



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ELECTRONICALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
MINISTERIAL ORDER M192 AND TRANSMITTED VIA  
THE BOARDROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
OFFICES AT 1975 FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, B.C

Thursday, April 15, 2021  
AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER**            3:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

### PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2. Robin Merriott, Sunshine Coast Federation of Community Associations            Verbal  
    Regarding Sunshine Coast Highway and Bypass

### MINUTES

3. Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of            Annex A  
    January 21, 2021 – *for receipt only*            pp 1 - 4

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### REPORTS

4. BC Ferries Route 3 Traffic Statistics            Annex B  
    Diana Mumford, Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee            pp 5 - 6
5. Highway 101 Corridor Review – Next Steps            Annex C  
    Alun Woolliams, Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast            pp 7
6. Excerpt of transportation-related items from Q1 - Quarterly Report presented at            Annex D  
    the April 8, 2021 Infrastructure Service Committee meeting            pp 8 - 9  
    Manager, Transit and Fleet

### COMMUNICATIONS

7. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure dated January 28, 2021,            Annex E  
    Regarding Pilot car requirement changes            pp 10 - 12
8. Robin Merriott, Sunshine Coast Highway Society dated January 29, 2021            Annex F  
    Regarding Construction of a new highway on the Sunshine Coast            pp 13

### NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

### ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT MEETING**            July 15, 2021 at 3:30 pm

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 21, 2021**

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT:**

|                  |  |                  |
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| (Voting Members) | Director, Electoral Area E, Chair                | Donna McMahon    |
|                  | Director, Electoral Area B                       | Lori Pratt       |
|                  | Director, Electoral Area F                       | Mark Hiltz       |
|                  | Director, Electoral Area D                       | Andreas Tize     |
|                  | Director, District of Sechelt                    | Darnelda Siegers |
|                  | Director, District of Sechelt                    | Alton Toth       |
|                  | Director, Town of Gibsons                        | David Croal      |
|                  | Transportation Choices (TraC)                    | Alun Woolliams   |
|                  | Trustee, School District No. 46                  | Sue Girard       |
|                  | BC Ferries                                       | Robert Edwards   |
|                  | Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure    | Colin Midgley    |
|                  | Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee | Diana Mumford    |
|                  | Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure    | Michael Braun    |

**ALSO PRESENT:**

|              |  |                  |
|--------------|--|------------------|
| (Non-Voting) | Chief Administrative Officer             | Dean McKinley    |
|              | GM, Infrastructure Services              | Remko Rosenboom  |
|              | GM, Planning and Community Development   | Ian Hall         |
|              | Manager, Transit and Fleet               | James Walton     |
|              | RCMP Staff Sergeant                      | Poppy Hallam     |
|              | MLA, Constituency Office                 | Kim Tournat      |
|              | Capilano Highways                        | Eric Paris       |
|              | ICBC                                     | Louisa Mendonca  |
|              | Treasurer, School District No. 46        | Nicholas Weswick |
|              | SCRD Administrative Assistant / Recorder | Tracy Ohlson     |
|              | Public                                   | 3                |
|              | Media                                    | 2                |

**CALL TO ORDER** 3:36 p.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was adopted as presented.

**PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

*Ken Curry, Parsons Corporation on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure addressed the Committee regarding the Highway 101 Corridor Review.*

Discussion included the following:

- Objectives of Corridor Study;

- Priority of improvements for vehicle traffic and active transportation improvements added;
- Pedestrian Safety not addressed;
- Highway condition completed outside the Corridor Study – conditional assessment done locally with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and Capilano Highways;
- Active transportation concerns;
- Davis Bay corridor flooding concerns and impact on Chapman bridge connecting north and south Sunshine Coast;
- Possible timeline adjustments for improvements to Highway 101;
- Active Transportation Grant Funding and Stimulus Program funding;
- Passing lane concerns;
- Reed Road safety concerns;
- Lighting issues along Highway 101.

## MINUTES

**Recommendation No. 1**      *Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2020*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 15, 2020 be received.

