



#16 - Victoria Regional Transit System Electrification Update

June 17, 2025



Purpose

- This report provides an update on the Victoria Transit Centre (VTC) electrification projects in progress in the Victoria Regional Transit system and is presented to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission **FOR INFORMATION**.

First Electric Buses Have Arrived



Early Feedback & Experience

“Smooth, quiet, easy to drive”

“That was a lotta fun!”

“It’s got pep!”

“I like it. Maybe I’ll postpone my retirement for a while.”

“Loved the regen braking, I didn’t need to jump so much between the accelerator and brake”

“Oh, it’s smooooooth!”

Key Activities

Victoria Transit Centre 1

Buses	• Six battery electric buses at Victoria Transit Centre, four more expected by October 2025 • Training in progress for drivers and maintenance personnel • Integration of data and operations practices • Preparing for revenue service in coming months
Infrastructure	• Plug-in chargers commissioning complete • Pantograph charger commissioning in progress • Charge management solution in contract negotiation

Victoria Transit Centre 2

Buses	• Fifty-two ordered for 2027 delivery
Infrastructure	• 30% detailed design complete • Charging equipment contract complete

Upcoming Communications

Public Media Event	• A public media event is being scheduled, details will follow to the Commission members.
BC Transit Annual Workshop	• Static demonstration available at workshop
In-Service	• Public communications will occur before and after the buses enter service this summer.