



#9 - Victoria Regional Transit System Three Year Expansion Plan

September 9, 2025

Purpose

- This report requests **APPROVAL** from the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (the “Commission”) to confirm expansion plans for the 2026/27 Service Plan, and to confirm service levels for the following two fiscal years for budget purposes.

Proposed Expansion – Fixed-Route

PROPOSED EXPANSION INITIATIVES						
AOA Period	In Service	Annual Hours	Vehicle Requirements	Estimated Annual Revenue	Estimated Annual Total Costs	Estimated Annual Net Municipal Share
2026/27	January	15,000	3	418,895	3,272,467	1,886,962
		Description	Address passenger comfort and service reliability challenges. Frequent Transit Network improvements.			
2027/28	January	15,000	9	418,895	3,718,915	2,333,410
		Description	Address passenger comfort and service reliability challenges. Invest in strategic investment priorities as indicated through the Victoria Regional Transit Plan.			
2028/29	January	20,000	9	558,527	4,735,330	2,887,990
		Description	Address passenger comfort and service reliability challenges. Invest in strategic investment priorities as indicated through the Victoria Regional Transit Plan.			

Proposed Expansion - Custom

PROPOSED EXPANSION INITIATIVES						
AOA Period	In Service	Annual Hours	Vehicle Requirements	Estimated Annual Revenue	Estimated Annual Total Costs	Estimated Annual Net Municipal Share
2026/27	September	10,000	9	7,184	1,548,599	662,896
		Description	Increase peak handyDART service to address unmet trips			
2027/28	January	7,500	4	5,388	1,123,851	453,592
		Description	Increase handyDART service to address unmet trips			
2028/29	January	4,500	2	3,233	645,886	257,322
		Description	Increase handyDART service to address unmet trips			

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission:

- **APPROVE** BC Transit to include up to 15,000 hours for conventional transit, up to 10,000 hours for custom transit as part of the funding request to the Ministry of Transportation and Transit for service expansion in the 2026/27 fiscal year.
- **APPROVE** the commitment to increase the VRTS conventional bus fleet by up to three buses starting in January 2027 and increase the VRTS custom bus fleet by up to nine (light-duty) buses starting in September 2026.