## REPORTS

**Recommendation No. 2**      *Referral from November 19, 2020 Infrastructure Services Committee - Terms of Reference Sunshine Coast Transit Future Action Plan*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled Terms of Reference Sunshine Coast Transit Future Action Plan be received.

**Recommendation No. 3**      *BC Ferries Route 3 Traffic Statistics and Report*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled BC Ferries Route 3 Traffic Statistics and Report be received.

*Discussion included the following points:*

- *BC Ferries website.*

**Recommendation No. 4**      *Excerpt of Transportation-Related Items from Q4 - Quarterly Report*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled Excerpt of Transportation-Related Items from Q4 – Quarterly Report presented at the January 14, 2021 Infrastructure Service Committee meeting be received.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### **Recommendation No. 5**    *Correspondence from Sunshine Coast Highway Society*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that correspondence from the Sunshine Coast Highway Society dated January 5, 2021 regarding support for a new highway on the Sunshine Coast be received;

AND THAT the letter from the Sunshine Coast Highway Society dated January 5, 2021 requesting a letter of support for a new highway on the Sunshine Coast be forwarded to the SCRD Board for consideration.

### **Recommendation No. 6**    *Correspondence from Cedar Grove Parent Advisory Council*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that correspondence from Cedar Grove Parent Advisory Council dated January 12, 2021 regarding school zone safety concerns be received.

*Discussion included the following points:*

- Speed bumps on Chaster Road in front of Cedar Grove.

### **Recommendation No. 7**    *Correspondence from School District No. 46 District Parent Advisory Council*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that correspondence from School District No. 46 District Parent Advisory Council dated January 13, 2021 regarding support for local infrastructure improvements be received.

*Discussion included the following points:*

- Funding available to Regional Districts;
- Possible ICBC education programs for speeding in school zones;
- Memorandum of Understanding formalized the process by which local government can request to licence an area in MOTI Right of Way for active transportation;
- Active Transportation design guidelines.

## ROUNDTABLE

Committee members provided roundtable updates as follows:

Director Pratt (Halfmoon Bay) – meeting has been set up with SCRD rural Directors and MOTI.

Director Siegers (District of Sechelt) – Mentioned the flooding issues in Davis Bay, that the District of Sechelt has a new engineer. She also shared that a grant application for an active transportation route from Sunshine Coast Highway to Mason Road to Ripple Way and back to Sunshine Coast Highway has recently been submitted by the District of Sechelt.

Alun Woolliams (TRAC) – Noted that he had a meeting with Director McMahon and a community group to discuss active transportation and that a report has been developed. He also noted that the District of Sechelt has submitted a grant application for a mapping function for Sunshine Coast trails.

Director McMahon – Noted she connected with her community recently to identify high value, low cost opportunities for active transportation to enable better connectivity in their area.

Colin Midgely (MOTI) – Noted his recent focus has been on the Bypass repairs as well as winter road maintenance.

Eric Paris (Capilano Highways) – Noted Capilano Highways public number for community concerns 1-800-665-3135 and requested that it be shared widely.

Louisa Mendonca (ICBC) – new Road Safety Coordinator, please contact her with any education program or road safety needs. She also mentioned that she has road safety campaign calendar available.

Director Hiltz (West Howe Sound) – Thank you to MOTI and Capilano Highways for their quick repairs to the Bypass and the extra road maintenance and sweeping.

Michael Braun (MOTI) – Thanked Tyler Lambert and Colin Midgely for their hard work and long hours they put in to get the Bypass repairs completed.

