



11 – McKenzie RapidBus

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Purpose

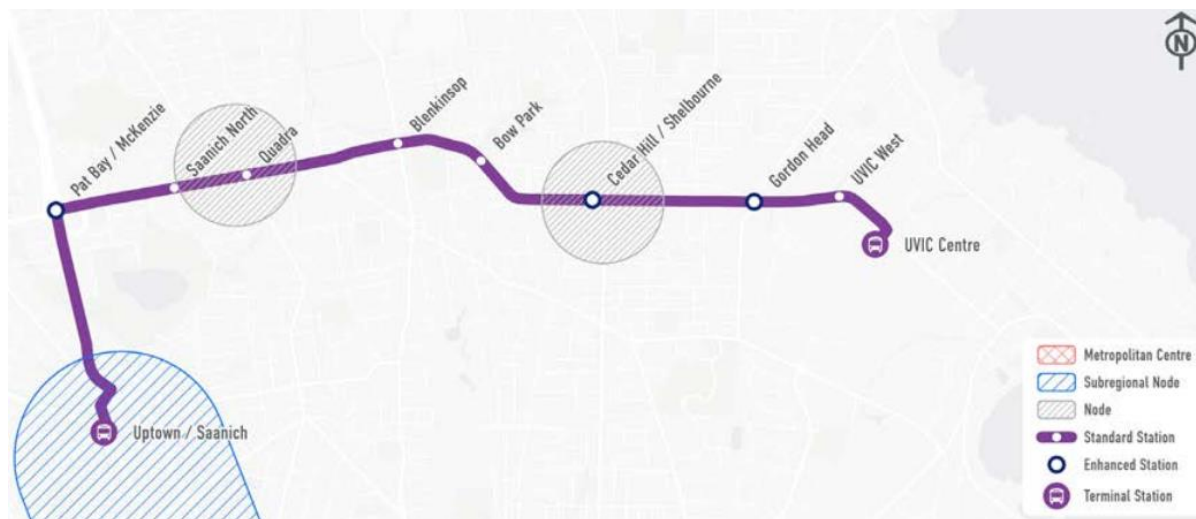
- This report is presented to the Commission to advance a transit infrastructure Planning, Design and Engagement Project to support the implementation of the McKenzie RapidBus Line and is presented to the Commission **FOR APPROVAL**.

Outline

- McKenzie RapidBus Background
- Project Overview
- Recommendations

McKenzie RapidBus Background

- RapidBus Implementation Strategy identified the McKenzie RapidBus Line as a key investment to increase transit mode share
- BC Transit and the District of Saanich partnered on a multi-modal corridor study
- Overall approach to improving transit on McKenzie is being approved by Saanich Council
- Transit priority improvements can be delivered at targeted locations over time as service levels and ridership increase



Project Overview

- Project Request:
 - Planning, design and engagement to progress RapidBus infrastructure improvements along McKenzie
 - Project has been developed in partnership with the District of Saanich
 - Will incorporate feedback received through the Quadra McKenzie Plan
- Project Scope:
 - Develop and execute a public engagement plan that targets local and regional users of McKenzie Ave
 - Develop detailed designs and Class B cost estimates for targeted improvements along the corridor
 - Develop a phasing plan that identifies when the improvements would be implemented
- Project Budget:
 - Approximately up to \$4M shared 50/50 with the District of Saanich
 - Costs will not be incurred until the infrastructure is service
 - An MOU with approval milestones will be developed for design phases and the business case
- Schedule:
 - May 2025 – May 2027

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission:

- **APPROVE** the development of RapidBus infrastructure on McKenzie Avenue in principle to support the development of the McKenzie RapidBus Line.
- **APPROVE** a planning, design and engagement project for the McKenzie RapidBus Line to further develop designs and cost estimates for the development of a business case and future funding application, with the VRTC and the Province contributing up to a combined \$2M.