



#13 – Planning Update

March 11, 2025

Purpose

- To provide the Victoria Regional Transit Commission with an update on transit service planning in the Victoria Region **FOR INFORMATION**.

Outline

- Service Changes
- Transit Planning Initiatives

Service Changes

Spring 2025 Service Changes (Effective April 14, 2025)

- Seasonal reductions for post-secondary routes (e.g., 4, 7, 12, 14, 15)
- Increased service for routes with tourist-driven demand (e.g., 70, 72, 75, 81)
- New bus stops on Route 49 (Bear Mountain Parkway)
- Schedule adjustments to improve reliability (various routes)
- Temporary detours for Highway 17/Ravine Way project (Routes 32, 70, 71)
- Seasonal discontinuation of Route 76

Summer 2025 Service Changes (Effective June 30, 2025)

- Removal of school-related trips
- Seasonal adjustments to Route 75
- Schedule adjustments to routes serving Highway 1 to accommodate a detour for construction at Tillicum

Transit Planning Initiatives

Victoria Regional Transit Plan

- RFP launching in April 2025 for consulting support
- Targeted plan completion: Spring 2026
- Integral to securing future federal funding

Local Area & Corridor Transit Plans

- Tillicum/McKenzie Corridor Plan – Nearing completion; Commission endorsement planned for next VRTC meeting (June 17, 2025)

Other Planning Work

- Fall 2025 Service Change Engagement (April 1-11, 2025):
 - Peninsula service reliability improvements
 - Route 51 adjustments for West Shore Post-Secondary Campus opening
- Sooke Transit Service Reallocation – Public engagement in May 2025 for January 2026 implementation