**ADJOURNMENT**                      5:19 p.m.

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Committee Chair

**ROUTE #3**

Horseshoe Bay  
↔ Langdale

**BC FERRIES TRAFFIC STATISTICS - 2020**

<https://www.bcferries.com/in-the-community/resources>

**ANNEX B**

| Month     | Vehicles           |                     |                    |                  |                   |                    |                     | Passengers         |                     |                    |                  |                   |                    |                     |
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| January   | 70,461             | 77,701              | -9.32%             | 1,018,146        | 61,037,425        | -1.86%             | 1,195,220           | 149,202            | 165,977             | -10.11%            | 2,343,740        | 2,387,863         | -1.85%             | 2,728,376           |
| February  | 77,141             | 66,212              | 16.51%             | 1,095,287        | 1,103,637         | -0.76%             | 1,195,220           | 164,328            | 139,488             | 17.81%             | 2,508,068        | 2,527,351         | -0.76%             | 2,728,376           |
| March     | 64,245             | 91,563              | -29.84%            | 1,159,532        | 1,195,200         | -2.98%             | 1,195,220           | 123,034            | 201,025             | -38.80%            | 2,631,102        | 2,728,376         | -3.57%             | 2,728,376           |
| April     | 38,407             | 94,023              | -59.15%            | 38,407           | 94,023            | -59.15%            | 1,159,532           | 59,284             | 205,845             | -71.20%            | 59,284           | 205,845           | -71.20%            | 2,631,102           |
| May       | 61,890             | 105,496             | -41.33%            | 100,297          | 199,519           | -49.73%            | 1,159,532           | 108,037            | 239,859             | -54.96%            | 167,321          | 445,704           | -62.46%            | 2,631,102           |
| June      | 84,999             | 107,006             | -20.57%            | 185,296          | 306,525           | -39.55%            | 1,159,532           | 165,471            | 252,955             | -34.58%            | 332,792          | 698,659           | -52.37%            | 2,631,102           |
| July      | 109,116            | 127,173             | -14.20%            | 294,412          | 433,698           | -32.12%            | 1,159,532           | 242,364            | 319,459             | -24.13%            | 575,156          | 1,018,118         | -43.51%            | 2,631,102           |
| August    | 116,405            | 137,346             | -15.25%            | 410,817          | 571,044           | -28.06%            | 1,159,532           | 269,459            | 353,821             | -23.84%            | 844,615          | 1,371,939         | -38.44%            | 2,631,102           |
| September | 98,646             | 104,545             | -5.64%             | 509,463          | 675,589           | -24.59%            | 1,159,532           | 200,685            | 230,952             | -13.11%            | 1,045,300        | 1,602,891         | -34.79%            | 2,631,102           |
| October   | 90,279             | 95,568              | -5.53%             | 599,742          | 771,157           | -22.23%            | 1,159,532           | 172,399            | 207,239             | 16.81%             | 1,217,699        | 1,810,130         | -32.73%            | 2,631,102           |
| November  | 64,985             | 86,019              | -24.45%            | 664,727          | 857,176           | -22.45%            | 1,159,532           | 113,447            | 181,154             | -37.38%            | 1,331,146        | 1,991,284         | -33.15%            | 2,631,102           |
| December  | 61,478             | 90,509              | -32.08%            | 726,205          | 947,685           | -23.37%            | 1,159,532           | 106,830            | 203,254             | -47.44%            | 1,437,976        | 2,194,538         | -34.47%            | 2,631,102           |



