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Chair Kevin Mahoney and Board
BC Transit Board
520 Gorge Road East
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Dear Chair Mahoney and Board:

RE: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN REFERRAL

At its meeting of October 30, 2013, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board referred the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to municipalities, electoral areas, Victoria Regional Transit Commission, BC Transit Board of Directors and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for final comment prior to consideration for adoption by the Board in March 2014.

The CRD has developed the draft RTP through a cooperative partnership with staff from the region's municipalities, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC Transit and representatives of the electoral areas. The RTP identifies immediate priorities, governance options and long term strategies to guide planning and development of a multi-modal transportation system that meets future growth demands and is focused on sustainability.

A key component of the RTP was an extensive stakeholder engagement process which included regular meetings of an inter-municipal Technical Advisory Committee, presentation to relevant CRD committees and commissions and engagement opportunities with stakeholder organizations. Further consultation with municipal councils associated with the Regional Sustainability Strategy and a discussion at the May 2013 Forum of Councils shaped RTP principles, outcomes and recommended actions. A copy of the draft RTP is available at www.crd.bc.ca/transportation/plans/documents/rtp2013.pdf.

I respectfully request that you provide final comment by **Friday, February 7, 2014** to John Hicks at jhicks@crd.bc.ca. CRD staff is available to support the referrals through the supply of additional information and/or presentations. Should you have any questions or require additional information or assistance please contact John Hicks at the CRD Regional and Strategic Planning Division by phone 250.360.3305 or at the e-mail noted above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alastair W.A. Bryson'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alastair Bryson
Board Chair
Capital Regional District

cc: Barb Desjardins, Chair, CRD Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee
Dean Fortin, Chair, CRD Transportation Select Committee
Mr. Manuel Achadinha, President and CEO
Robert Lapham, CRD Chief Administrative Officer