

## Community Liaison Committee Minutes of Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	<b>February 26, 2009</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	March 26, 2009
<b>Time:</b>	12pm to 2pm		12pm to 2pm
<b>Location:</b>	CRD Board Room – 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor		CRD Board Room – 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor
<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>Meeting #3: To discuss the rapid transit corridors identified, alignments to the West Shore, and preliminary evaluation criteria.</b>		

**Attendees:**

**Community Liaison Committee**

Allan Murphy, VIHA  
 Barb Desjardins, Esquimalt Community Rep  
 Dan Pollock, Uvic Graduate Students Society  
 Darin Guenette, Captain, DND  
 Darrell Wick, Saanich Community Rep  
 David Wilson, Central Saanich Community Rep  
 Doug Backhouse, Island Corridor Foundation  
 Doug Robinson, View Royal Community Rep  
 Emmet McCusker, View Royal Community Rep (Alternate)  
 Erik Kaye, Victoria Community Rep  
 Geoff Pearce, Citizens for Commuter Rail  
 Irwin Henderson, Island Transformations  
 Jim Hartshorn, Westshore Development Association  
 John Espley, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce  
 John Harris, Metchosin Community Rep  
 John Luton, Capital Bike and Walk Society  
 Ken Kelly, Downtown Victoria Business Association  
 Mir Ali, Turner Lane (Colwood Corners)  
 Mohan Kang, Taxi Association of Victoria  
 Neil Connelly, Uvic  
 Pat Danforth, Accessible Transportation Advisory Committee  
 Patrick O'Connor, Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition  
 Paul McDaniel, BC Ferries  
 Randy Northy, Association of Douglas Street Business  
 Sheila Brown, BC Ferries (Alternate)  
 Tracy Olsen, North Saanich Community Rep  
 Travis Lee, Urban Development Institute  
 Vageli Dadiotis, Royal Roads

**Regrets**

Brian Bonney, CFIB  
 Brian Tucknott, Colwood Community Rep  
 Dan Gunn, VIATECH  
 Edward Pullman, Uvic Student Society  
 Jim Carson, Carson Development Group  
 John Gaipman, Victoria School District  
 Kathryn Le Gros, Camosun  
 Mike Wicks, West Shore Chamber of Commerce  
 Terry Stewart, Victoria Airport Authority  
 Todd Litman, Victoria Transportation Institute

**Project Team**

Ashok Bhatti, MOT  
 David Leather, Pacific Liaison  
 Erinn Cousins, BC Transit  
 Graeme Masterton, BC Transit  
 Robert Lapham, CRD  
 Santino Pirillo, McElhanney

**Attachments:**

None

**Distribution (For Information)**

Mayor Chris Causton, Oak Bay  
 Mayor Janet Evans, Sooke  
 Mayor Don Amos, Sidney  
 Ron Drolet, BC Transit  
 Henry Wakabayashi, Pacific Liaison  
 Manuel Achadinha, BC Transit

	Description	Action Items
1.0	<p><b>Call to Order</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geoff Pearce called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.</li> </ul>	
2.0	<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda approved: John moved the motion, Barb Desjardins seconded the motion.</li> </ul>	
3.0	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to adopt minutes as circulated passed: John moved the motion Erik Kaye seconded the motion.</li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><b>Update on origin/destination information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Santino Pirillo provided an update to the previous presentation of traffic data provided on Feb 26,09 that included population and demographics, origin/destination, traffic volume trends, and employment densities in the Victoria Region.</li> <li>Updates included addition of data to include First Nations and 2006 journey to work trips from Stats Canada.</li> </ul> <p>Comments from the committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns were raised regarding the data representing travelers to and from the University of Victoria as it straddles the border of Saanich and Oak Bay. As a result the committee requested that UVic and DND be studied as their own centre.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Santino Pirillo to make an assessment of traffic movements for DND and Uvic, if feasible</b></p>
5.0	<p><b>Option Development &amp; Evaluation Flow Chart</b></p> <p>David Leather presented a flow chart which illustrated the stages for option development. David provided a definition to provide clarity around the words used in the flow chart, with a corridor being the broad movement of people between locations and alignments being the various ways to move people through the corridor.</p> <p>Comments from the committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different technology are more appealing that others and can the model differentiate potential differences in ridership projections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The model has a demand coefficient that can be used to run different scenarios for technologies and alignments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6.0	<p><b>Regional Transit Corridors</b></p> <p>David Leather presented the first draft of the regional transit corridors. These corridors are based on the major people movements that were identified as part of the background research.</p> <p>Comments from the committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The regional corridors should show a linkage to Colwood</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action: Regional Transit Corridor map to be updated to reflect a linkage and</b></p>



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	<p>appropriate right of way to allow all rapid transit modes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recommendation that a new criteria be added that ensures that the corridor can be flexible enough to accommodate all potential rapid transit technologies</li> <li>▪ Should the evaluation criteria include more under the environmental section around carbon footprint, GHG emissions etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A detailed environmental review will be conducted as part of the detailed evaluation criteria.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Should the evaluation criteria include something about capacity – number of trips per house/ number of people per hour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Capacity will be evaluated at the next stage as part of the detailed evaluation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ What are the next steps for this part of the process? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The project team will be meeting with the Planners and Engineers to review the alignments and evaluation criteria. The team will assess all of the alignments and bring the complete ranking back to the committee for discussion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
9.0	<p><b>Report from Study Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ashok Bhatti provided the “Statement of Intent” for the E&amp;N Rail study being conducted by MOT.</li> </ul> <p>Comments from the committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hasn’t this study already been done in the past? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All of the information from past studies will be used and referenced as part of this study. MOT has a requirement to conduct this analysis to ensure that all information is still relevant and accurate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Is experience from West Coast Express helpful for this study? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes, the best practices from West Coast Express will be under consideration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Is your analysis leading to a multiple account evaluation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes, under the terminology of a business plan.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Rail infrastructure is inherently inaccessible. Is the concept of universal design going to be met? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Any new infrastructure will be fully accessible. Further review is still required to determine the upgrades that could be made to the existing infrastructure.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7.1	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting was adjourned at 1:53pm</li> </ul>	