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| January   | 498,446  | 555,851   | -10.33% | 7,764,713 | 7,728,563 | 0.47%   | 8,886,499 | 1,126,101  | 1,261,030 | -10.70% | 19,431,745 | 19,528,134 | -0.49%  | 22,286,723 |
| February  | 560,873  | 475,919   | 17.85%  | 8,325,586 | 8,204,482 | 1.48%   | 8,886,499 | 1,285,924  | 1,111,788 | 15.66%  | 20,717,669 | 20,639,922 | 0.38%   | 22,286,723 |
| March     | 475,313  | 682,017   | -30.31% | 8,800,899 | 8,886,499 | -0.96%  | 8,886,499 | 959,671    | 1,646,801 | -41.73% | 21,677,340 | 22,286,723 | -2.73%  | 22,286,723 |
| April     | 261,141  | 710,414   | -63.24% | 261,141   | 710,414   | -63.24% | 8,800,899 | 396,688    | 1,685,728 | -76.47% | 396,688    | 1,685,728  | -76.47% | 21,677,340 |
| May       | 404,921  | 805,979   | -49.76% | 666,062   | 1,516,393 | -56.08% | 8,800,899 | 693,196    | 1,987,621 | -65.12% | 1,089,884  | 3,673,349  | -70.33% | 21,677,340 |
| June      | 592,558  | 843,883   | -29.78% | 1,258,620 | 2,360,276 | -46.67% | 8,800,899 | 1,152,199  | 2,155,560 | -46.55% | 2,242,083  | 5,828,909  | -61.54% | 21,677,340 |
| July      | 823,178  | 1,011,464 | -18.62% | 2,081,798 | 3,371,740 | -38.26% | 8,800,899 | 1,817,543  | 2,759,205 | -34.13% | 4,059,626  | 8,588,114  | -52.73% | 21,677,340 |
| August    | 919,231  | 1,077,787 | -14.71% | 3,001,029 | 4,449,527 | -32.55% | 8,800,899 | 2,127,162  | 2,997,164 | -29.03% | 6,186,788  | 11,585,278 | -46.60% | 21,677,340 |
| September | 50,629   | 810,524   | -7.39%  | 3,751,658 | 5,260,051 | -28.68% | 8,880,899 | 1,537,433  | 1,961,799 | -21.63% | 7,724,221  | 13,547,077 | -42.98% | 21,677,340 |
| October   | 63,562   | 718,321   | -7.62%  | 4,415,220 | 5,978,372 | -26.15% | 8,800,899 | 1,295,108  | 1,712,221 | -24.36% | 9,019,329  | 15,259,298 | -40.89% | 21,677,340 |
| November  | 469,830  | 628,955   | -25.30% | 4,885,050 | 6,607,327 | -26.07% | 8,800,899 | 839,783    | 1,449,696 | -42.07% | 9,859,112  | 16,708,994 | -41.00% | 21,677,340 |
| December  | 426,149  | 658,940   | -35.33% | 5,311,199 | 7,266,267 | -26.91% | 8,800,899 | 741,456    | 1,596,650 | -53.56% | 10,600,568 | 18,305,644 | -42.09% | 21,677,340 |

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| February  | 62,559             | 77,141              | -18.90%            | 848,056          | 1,095,287         | -22.57%            | 1,159,532           | 107,822            | 164,328             | -34.39%            | 1,646,965        | 2,508,068         | -34.33%            | 2,728,376           |
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| January   | 410,034            | 498,446             | -17.74%            | 5,721,233        | 7,764,713         | -26.32%            | 8,800,899           | 712,077            | 1,126,101           | -36.77%            | 11,312,645       | 19,431,745        | -41.78%            | 21,677,340          |
| February  | 412,132            | 560,873             | -26.52%            | 6,133,365        | 8,325,586         | -26.33%            | 8,800,899           | 722,867            | 1,285,924           | -43.79%            | 12,035,512       | 20,717,669        | -41.91%            | 21,677,340          |
| March     |                    |                     |                    |                  |                   |                    | 8,800,899           |                    |                     |                    |                  |                   |                    | 21,677,340          |
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## TraC Agenda Items for April 15 2021

### Highway 101 Corridor Review - Next Steps

The **Highway 101 Corridor Review** is the current MOTI planning document related to transportation infrastructure improvements on the lower Sunshine Coast.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/reports-and-reference/reports-and-studies/vancouver-island-south-coast/2020-09-highway-101-gibsons-sechelt-corridor-study.pdf>

TraC would like to understand what the points of engagement will be for the local governments and other stakeholders, including the public, in relation to the implementation of this plan in the short and long term.

The recommendations section of the review states that “Where appropriate, it is recommended that active transportation infrastructure is included in the construction of the improvements.” We wholeheartedly agree but would like more detail.

Transportation updates are slow to come to the Sunshine Coast and we believe the SCR, DOS, TOG and others stakeholders have an important role to play in ensuring that the best options are chosen.



