

Victoria Regional Transit Commission

Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Facility Master Plan Strategy

PURPOSE

To provide the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC) with an update on the VRTC Facility Master Plan Strategy. This report is presented to the Commission for **INFORMATION**.

Facility Master Plan Strategy: BC Transit has completed the first phase of the 25-Year Operations and Maintenance Facilities Master Plan. The plan provides a strategic roadmap for future transit facility investment options that support a transition to battery electric buses and a future transit fleet of up to 600 buses. The plan includes short term recommendations for enhancements to both the Victoria and Langford Transit Centres and up to two new additional transit operating centres for future growth. The plan provides key inputs for future project business case(s) and funding application(s). Potential near term investments include the following items:

- Victoria Transit Centre (VTC) and Langford Transit Centre (LTC) maintenance modernization and enhancements that support near-term maintenance and operational service improvements (e.g. replacement of in-ground hoists) and those that support the implementation of battery electric bus including the approved 10 bus battery electric bus project at VTC (e.g. charging infrastructure and distribution system upgrades);
- Advance design and business case for a third Conventional Transit Operations and Maintenance Centre that supports a fully battery electric bus fleet; and
- Acquire lands for future facilities and or expansion to existing locations as required.

Individual projects are still subject to design and costing refinement, business case approvals and applicable funding applications.

The following steps will be taken to complete the Facility Master Plan Strategy:

- Update facility project costs to reflect recent cost escalation factors;
- Integrate Facility Master Plan recommendations into VRTC capital plan investment priorities through a VRTC Workshop;
- VRTC endorsement of the Facility Master Plan Strategy in June 2022 to enable advancement of strategic priority investments and associated funding applications and approvals;
- Continue to advance handyDART and the Conventional Transit Operation Centre projects; and
- Continue pre-project space functional planning for maintenance and operational teams.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Victoria Regional Transit Commission receive this report for **INFORMATION**.

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