

Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

BC Transit 520 Gorge Road East
September 2, 2025 | 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

The Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee conducts its business on the homelands of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

Committee Members Present:

Kelsey Highstead; Suzan Jennings (*Vice-Chair*); Mohan Kang; Don Monsour (*Chair*); Tricia Pokorny; Jerry Wang; Sherry Cronk; Alison Cameron; Jasmine Parr; Jennifer Van Es

BC Transit:

Elise Wren, Government Relations Manager; Stephen Anderson, General Manager, Victoria Regional Transit System; Adam Bishop, Manager, Accessible Transit; Levi Megenbir, Manager, Service Planning; Cara Weirmier, Executive Assistant and Divisional Coordinator for Operations (*Recorder*)

handyDART – Transdev Canada

Danton Pitt, General Manager, Victoria handyDART

Regrets:

Alfiya Battalova

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Don Monsour called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Motion MOVED by M. Kang and SECONDED by S. Jennings to APPROVE the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2025

Motion MOVED by S. Jennings and SECONDED by M. Kang to APPROVE the minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNEMENT RELATIONS MANAGER

ADAM BISHOP

Adam introduced Elise Wren, the new Government Relations Manager for Victoria, who has stepped into the role vacated by Chelsea Mossey. Elise was previously the Government Relations Manager for the Northern region of the province and brings experience of working in smaller transit systems and with local governments.

5. CHAIR'S REMARKS

6. handyDART UPDATE – FOR INFORMATION

ELISE WREN AND DANTON PITT

Report presented in response to letters submitted by the Saanich Peninsula Accessible Transit committee and by ATAC member Jasmine Parr regarding the difficulties being felt by handyDART users.

Committee member Parr expressed her appreciation regarding the work that BC Transit, Transdev, and specifically Adam Bishop, Manager of Accessible Transit, have done to improve service for the community that relies on handyDART services.

This report will be posted to the ATAC page on the BC Transit website for review.

7. BC TRANSIT WEBSITE UPDATE – FOR INFORMATION

ADAM BISHOP

Last year, it was brought forward to this committee that there was a redesign of the BC Transit website to meet website content accessibility guidelines (WCAG). The technical requirement is WCAG 2; however, BC Transit is aiming for 2.2AA (the highest level is 2.2AAA) certification. The IT team is working with a consultant to ensure that the website is accessible and will meet the WCAG 2.2AA certification requirements.

On September 17 or 18, 2025, the consultant will be on site and BC Transit is looking for a volunteer from the ATAC to have input in the development. In early 2026 the IT team will bring an update to the ATAC to review the pain points and what is working well.

A poll will be sent out to members looking for engagement on the project.

BC Transit will also be reaching out to Canadian National Institute for the Blind for continuing partnership around the website accessibility.

8. VICTORIA REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN – FOR INFORMATION
LEVI MEGENBIR

Presentation regarding the updated Victoria Regional Transit Plan, laying out the routes, network and infrastructure required for growth in the Victoria region. Starting in June 2025, and continuing over the next 12 months, the team will be developing the new plan to replace the one that has been in place since 2011.

In late fall 2025 or early in 2026, the draft plan will be brought back to the ATAC for review and input prior to being presented to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission for endorsement.

This presentation is posted on the ATAC page on the BC Transit website for review.

9. DELEGATIONS – NONE

10. ROUNDTABLE

Action from Roundtable discussion:

Adam Bishop will connect with Jennifer Van Es to discuss handyDART enrollment processes and the use of third-party non-profits.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion MOVED by S.Jennings and SECONDED by J.Wang to ADJOURN at 4:34 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Monday October 20, 2025, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.