

Planning For A Future Saanich Transit Centre

With Greater Victoria's population growing daily and transportation trips expected to increase by 40 percent, an additional operations and maintenance facility is needed.

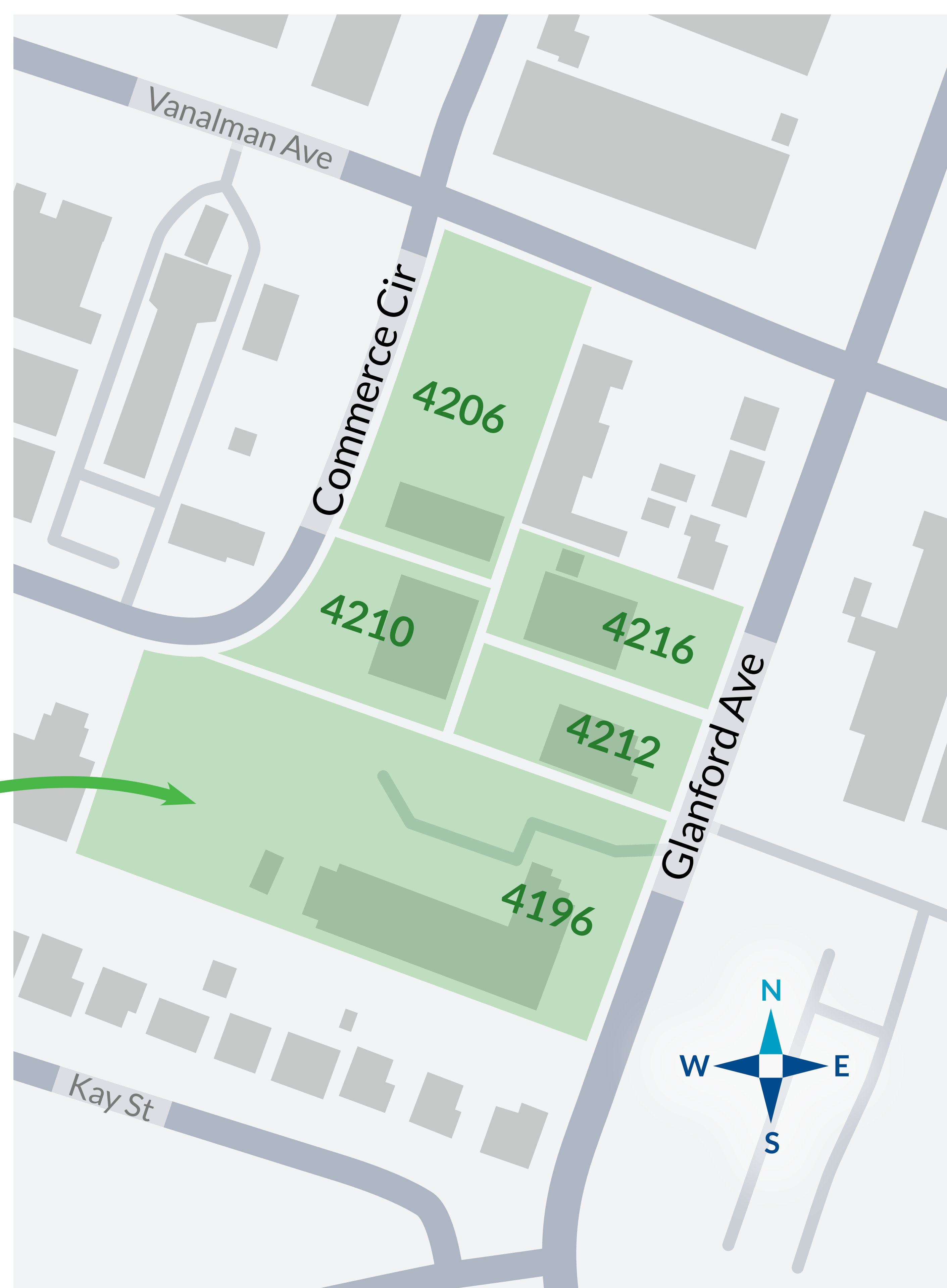
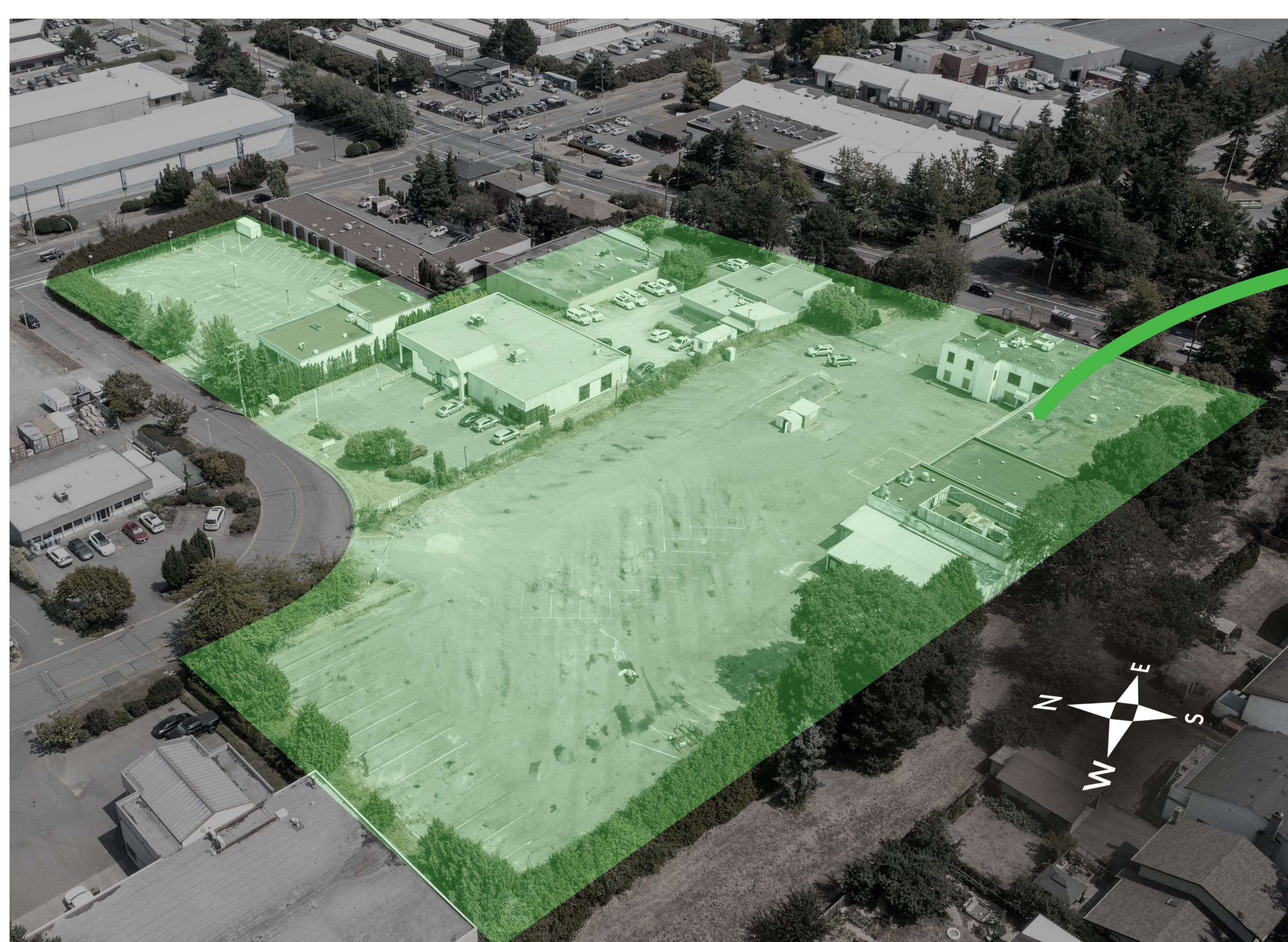
This will allow us to expand our fleet, keep buses running smoothly, and ensure our customers get the quality transit service they depend on.

