



#12 - Victoria Regional Transit System Planning Update

September 9, 2025

Purpose

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

Service Changes

Holiday 2025 Service Changes (Effective December 8, 2025)

- Service will be seasonally reduced to better align with the lower ridership demand from post-secondary education institutions.

Winter 2026 Service Change (Effective January 5, 2026)

- Seasonal service levels across post-secondary school routes reinstated
- Implement Route 40 Dockyard/Uvic via Admirals/McKenzie
- Changes to several Peninsula local routes to improve service reliability, including Routes 75/81, 82, 87, and 88
- Separate Route 39 into two separate routes to improve service reliability
- Extend and adjust Route 51 to improve speed, service reliability, and connections
- Adjust Route 65 to improve service coverage in Sooke Arranwood area
- Minor adjustment to Route 72 to align with the Ravine Way dedicated transit lane near Uptown

Transit Planning Initiatives

Victoria Regional Transit Plan

- First local government staff workshop conducted, seeking feedback on network & route design guidelines framework
- West Shore and Peninsula Transit Network Workshops planned for early September
- Key stakeholder and public engagement planned for October 2025, and First Nations engagement being coordinated with CRD
- VRTP on-track for June 2026 completion

Local Area & Corridor Transit Plans

- The Tillicum-McKenzie Corridor Transit Plan is on hold pending further conversations with District of Saanich on the McKenzie corridor

Future Planning Work

- After completing the Victoria Regional Transit Plan, there will be an opportunity to revisit the transit network around the network and route design guidelines. Planning work in late 2026 and 2027 for a possible 2028 implementation