



#12 – Q2 Financial & Performance Report

Period Ending September 30, 2025

November 18, 2025

Key Takeaways



Expenses

- **September year-to date (YTD):** Operating expenses are \$7.2M (7.9%) under budget due to a lower than budgeted fuel price and operator labour savings. Lease Fees are \$0.4M (4.3%) under budget.
- **Forecast:** Operating expenses are forecasted to be \$7.1M (3.8%) under budget due to a lower fuel price and operator labour savings. Lease Fees are \$0.9M (4.4%) under budget due to delays in IT Projects.



Revenue

- **September YTD:** Passenger Revenue is \$1.4M (7.4%) over budget due to the April 1, 2025 fare change, Fuel Tax Revenue is on budget.
- **Forecast:** Passenger Revenue is forecasted to be \$2.2M (5.6%) over budget due to the April 1, 2025 fare change, Fuel Tax Revenue is forecasted to be on budget at year end.



Performance

- **September YTD:** Service hours are 10K (1.9%) under budget due to ongoing resource constraints, and ridership is 0.7M (5.2%) under budget.
- **Forecast:** Service hours are forecasted to be 20K (1.9%) under budget due to ongoing resource constraints, and ridership is forecasted to be 2.3M (8.5%) under budget.



Key Funding Items

- Local contribution is \$6.7M (16.0%) under budget YTD and is forecasted to be \$7.9M (9.2%) under budget due to lower conventional costs and higher passenger revenue.
- The Transit Fund is forecasted to be \$7.9M over budget at year-end, with a projected balance of \$19.4M versus a budget of \$11.5M.

Financial Summary

(figures in thousands)		September 2025 Year to Date				2025/26			
	Budget	Actual	Variance			Budget	Forecast	Variance	
Revenues			(Un) Favourable					(Un) Favourable	
Passenger & Advert. Revenue	\$19,517	\$20,933	\$1,416	7.3%		\$40,836	\$43,078	2,241	5.5%
Provincial Operating Contribution	\$31,556	\$29,140	(2,416)	(7.7%)		\$64,436	\$62,068	(2,367)	(3.7%)
Fuel Tax Revenue	\$8,694	\$8,724	30	0.4%		\$17,290	\$17,290	-	0.0%
Local Contribution	\$41,991	\$35,285	(6,705)	(16.0%)		\$85,487	\$77,624	(7,863)	(9.2%)
Total Revenue	\$101,757	\$94,082	(\$7,675)	(7.5%)		\$208,048	\$200,059	(\$7,989)	(3.8%)
Expenses									
Operations	\$58,625	\$53,068	\$5,557	9.5%		119,054	112,293	\$6,761	5.7%
Maintenance	22,669	21,531	1,138	5.0%		46,696	46,635	61	0.1%
Administration	10,449	9,904	545	5.2%		21,531	21,274	257	1.2%
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	91,744	84,503	7,240	7.9%		187,281	180,202	7,079	3.8%
Lease Fees	10,013	9,579	434	4.3%		20,768	19,857	910	4.4%
Total Expenses	\$101,757	\$94,082	\$7,675	7.5%		\$208,048	\$200,059	\$7,989	3.8%

Revenue and Passenger Trips

(figures in thousands, except ratios)		September 2025 Year to Date				2025/26			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable			Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Passenger	\$19,167	\$20,576	\$1,409	7.4%		\$40,136	\$42,378	\$2,241	5.6%
Advertising	\$350	\$357	7	2.0%		\$700	\$700	-	0.0%
Total Passenger & Advertising	\$19,517	\$20,933	\$1,416	7.3%		\$40,836	\$43,078	\$2,241	5.5%
<i>Passenger Trips (Total)</i>	12,852	12,181	(671)	(5.2%)		27,118	24,814	(2,304)	(8.5%)
<i>Passenger Trips (excluding Taxi)</i>	12,823	12,156	(667)	(5.2%)		27,059	24,755	(2,304)	(8.5%)
<i>Average Fare</i>	\$1.49	\$1.69	\$0.20	13.4%		\$1.48	\$1.71	\$0.23	15.5%

Passenger Revenue

Passenger Revenue is over budget \$1.4M (7.4%) YTD due to the April 1, 2025 fare change and forecasted to be \$2.2M (5.6%) over budget due to the fare change.

Passenger Trips

Passenger trips are 0.7M (5.2%) under budget YTD and forecasted to be 2.3M (8.5%) under budget at year end.

Provincial Operating and Local Contribution

<i>(figures in thousands, except ratios)</i>								
	September 2025 Year to Date				2025/26			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable		Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Provincial Operating Contribution	31,556	29,140	(2,416)	(7.7%)	64,436	62,068	(2,367)	(3.7%)
Fuel Tax Revenue	8,694	8,724	30	0.4%	17,290	17,290	-	0.0%
Local Contribution	41,991	35,285	(6,705)	(16.0%)	85,487	77,624	(7,863)	(9.2%)

Provincial Contribution

Provincial Operating Contribution is \$2.4M (7.7%) under budget YTD and forecasted to be \$2.4M (3.7%) under budget due to lower Victoria Conventional operating costs.

