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Reconciliation Corridor Initiative Steering Committee
c/o Thomas Bevan, Anna Russell
Island Corridor Foundation

By Email: thomasbevan@islandrail.ca; annarussell@islandrail.ca

**Re: Request for a More Formal Role in the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative
Planning Process**

Dear Members of the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative Steering Committee,

On behalf of the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC), I am writing to request that BC Transit and the VRTC be provided a more integrated role in the planning processes of the Reconciliation Corridor Initiative (RCI). This request emerges directly from recent work undertaken as part of BC Transit's Victoria Regional Transit Plan and the growing recognition of the long-term transit needs of the region.

Preliminary findings from this 25-year plan clearly indicate that the West Shore–Victoria travel corridor will require rail or other higher order transit solutions by approximately 2050 to accommodate projected growth and travel demand. While ongoing analysis continues to support the need for a higher order alignment along the Highway 1 / Douglas Street corridor, the VRTC acknowledges the importance of more prominently recognizing the Reconciliation Corridor as a potential complementary connection between the West Shore and the core area.

The VRTC views the involvement of BC Transit in the RCI as an opportunity to support the development of a shared regional vision, enhancing network resilience, improving mobility choice, and helping meet long-term capacity requirements.

The VRTC also acknowledges there has been a strong and collaborative working relationship established between BC Transit and the Capital Regional District. Building on this alignment, the VRTC respectfully requests a defined, non-voting role for BC Transit on the RCI to enable information sharing and continued engagement towards shared goals. This would also allow BC Transit and the VRTC to remain informed of the work underway and to provide transit-related service and infrastructure perspectives as the initiative evolves. The role is intended to support alignment between long-range transit planning and corridor development, without requiring BC Transit to formally endorse RCI materials and outcomes.

Strengthening coordination at this stage will help ensure that long-term transit objectives are appropriately understood and considered as the Reconciliation Corridor continues to advance in support of a shared regional vision.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on this important initiative. We look forward to continued collaboration in support of a shared, long-term vision for regional transportation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Windsor', written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Windsor, Chair
Victoria Regional Transit Commission

Cc: Erinn Pinkerton, BC Transit President and CEO
VRTC Commission Members
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