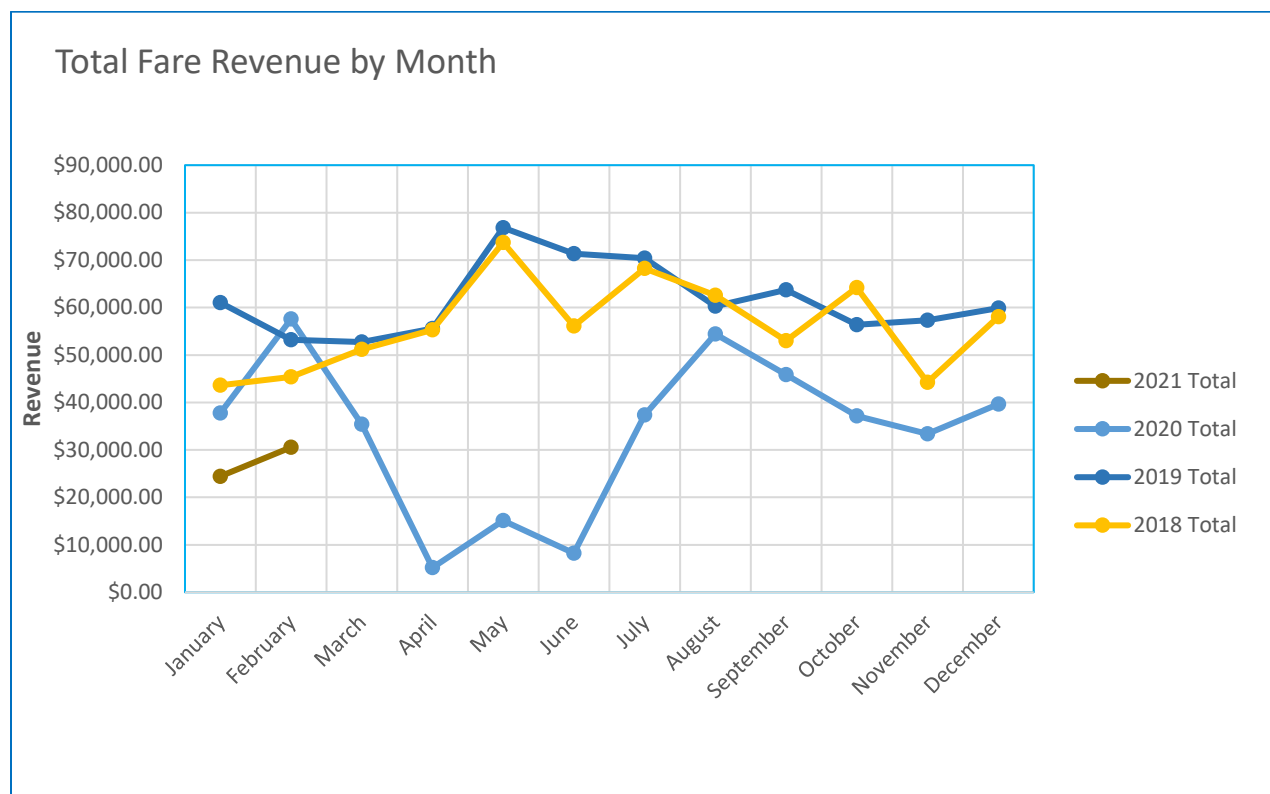
**Transit and Fleet Maintenance [310, 312]**

In contrast to most BC Transit systems, the SCRД functions as both the Local Government partner and the service contractor in relationship with BC Transit. This provides a clearer picture of costs than would otherwise be the case.