Fuel Tax Revenue

Fuel Tax Revenue generated from the 5.5 cent per litre Fuel Tax levy is on budget September year to date and forecasted to be on budget.

Local Contribution

Local Contribution is \$6.7M (16.0%) under budget YTD and forecasted to be \$7.9M (9.2%) under budget due to lower Conventional operating costs, lease fees and higher passenger revenue.

Operations

<i>(figures in thousands, except ratios)</i>									
	September 2025 Year to Date					2025/26			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable			Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Operations (excl. Fuel)	\$51,682	\$47,557	\$4,125	8.0%		\$104,870	\$99,779	\$5,091	4.9%
Fuel	\$6,943	\$5,511	1,433	20.6%		\$14,184	\$12,514	1,670	11.8%
Total Operations	\$58,625	\$53,068	\$5,557	9.5%		\$119,054	\$112,293	\$6,761	5.7%
<i>Service Hours</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>501</i>	<i>(10)</i>	<i>(1.9%)</i>		<i>1,039</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>(20)</i>	<i>(1.9%)</i>
<i>Operations Cost/Service Hour</i>	<i>\$114.77</i>	<i>\$105.89</i>	<i>\$8.88</i>	<i>7.7%</i>		<i>\$114.59</i>	<i>\$110.20</i>	<i>\$4.39</i>	<i>3.8%</i>

Operations

Operations expenses excluding fuel are \$4.1M (8.0%) under budget YTD and are forecasted to be \$5.1M (4.9%) under budget due to operator labour savings.

Fuel

Fuel is \$1.4M (20.6%) under budget YTD with an average diesel price/litre of \$1.45 compared to a budget of \$1.75. Fuel is forecasted to be \$1.7M (11.8%) under budget based on an average diesel price/litre of \$1.60/litre for the remainder of the fiscal year. Most of this variance is due to the elimination of carbon tax.

Service Hours

Service hours are 10K (1.9%) under budget YTD and are forecasted to be 20K (1.9%) under budget primarily due to ongoing resource constraints.

Maintenance

<i>(figures in thousands, except ratios)</i>									
	September 2025 Year to Date					2025/26			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable			Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Fleet Maintenance	\$18,856	\$17,966	\$889	4.7%		\$38,801	\$38,346	\$455	1.2%
Facilities Maintenance	\$3,814	\$3,565	249	6.5%		\$7,895	\$8,289	(394)	(5.0%)
Total Maintenance	\$22,669	\$21,531	\$1,138	5.0%		\$46,696	\$46,635	\$61	0.1%
<i>Service Hours</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>501</i>	<i>(10)</i>	<i>(1.9%)</i>		<i>1,039</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>(20)</i>	<i>(1.9%)</i>
<i>Fleet Maintenance Cost/Service Hour</i>	<i>\$36.91</i>	<i>\$35.85</i>	<i>\$1.06</i>	<i>2.9%</i>		<i>\$37.34</i>	<i>\$37.63</i>	<i>(\$0.29)</i>	<i>(0.8%)</i>

Fleet Maintenance

Fleet maintenance is \$0.9M (4.7%) under budget YTD due to labour savings and is forecasted to be \$0.5M (1.2%) under budget due to labour savings.

Facility Maintenance

Facilities maintenance is \$0.3M (6.5%) under budget due to lower facilities repair and maintenance costs and is forecasted to be \$0.4M (5%) over budget primarily due to unplanned repairs and maintenance.

Administration & Lease Fees

<i>(figures in thousands)</i>								
	September 2025 Year to Date				2025/26			
	Budget	Actual	Variance (Un) Favourable		Budget	Forecast	Variance (Un) Favourable	
Administration	\$10,449	\$9,904	\$545	5.2%	\$21,531	\$21,274	\$257	1.2%
Lease Fees	\$10,013	\$9,579	\$434	4.3%	\$20,768	\$19,857	\$910	4.4%

Administration

Administration expenses are \$0.5M (5.2%) under budget YTD and forecasted to be \$0.3M (1.2%) under budget due to lower IT and marketing expenses.

Lease Fees

Lease Fees are \$0.4M (4.3%) under budget and forecasted to be \$0.9M (4.4%) under budget due to delays in IT projects.

Transit Fund

VICTORIA REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMISSION	2025/26 Budget	2025/26 Forecast
<i>(figures in thousands)</i>		
LOCAL CONTRIBUTION		
Total Local Contribution Required	\$85,487	\$77,624
Funds generated from Transit Levy	\$86,406	\$86,413
Balance from / (to) Transit Fund	(\$919)	(\$8,790)
TRANSIT FUND		
Final Balance, March 31, 2025	\$10,757	\$10,757
Victoria Regional Transit System		
Budgeted Contribution	919	919
Lower lease fees		910
Lower operating costs (Commission share)		4,711
Higher property tax revenue		7
Higher passenger & advertising revenue		2,241
Cowichan Valley Commuter		
Budgeted Contribution	(245)	(263)
Other		
Interest & Other	100	100
Balance, March 31, 2026	\$11,531	\$19,384