



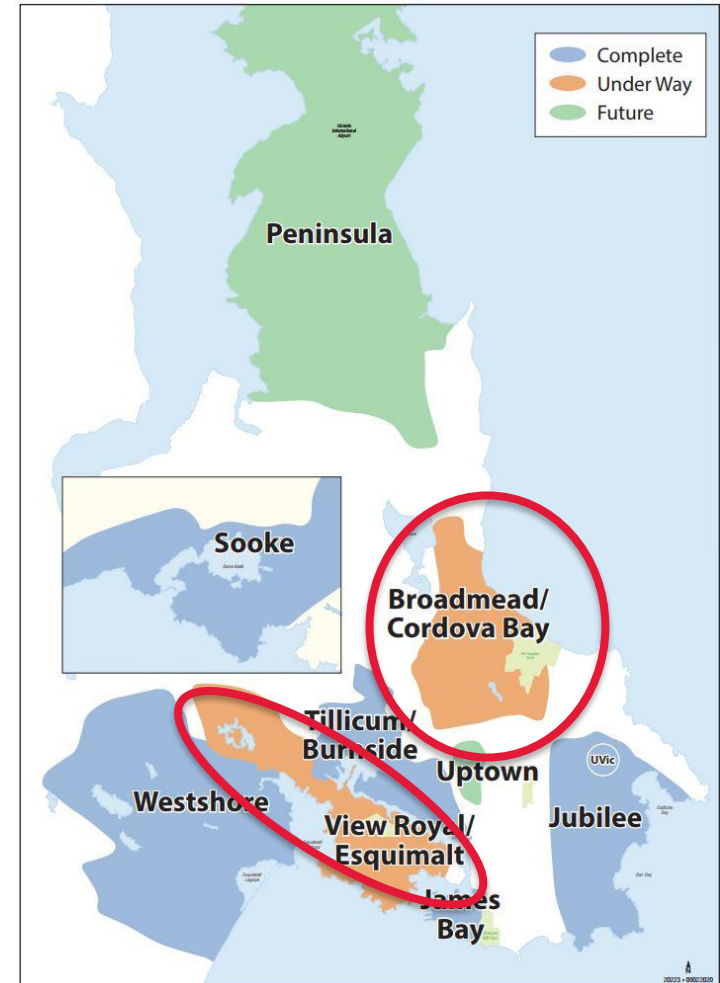
Victoria Regional Transit Commission Local Area Transit Plans Update

FEBRUARY 23, 2021



Local Area Transit Plans

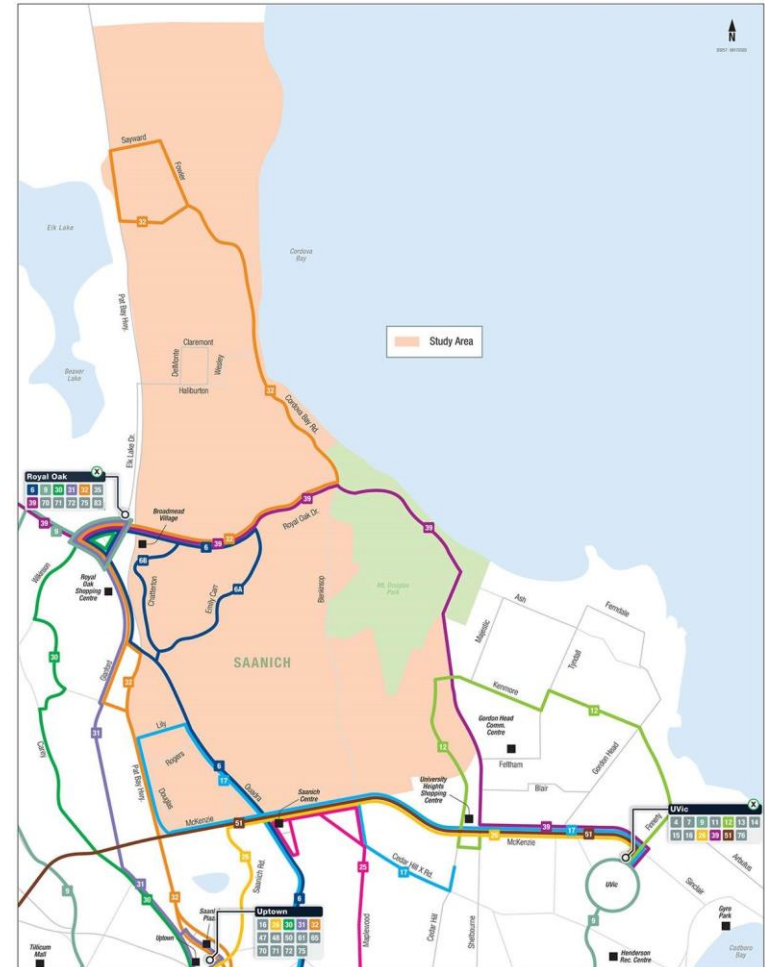
- Supports the implementation of the Transit Future Plan
- Defines service and infrastructure strategies and priorities
 - Expansion & Optimization
 - Identification of infrastructure needs
- Broadmead-Cordova Bay and Esquimalt-View Royal plans now complete
- Peninsula plan to start early 2021