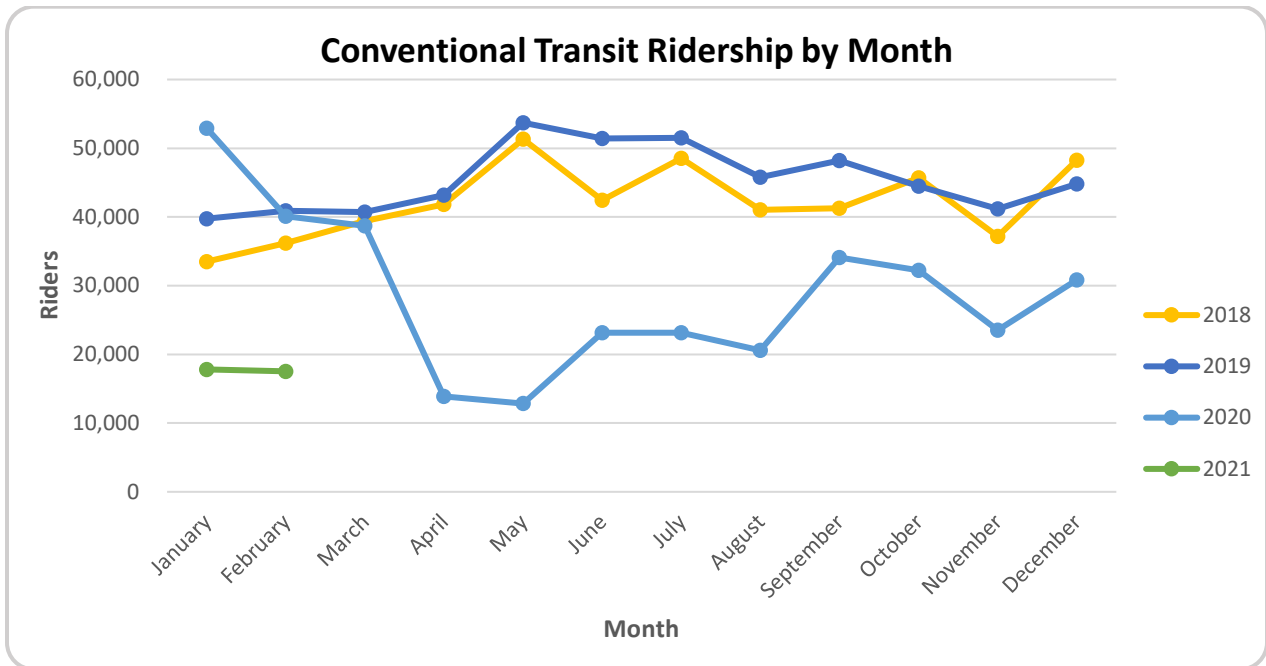
**Transit**

Transit operated at 80% of the regular scheduled winter hours due to COVID19. Mandatory face coverings implemented on August 24, 2020 continue to provide a safer environment for drivers and riders and all buses continued to be disinfected daily as per Provincial Health Authority requirements. The average monthly ridership for Conventional buses throughout the winter was 22,000 trips which represents a 51.9% decrease of average monthly riders from the winter of 2019-2020.

Revenue has decreased 39% from the same reporting period in 2019-2020. The actual monthly revenue might differ slightly to what is presented in this graph due an increased irregularity in the timing of registration of cash revenue.



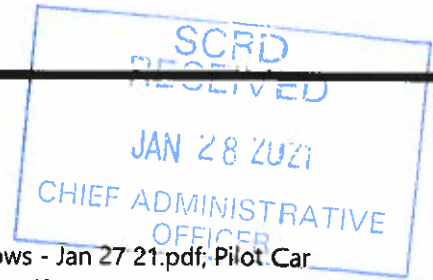
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**Tracey Hincks**

**From:** Cecilia Garcia  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:53 PM  
**To:** Tracey Hincks  
**Subject:** FW: Pilot Car Requirement Changes for Information  
**Attachments:** Info Package - Pilot Car Requirements and Travel Time Windows - Jan 27 21.pdf; Pilot Car Requirements and Travel Time Windows Summary - Jan 27 21.pdf



**From:** Commercial Transport TRAN:EX [mailto:Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 28, 2021 12:39 PM  
**Subject:** Pilot Car Requirement Changes for Information

**External Message**

Hi All,

The attached documents about upcoming changes to pilot car requirements on provincial highways are provided for your information.

