
SUBJECT: PLANNING UPDATE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Victoria Regional Transit Commission an update of transit planning activities for **INFORMATION**.

Service Update

- **Winter Service (Jan-Apr)** – Minor changes to the fall schedule will be implemented in January 2013.
- **Special events and construction projects** – These events and projects sometimes require detour routings and in some cases additional operating resources to deliver service and meet passenger demand.

Upcoming special events

- **Remembrance Day** – Detours only: Legislature, Esquimalt, Colwood and Sooke
- **Victoria Santa Parade** – Detours only
- **Sidney Santa Parade** – Detours only
- **Langford Christmas Fire Truck Parade** – Detours and possibly additional service to maintain scheduled service
- **Christmas Light Truck Parade** – Detours and possibly additional service to maintain scheduled service

Construction projects

- **Spencer Interchange** – Completion date is summer to fall 2013 and will require permanent bus route changes
- **Blue Bridge replacement** – exact construction dates unknown at this time

Planning Initiatives

- **Service Review** – BC Transit has analyzed route performance against the service performance guidelines approved by the Commission and has also begun to identify areas of the region that are not served or are underserved by existing transit services. Based on this information, cost neutral “Quick win” service concepts are being developed and will be presented to the Commission in January 2013 for review and approval.
- **Transit Priority Studies** – BC Transit has collected background data and held initial meetings with municipal staff in Colwood, Saanich, View Royal and Victoria to discuss the project, identify issues, and review existing plans and policies. Conceptual transit priority treatments options are now being developed for the Douglas, Island Hwy and McKenzie corridors. A second meeting with municipal staff

will be held in November to review the transit priority concepts. An update on the project will be provided to the Commission at the December meeting. BC Transit is continuing to work with MoTI to ensure the recommendations of the Ministries Hwy 1 and 17 corridor studies align with the BC Transit transit priority study.

- **Facilities Master Plan** - Progress to date on the facilities master plan has included on site review of the facilities, comprehensive staff interviews and information gathering on the existing conditions and forecasted vision for fleet growth and maintenance needs in Victoria in alignment with the Transit Future Plan. The next step in the process is the compilation of all the gathered information by the consultant into a first pass at determining three potential scenarios for facilities usage, growth and phased expansion approaches. These draft strategies are expected to be delivered to BC Transit for further analysis and discussion in December.
- **UVIC Campus Transit Plan** - BC Transit is working with UVic to identify options to increase bus terminal capacity for September 2013.

Infrastructure Projects

- **BC Transit Shelter Program** - BC Transit and the participating municipalities have approved plans to install 42 bus shelters in 2012/13 and 18 shelters in 2013/14 in the Victoria Regional Transit System. Work has begun on the installation of the 42 bus shelters scheduled for 2012/13 with a total of 15 transit shelters now completed in the Victoria Region. Further installations are expected in November and December to complete the scheduled installations for 2012/13.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Respectfully,



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