Broadmead-Cordova Bay

Introduction and Background

- 2016 population: 26,180
- Continued population growth and land use changes provide an opportunity for transit investment and ridership growth
- Area currently served by Frequent, Local and Targeted routes, with higher/lower levels of service in certain areas.
- No transit service in the Blenkinsop Valley



Broadmead-Cordova Bay

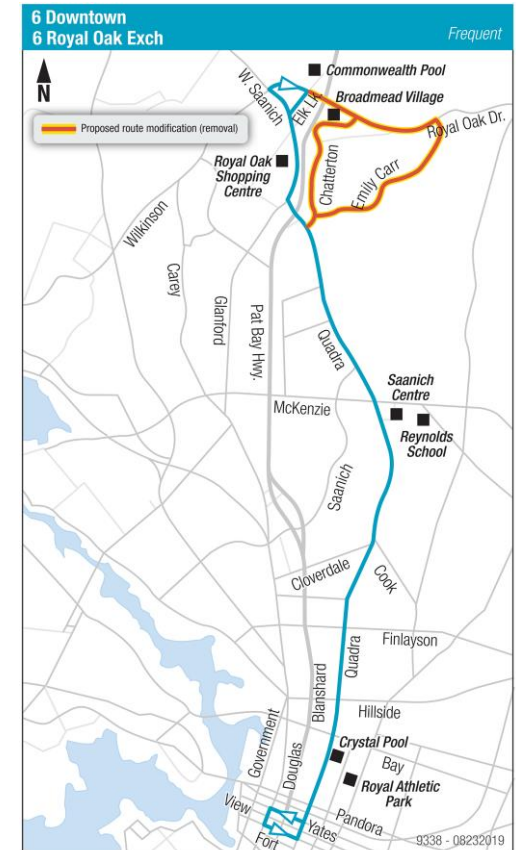
Public Engagement

- Phase 1: Four open houses, two workshops, online survey
 - Review of previously identified priorities for transit in the area
- Phase 2: Route design consultation, additional online survey, open houses
- Over 1,000 respondents across both phases
- Key themes:
 - Some concern about proposed modifications for Route 6
 - Strong support for introduction of service on Blenkinsop
 - Desire to see more frequent service and increased span on Routes 33, 34 and 35

Broadmead-Cordova Bay

Service Proposals

- **Route 6:** Optimize routing by removing 6A and 6B variants, increase service frequency
- **Route 25:** Extend service to Blenkinsop Road, Chatterton Way and Emily Carr Drive
- **Route 35:** Extend route to cover Greenlea Drive and Wilkinson Road, add weekend service
- **Route 34:** Implement new route, bring new service to Sea Ridge, Lochside and Santa Clara



Broadmead-Cordova Bay

Infrastructure Proposals

- **Blenkinsop bus stops:** Collaborate with the District of Saanich to determine appropriate locations for future bus stops on Blenkinsop
- **Royal Oak Exchange review:** Review capacity and functional requirements at Royal Oak Exchange, implement facility improvements as required
- **Route 34/35 operational constraints:** Collaborate with the District of Saanich to address operational constraints on roads currently served by transit, or identified for future transit service

Esquimalt-View Royal

Introduction and Background

- 2016 population: 30,055
- Plan area includes the Township of Esquimalt, Town of View Royal, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations
- Experiencing growth and intensification, especially along corridors in Esquimalt
- Nine existing transit routes, ridership accounting for ~30 per cent of system ridership