If you have any comments or questions, please address them to us at [Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Nicole Hilborne

Policy Advisor, Commercial Transport | Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Phone: (250) 953-4017 | Fax: (250) 952-0578

[www.cvse.ca](http://www.cvse.ca) or [www.cvse.ca/mobile](http://www.cvse.ca/mobile)

[www.onlinepermitsbc.ca](http://www.onlinepermitsbc.ca)

DriveBC Height Clearance Tool: <http://drivebc.ca/cvrp/>

Height and Width Restriction Update Suggestions: [onRouteBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:onRouteBC@gov.bc.ca)

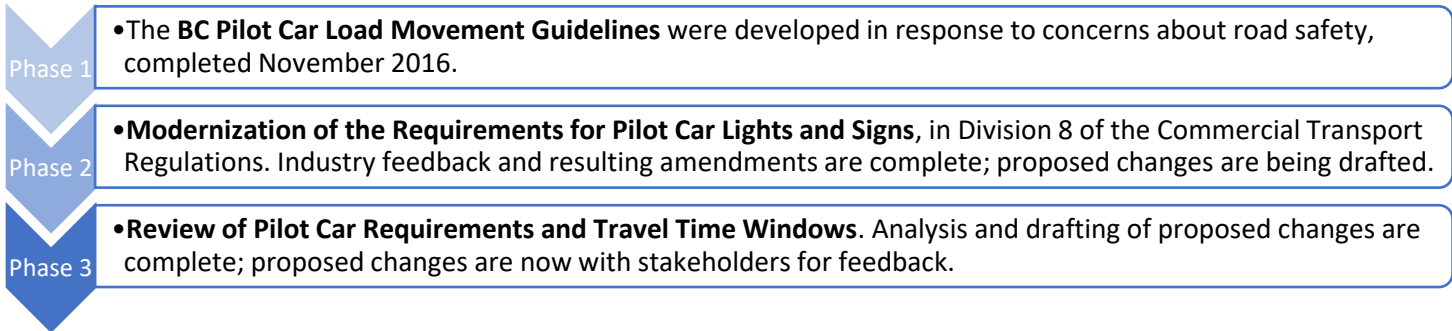
Extraordinary Load Approvals: [extraordloads.dc@gov.bc.ca](mailto:extraordloads.dc@gov.bc.ca)

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## Changes to Pilot Car Requirements and Travel Time Windows in BC

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (the 'ministry') has been working to modernize pilot car requirements with the goals of increasing safety on British Columbia (B.C.) roads and supporting the economy.

This work has been done through three phases and Phase 3 is underway:



The ministry sought a method to build on the work that had been done in Phase 1 when establishing the Pilot Car Load Movement Guidelines, in order to establish pilot car requirements that are based on risk assessment.

The proposed new pilot car requirements are based on analysis developed by consulting engineers that considered factors including the type of risk (severity), amount of risk (exposure) and numbers of risks (frequency). The analysis looked at how oversized commercial vehicles/loads fit in their lanes and at what dimensions they may encroach into other lanes, creating increased risk for other road users and infrastructure.

**Proposed changes include:**

### Removal of different requirements for daytime and darkness:

- Move away from requirements that are different in daytime and darkness, because it was found that the visibility benefits of day travel for oversized/overweight loads are balanced by the increased impact of the flashing and clearance lights at night. Instead, the new model reflects the differences between travel on two-lane highways vs multi-lane highways.

### Reduced requirements for specific loads:

- For loads that are long and not very wide, pilot car requirements could be slightly relaxed (more on multi-lane highways than on two-lane highways), and the draft changes reflect that. The changes are conservative and will be moved forward cautiously.

### Expanded travel windows:

- In B.C., very large loads have historically been allowed to move only at night. Engineering analysis did not support moving to daytime travel for larger loads (as is done in Alberta and some other jurisdictions), primarily because of the volume of traffic on B.C.'s road network. However, there is consideration to slightly expand the night-time hours for travel on provincial highways to allow those loads to move more smoothly across the province.

Input about the changes will be accepted until Midnight, February 28, 2021. For more information, or to provide input, please contact [Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Commercial.Transport@gov.bc.ca)

Following receipt of feedback, any changes to Pilot Car Requirements and Travel Time Windows will be made in a way that provides time to plan and prepare for implementation.

