



#8 – Q3 Financial Performance Report

Period Ending December 31, 2024

March 11, 2025



Purpose

- To provide the Victoria Regional Transit Commission with an update on the Financial Performance of the Victoria Regional Transit System for the period ending December 31, 2024. This report is presented to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission **FOR INFORMATION.**

Outline

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- Administration
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Financial Summary

(figures in thousands)		December 2024 Year to Date				2024/25			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable			Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Revenues									
Passenger & Advert. Revenue	\$32,268	\$30,312	(\$1,956)	(6.1%)		\$43,271	\$40,475	(\$2,796)	(6.5%)
Use of Safe Restart Funding	4,073	4,073	-	0.0%		5,431	5,431	-	0.0%
Provincial Operating Contribution	44,147	43,535	(612)	(1.4%)		59,401	59,265	(136)	(0.2%)
Fuel Tax Revenue	13,649	13,221	(428)	(3.1%)		17,850	17,290	(560)	(3.1%)
Local Contribution	47,025	47,839	815	1.7%		64,395	67,057	2,662	4.1%
Total Revenue	\$141,162	\$138,980	(\$2,182)	(1.5%)		\$190,348	\$189,518	(\$830)	(0.4%)
Expenses									
Operations	\$82,522	\$78,728	\$3,794	4.6%		\$110,867	\$107,204	\$3,663	3.3%
Maintenance	29,690	31,441	(1,751)	(5.9%)		39,941	43,261	(3,320)	(8.3%)
Administration	15,883	16,278	(395)	(2.5%)		21,628	21,867	(239)	(1.1%)
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	128,095	126,447	1,648	1.3%		172,436	172,332	104	0.1%
Lease Fees	13,067	12,533	534	4.1%		17,912	17,186	726	4.1%
Total Expenses	\$141,162	\$138,980	\$2,182	1.5%		\$190,348	\$189,518	\$830	0.4%

Revenue and Passenger Trips

(figures in thousands, except ratios)		December 2024 Year to Date				2024/25			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable			Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Passenger	\$31,746	\$29,782	(\$1,964)	(6.2%)		\$42,575	\$39,770	(\$2,805)	(6.6%)
Advertising	522	530	8	1.5%		696	705	9	1.3%
Total Passenger & Advertising	\$32,268	\$30,312	(\$1,956)	(6.1%)		\$43,271	\$40,475	(\$2,796)	(6.5%)
<i>Passenger Trips (Total)</i>	20,118	18,560	(1,558)	(7.7%)		26,986	25,353	(1,633)	(6.1%)
<i>Passenger Trips (excluding Taxi)</i>	20,074	18,526	(1,548)	(7.7%)		26,929	25,302	(1,627)	(6.0%)
<i>Average Fare</i>	\$1.58	\$1.61	\$0.03	1.9%		\$1.58	\$1.57	(\$0.01)	(0.6%)

Year to Date

- Passenger revenue is \$2.0M (6.2%) below budget due to lower farebox cash, monthly passes and U-PASS Revenue
- Calculated passenger trips are 1.6M (7.7%) below budget

Forecast

- Passenger revenue is \$2.8M (6.6%) below budget due to lower farebox cash, monthly passes and U-PASS Revenue
- Calculated passenger trips are 1.6M (6.1%) below budget

Provincial Operating and Local Contribution

(figures in thousands, except ratios)		December 2024 Year to Date				2024/25			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable			Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Safe Restart Funding	\$4,073	\$4,073	\$0	0.0%		\$5,431	\$5,431	\$0	0.0%
Provincial Operating Contribution	44,147	43,535	(612)	(1.4%)		59,401	59,265	(136)	(0.2%)
Fuel Tax Revenue	13,649	13,221	(428)	(3.1%)		17,850	17,290	(560)	(3.1%)
Local Contribution	47,025	47,839	815	1.7%		64,395	67,057	2,662	4.1%

Safe Restart Funding in the amount of \$5.4M will be used in fiscal 2024/25

Provincial Operating Contribution is \$0.6M (1.4%) below budget year to date and forecasted to be on budget

Fuel Tax Revenue generated from the 5.5 cent per litre Fuel Tax levy is \$0.4M (3.1%) below budget year to date and forecasted to be \$0.6M (3.1%) below budget at year end

