improve travel time, reliability, passenger comfort and convenience along an exclusive right-of-way. A rapid transit system provides frequent, high-capacity service that runs all day, every day.

BC Transit would like to thank the Community Liaison Committee, the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, City planners and City engineers for their significant contribution to this project.

Further information on the Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project is online at www.bctransit.com/VRRT.

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