## Pilot Car Requirements and Travel Time Windows: Summary of Changes October 2020

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has undertaken a review of pilot car requirements and travel time windows. Highway classification, design guidelines, traffic volumes, vehicle configurations, and safety were factors the engineering consultant considered in developing a process/analysis for the review. Policy revisions cover dimensions. Bridge crossing conditions may result in additional restrictions.

### Summary of Changes:

- More length will be approved for regular permitting without custom analysis. On the [CVSE 1000](#) permit attachment form:
  - an increase to 27.5 m overall length for Category A (from 25 m);
  - an increase to 36 m overall length for Category B (from 32 m);
  - an increase to 46 m overall length for Category C (from 40 m).
- Some evening and weekend restrictions for loads between 3.2 and 4.4 m wide will be removed, except in the Lower Mainland.
- Although loads over 4.4 m wide will still mostly be restricted to travel at night, we will slightly increase the travel windows for those loads on weeknights, especially in Northern BC, and begin allowing them to move between midnight and 5 am on weekends where feasible.
- The current pilot car requirements in BC differ between night and day. The new pilot car requirements will use a multi-lane vs two-lane approach:

|        |            | Multi-lane |           |           |           |
|--------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|        |            | OAW        |           |           |           |
| Length |            | up to 2.6  | up to 3.2 | up to 3.8 | up to 4.4 |
|        | up to 27.5 | 0          | 0         | 0         | 1         |
|        | up to 31   | 0          | 0         | 0         | 2         |
|        | up to 36   | 0          | 1         | 1         | 2         |
|        | up to 40   | 0          | 1         | 1         | 2         |
|        | up to 46   | 1          | 1         | 1         | 3         |

|        |            | 2-Lane    |           |           |           |
|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|        |            | OAW       |           |           |           |
| Length |            | up to 2.6 | up to 3.2 | up to 3.8 | up to 4.4 |
|        | up to 27.5 | 0         | 0         | 1         | 2         |
|        | up to 31   | 0         | 1         | 1         | 2         |
|        | up to 36   | 1         | 1         | 2         | 2         |
|        | up to 40   | 1         | 1         | 2         | 2         |
|        | up to 46   | 1         | 1         | 2         | 3         |

- Some locations in the province will require additional pilot cars for length besides what is shown in the above tables.
- The current option for loads 3.2 to 3.5 m wide to operate lights on the power unit instead of a pilot car during the day will be grand-fathered in.

**Sunshine Coast Highway Society**  
*Southern Sunshine Coast, BC*

January 29, 2021 – BY EMAIL

Hon. Rob Fleming  
 Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Minister



Our Society is dedicated to the construction of a new innovative state of the art highway, from the Langdale Ferry Terminal to Sechelt and beyond.

The need for such a highway is unquestioned and decades overdue. Plans for such were first conceived in the early 1980s and shortly thereafter an initial segment was built. Since then, the Sunshine Coast has grown dramatically and the demands on our current road (nicknamed "Goat Trail 101" by many, including some of our local politicians) now far exceed the capacity of the road resulting in safety, environmental and quality of life concerns. (In many sections, the narrow two lane road is bordered by private steep driveway accesses making it impossible to widen the road, add bike lanes, pedestrian access, etc.)

The community support for a new highway was highlighted by the petition with over 6,400 signatures that the Hon. Nicholas Simons presented to the BC Legislature in March 2019. As well, we have the ongoing support of local governments and numerous other community organizations.

Over the past many years, your Ministry has undertaken numerous studies and completed minor modifications in an effort to improve the Goat Trail. The results have not been favourable with accidents and fatalities increasing every year. Simply put, it is not possible to improve the existing road to accommodate the requirements of the community. For example, the narrow bridge over Chapman Creek is the only access point. If an accident or natural disaster was to block this bridge emergency services and residents from Wilson Creek to Langdale would be unable to access the Sechelt Hospital.

We respectfully suggest that now is the ideal time for real action. The potential to build a highway using the latest in innovative solutions offers a unique opportunity to demonstrate how future highways can be built sustainably and in a way that promotes the active transportation agenda of your ministry.

We look forward to working with your Ministry on this important project.

Yours sincerely

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