Local Contribution is \$0.8M (1.7%) above budget year to date and forecasted to be above budget \$2.7M (4.1%) due to lower passenger revenues

Operations

<i>(figures in thousands, except ratios)</i>								
	December 2024 Year to Date				2024/25			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable		Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Operations (excl. Fuel)	\$71,092	\$69,448	\$1,644	2.3%	\$95,350	\$94,562	\$788	0.8%
Fuel	11,430	9,280	2,150	18.8%	15,517	12,642	2,875	18.5%
Total Operations	\$82,522	\$78,728	\$3,794	4.6%	\$110,867	\$107,204	\$3,663	3.3%
<i>Service Hours</i>	764	734	(30)	(3.9%)	1,023	995	(28)	(2.7%)
<i>Operations Cost/Service Hour</i>	\$108.01	\$107.26	\$0.75	0.7%	\$108.37	\$107.74	\$0.63	0.6%

Year to Date

- Operations expenses excluding fuel are \$1.6M (2.3%) below budget due to operator labour savings which are partly offset by higher overtime costs
- Fuel is \$2.2M (18.8%) below budget with an average diesel price/litre of \$1.54 compared to a budget of \$2.00
- Service hours are 30K (3.9%) below budget due to fleet constraints and labour shortages

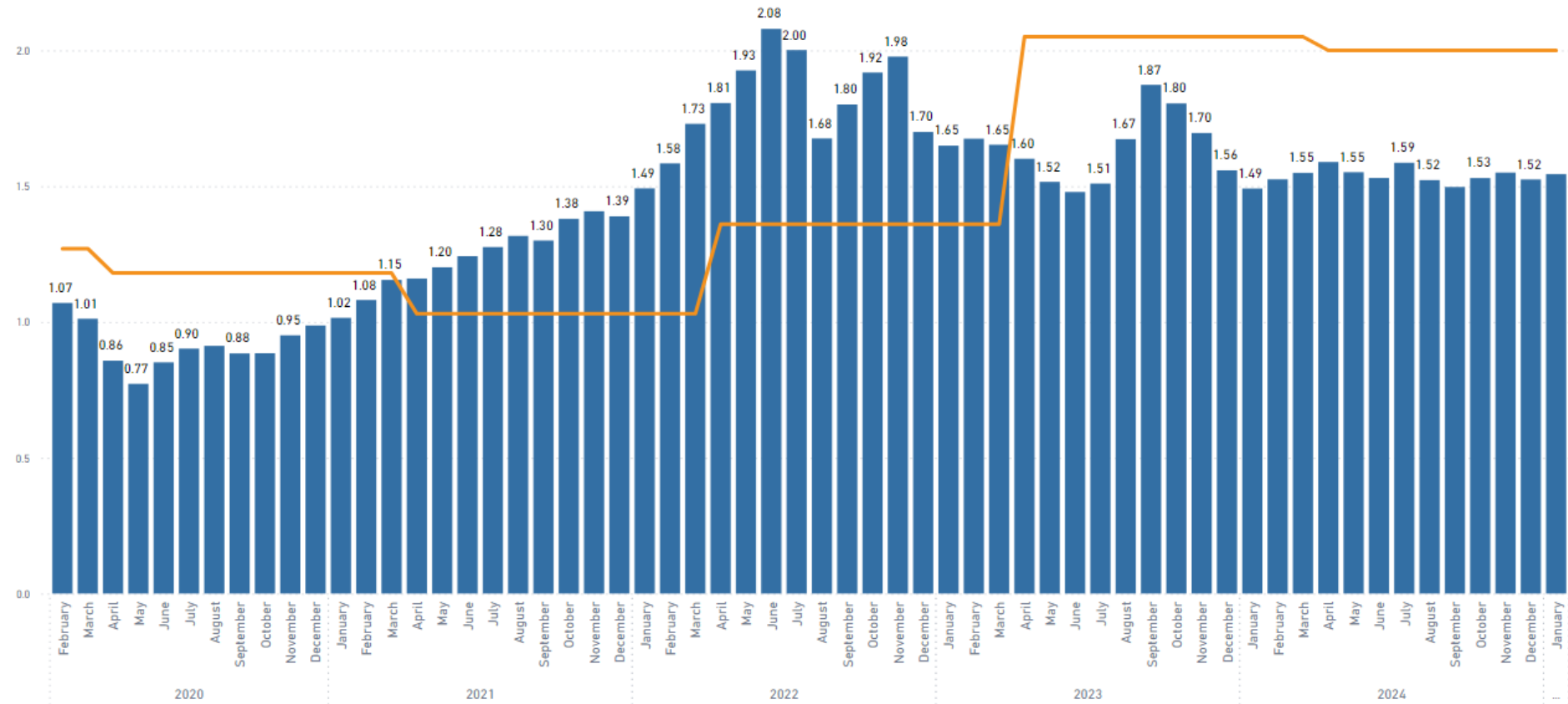
Forecast

- Operations expenses excluding fuel are forecasted to be \$0.8M (0.8%) below budget due to operator labour savings
- Fuel is forecasted to be \$2.9M (18.5%) below budget based on an average diesel price/litre of \$1.60/litre for the remainder of the fiscal year
- Service hours are forecasted to be 28K (2.7%) below budget

Historical Fuel Price

Trailing 60 Months Average Diesel Price

● Monthly Average Price/L ● Budget



Maintenance

(figures in thousands, except ratios)		December 2024 Year to Date				2024/25			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable			Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Fleet Maintenance	\$24,673	\$26,610	(\$1,937)	(7.9%)		\$33,143	\$36,511	(\$3,368)	(10.2%)
Facilities Maintenance	5,017	4,831	186	3.7%		6,798	6,750	48	0.7%
Total Maintenance	\$29,690	\$31,441	(\$1,751)	(5.9%)		\$39,941	\$43,261	(\$3,320)	(8.3%)
<i>Service Hours</i>	764	734	(30)	(3.9%)		1,023	995	(28)	(2.7%)
<i>Fleet Maintenance Cost/Service Hour</i>	\$32.29	\$36.25	(\$3.96)	(12.3%)		\$32.40	\$36.69	(\$4.30)	(13.3%)

Year to Date