Esquimalt-View Royal

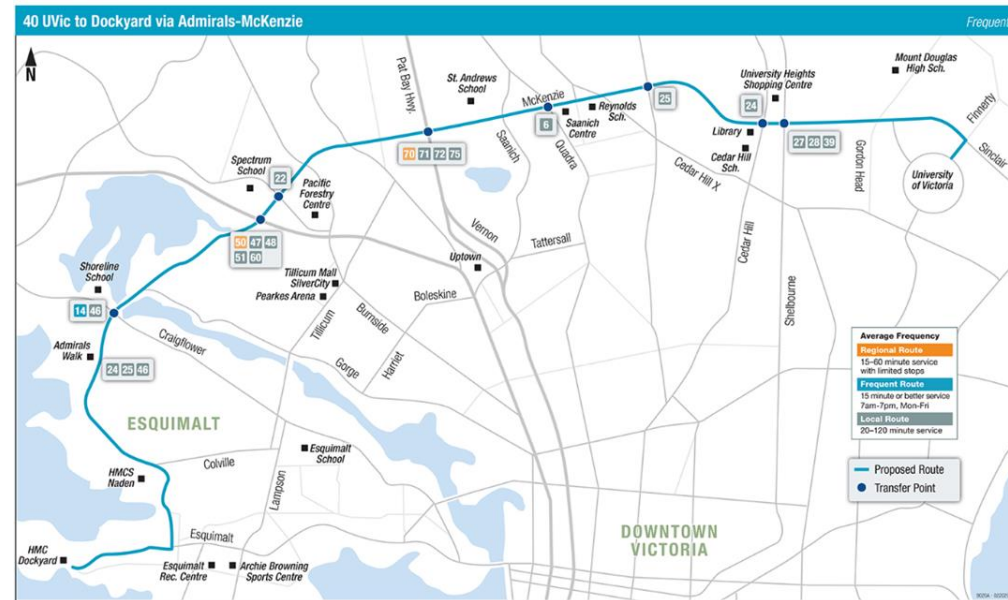
Public Engagement

- Phase 1: Three open houses, stakeholder workshop, online survey
 - Open-ended discussions about improvements to the transit network
- Phase 2: Feedback on service proposals, additional online survey, open houses
- Over 2,000 respondents across both phases
- Key themes:
 - Desire for direct service between destinations
 - More frequent service requested
 - Support for crosstown route development
 - High level of support for proposed changes overall

Esquimalt-View Royal Service Proposals

Short Term Priorities:

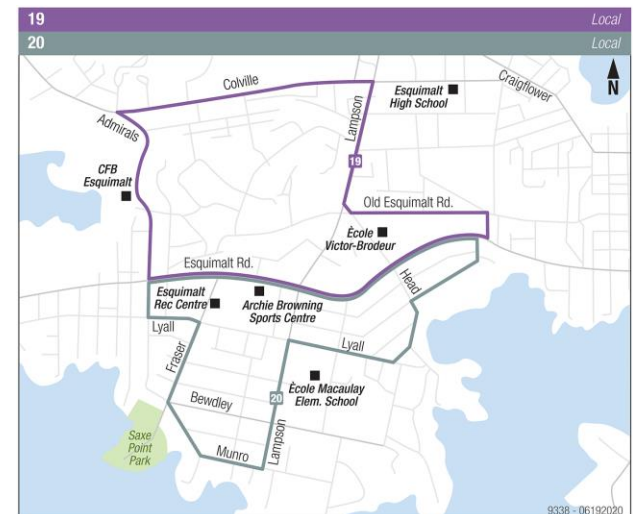
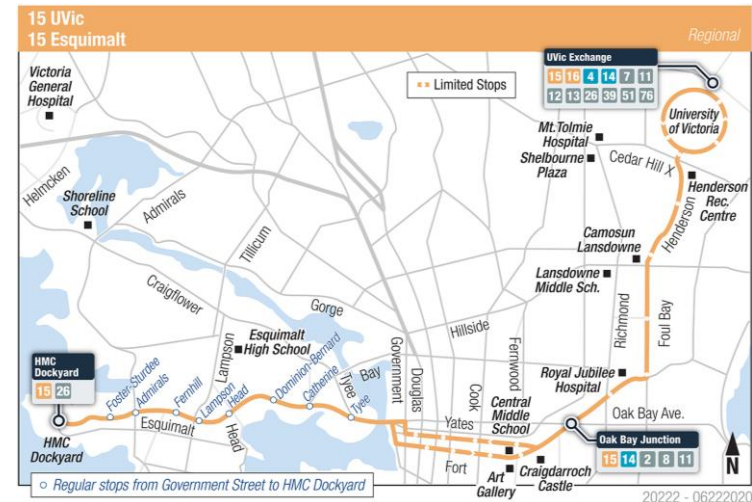
- **Route 40:** New route providing direct access to UVic from Esquimalt, additional service on McKenzie. Phased approach
- **Route 24:** Realign existing route, extend to Tillicum Mall
- **Route 53:** Realign existing route to improve access to Victoria General Hospital. Add commuter service downtown and year-round service to Thetis Lake



Esquimalt-View Royal Service Proposals

Medium/Long Term Priorities:

- **Route 10:** Extend service span to 10 PM on weekdays, one hour later on weekends
- **Route 46:** Introduce midday and weekend service
- **Route 15:** Implement RapidBus service, beginning with transitioning to a limited stop service (pending further planning and engagement)
- **Route 19/20:** Introduce new coverage routes for north and south Esquimalt, connecting to the Township's core



Esquimalt-View Royal

Infrastructure Proposals

- **Additional layover capacity:** Develop additional recovery capacity at Dockyard and within Esquimalt core
- **Six Mile park and ride:** Collaborate with the Town of View Royal and the Province to develop a park and ride near Island Highway/Six Mile
- **Island Highway transit priority:** Work with partners to support transit priority upgrades on Island Highway
- **RapidBus stations and transit priority measures:** Develop and implement RapidBus service on Route 15

Next steps

- Evaluate the priorities in these plans along with all other regional priorities in the upcoming Transit Expansion Prioritization process (TEPs)
- The outcome of this TEPs process will assist in forming future Three Year Service Expansion Requests and the Annual Service Plans.
- Further refine proposals as necessary, carrying out additional outreach as required