Our current facilities are reaching their limit and to add more buses to the transit system, we need another facility to park and maintain them.



The Site

- Five acres in Saanich, BC.
- Centrally located, with easy access to the highway.
- Industrially zoned for use as a transit facility.
- All properties are owned by BC Transit and will be consolidated into one property after demolition and site preparation activities.



Environmental Protection and Monitoring

Environmental protection is a key planning principle applied to site design and operational planning. The development will meet or exceed all municipal, provincial and federal standards for environmental protection.

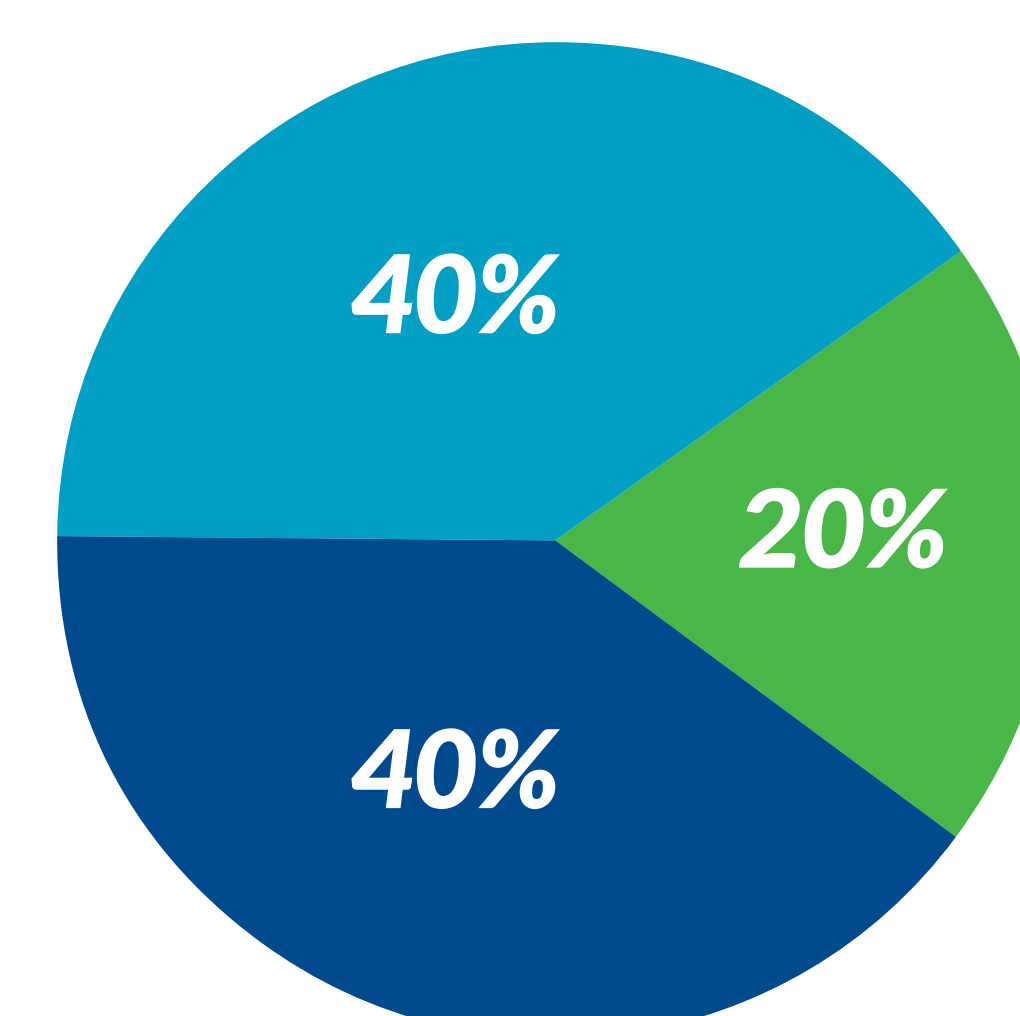


McElhanney has been retained as the design consultant and Aqua-Tex Scientific has been retained as the independent environmental monitor to oversee the site preparation and planning for building demolition that will occur later this year.

Funding

The project budget for this preparatory work is \$48 million. The Government of Canada and the Province of BC are both investing \$19.13 million, and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission is contributing \$9.56 million.

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Project Timeline

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Site Preparation
2025 - 2026

Planning and Design
2026 - 2027

Construction
(TBD based on funding)



Complete in 2025

- ✓ Securing and tidying site
- ✓ Maximizing use of vacant buildings
- ✓ Geotechnical assessment
- ✓ Archeological assessment
- ✓ Environmental studies
- ✓ Site survey
- ✓ Early outreach to neighbourhood and First Nations

Upcoming Milestones

- Bedrock assessment
- Demolition of five buildings
- Site consolidation
- Planning and design for redevelopment
- Pursue funding
- Procurement and construction

Meaningful Community Engagement

Community and Indigenous engagement will inform each phase of the project.

The more we understand about what is important to you and how to keep you informed, the better we can tailor our public engagement approach and respond to community needs and interests.

How best to keep you informed?

Email Newsletter

BC Transit Website

Hand-Delivered Notices

Events Like This

News Media [Tv/Radio/Paper]

Community Presentations

Social Media

Other:



What questions or topics are you most interested in knowing more about?

Indigenous Reconciliation

The Saanich Transit Centre is situated on the territories of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSANEC peoples.

BC Transit acknowledges their history and contemporary presence on the lands for which their communities have cared for millennia. We are committed to meaningful consultation with First Nations in the spirit of reconciliation and incorporating Indigenous knowledge, perspectives, and participation into this site.

Archaeological Assessment

Local Nations were consulted in the archeological assessment of the site, and First Nations observers were on site during geotechnical work. Protocols are in place to ensure any archaeological discovery is handled according to agreed-upon procedures and with respect.



Indigenous Employment Roadmap

BC Transit's Indigenous Employment Roadmap helps support a diverse workforce and remove barriers to attracting Indigenous employees.