- Fleet maintenance is \$1.9M (7.9%) above budget due to higher parts and materials and labour expenses
- Facilities maintenance is \$0.2M (3.7%) below budget due to lower facilities repairs and maintenance expenses

Forecast

- Fleet maintenance is forecasted to be \$3.4M (10.2%) above budget due to higher parts and materials and labour expenses
- Facility maintenance is forecasted to be on budget

Administration

(figures in thousands)	December 2024 Year to Date				2024/25			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable		Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Administration	\$15,883	\$16,278	(\$395)	(2.5%)	\$21,628	\$21,867	(\$239)	(1.1%)

Year to Date

- Administration expenses are above budget by \$0.4M (2.5%) due to higher IT software and marketing expenses

Forecast

- Administration expenses are forecasted to be \$0.2M (1.1%) above budget due to IT software and marketing expenses

Lease Fees

(figures in thousands)	December 2024 Year to Date				2024/25			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable		Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Lease Fees	\$13,067	\$12,533	\$534	4.1%	\$17,912	\$17,186	\$726	4.1%

Year to Date

- Lease Fees are \$0.5M (4.1%) below budget largely due to the timing of vehicle deliveries

Forecast

- Lease fees are forecasted to be \$0.7M (4.1%) below budget

Transit Fund

VICTORIA REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION <i>(figures in thousands)</i>	2024/25 Budget	2024/25 Forecast
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION		
Total Local Contribution Required	\$64,395	\$67,057
Funds generated from Transit Levy	\$62,334	\$62,455
Balance from / (to) Transit Fund	\$2,061	\$4,602
TRANSIT FUND		
Final Balance, March 31, 2024	\$16,168	\$16,168
Victoria Regional Transit System		
Budgeted Contribution	(2,061)	(2,061)
Lower lease fees		726
Higher operating costs (Commission share)		(32)
Higher property tax revenue		121
Lower fuel tax revenue		(560)
Lower passenger & advertising revenue		(2,796)
Cowichan Valley Commuter		
Budgeted Contribution	(198)	(128)
Other		
Safe Restart funding usage (2024/25)	(5,431)	(5,431)
Interest & Other	100	594
Balance, March 31, 2025	\$8,578	\$6,601