



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 21, 2021
Via Zoom, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2. Gabriel Lord, Ken Curry and Vince Ong, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Regarding Highway 101 Corridor Review To Follow

MINUTES

3. Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2020 - *receipt* Annex A
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS

4. Referral from November 19, 2020 Infrastructure Services Committee - Terms of Reference Sunshine Coast Transit Future Action Plan
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5. BC Ferries Route 2 Traffic Statistics and Report
Diana Mumford, Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee Annex C
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6. Excerpt of transportation-related items from Q4 - Quarterly Report presented at the January 14, 2021 Infrastructure Service Committee meeting
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COMMUNICATIONS

7. Robin Merriott, Sunshine Coast Highway Society dated January 5, 2021 Annex E
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Regarding support for new highway on the Sunshine Coast
8. Tamara Hedden, Cedar Grove Elementary Parent Advisory Council dated January 12, 2021 Annex F
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Regarding Cedar Grove Elementary school zone concerns

9. Miyuki Shinkai, School District No. 46 District Parent Advisory Council dated January 13, 2021

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Regarding support for local infrastructure improvements

NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING April 15, 2021 at 3:30 pm

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 15, 2020**

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM

PRESENT:

(Voting Members)	Director, Electoral Area E, Chair	Donna McMahon
	Director, Electoral Area A, Vice-Chair	Leonard Lee
	Director, Electoral Area B	Lori Pratt
	Director, Electoral Area F	Mark Hiltz
	Director, District of Sechelt	Darnelda Siegers
	Director, District of Sechelt	Matt McLean
	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

ALSO PRESENT:

(Non-Voting)	Chief Administrative Officer	Dean McKinley
	GM, Infrastructure Services	Remko Rosenboom
	Manager, Transit and Fleet	James Walton
	RCMP Staff Sergeant	Poppy Hallam
	SCRD Administrative Assistant / Recorder	Tracy Ohlson
	Public	1
	Media	1

CALL TO ORDER 3:01 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 16, 2020 be received.

REPORTS

Recommendation No. 2 *Transit Schedule Options for Winter and Spring 2021*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled Transit Schedule Options for Winter and Spring 2021 be received.

Recommendation No. 3 *Excerpt of Transportation-Related Items from Q3 - Quarterly Report*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled Excerpt of Transportation-Related Items from Q3 – Quarterly Report presented at the October 15, 2020 Infrastructure Service Committee meeting be received.

Recommendation No. 4 *BC Ferries Safe Restart Funding*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled BC Ferries Safe Restart Funding be received.

Discussion included the following points:

- *Funding delays due to election;*
- *Concern about use of capital funds for operational purposes; and*
- *Levels of vehicle and foot traffic on ferries.*

Recommendation No. 5 *BC Ferries Traffic Statistics 2020 and Media Releases*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the BC Ferries Traffic Statistics 2020 and Media Releases be received.

Discussion included the following points:

- *New BC Ferries website; and*
- *Route 3 exempt from requirement to leave vehicle deck during travel.*

Recommendation No. 6 *Active Transportation Week and Active Transportation Report*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the report titled Active Transportation Week and Active Transportation Report be received.

Discussion included the following points:

- *Overview of Active Transportation Week events.*

COMMUNICATIONS**Recommendation No. 7** *Correspondence from Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast Regarding Active Transportation Survey*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that correspondence from Alun Woolliams of Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast dated September 28, 2020 regarding the Active Transportation Survey be received.

Discussion included the following points:

- *Community Safety Enhancement Program funding;*
- *Survey results with areas of concern; and*
- *Examples of projects funded by the Community Safety Enhancement Program in other communities.*

Recommendation No. 8 *Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast Active Transportation Improvements Report*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast Active Transportation Improvements Report be forwarded to a Planning and Community Development meeting to be formally received by the SCRD Board.

Recommendation No. 9 *Meetings with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure*

The Transportation Advisory Committee that SCRD staff reach out to staff at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to set up a meeting;

AND THAT SCRD elected officials and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure elected officials meet at their earliest convenience.

Recommendation No. 10 *Correspondence from Langdale PAC Regarding Request for Signage and Improvements to Port Mellon Highway and YMCA Road*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that correspondence from the Langdale Parent Advisory Council dated October 5, 2020 regarding signage and improvements to the Port Mellon Highway and YMCA Road be received.

Discussion included the following points:

- *Appreciation for improvements to patrols and traffic enforcement;*
- *Signage improvements;*
- *Enhanced safety measures and crosswalk; and*
- *Opportunities to slow down traffic.*

Recommendation No. 11 *Letter of Support for Langdale Parent Advisory Council*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the SCRD write a letter in support of the Langdale Parent Advisory Council initiative to get a crosswalk across the Port Mellon Highway.

Recommendation No. 12 *Vancouver Coastal Health Webinar - Reverse the Trend of the Backseat Generation: Get Kids Moving through Active Travel to School*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the Vancouver Coastal Health Webinar - Reverse the Trend of the Backseat Generation: Get Kids Moving through Active Travel to School information be received.

Discussion included the following points:

- *Preregistration for webinar required;*
- *New BC Healthy Communities grant for active transportation routes for students; and*
- *COVID impacts on fitness of students.*

Recommendation No. 13 *Correspondence from BC Ferries Regarding Engagement Project Update*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the correspondence from Brian Anderson of BC Ferries dated October 8, 2020 regarding the Engagement Project Update be received.

Discussion included the following points:

- *Information to be shared with interested parties and local governments.*

ROUNDTABLE

Committee members provided roundtable updates as follows:

Director Tize (Roberts Creek) – Hoping for gas tax and bike lanes.

Director Hiltz (West Howe Sound) – Noted ditch on Trant Road has 10 meter high alder trees encroaching on Right of Way and whether it can be addressed by Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Director Siegers (District of Sechelt) – Noted the District of Sechelt has voted to apply for grant funding to complete separate walking lanes and bike paths on Trail Avenue from Sunshine Coast Highway to Kinnikinnick Elementary.

Director McLean (District of Sechelt) – Indicated the District of Sechelt is undertaking a new project to install sidewalks on Wharf Avenue and noted in the Corridor Study it was noted to add driving lanes on Wharf Avenue and that this is the right time to undertake that work in conjunction with the installation of sidewalks. Crosswalks at Chapman Bridge and Teredo are in need of repainting.

Director Croal (Town of Gibsons) – Noted that the Town of Gibsons is reviewing the transportation corridor through Gospel Rock which needs to be reassessed.

Sue Girard (School District No. 46) – Thanked the Committee for their communication and support.

Robert Edwards (BC Ferries) – Noted that access from Marine Drive may be limited on busy days with a possible ferry overload. Signage and the gate may be utilized to limit merging from Marine Drive.

Colin Midgley (MOTI) – Noted that available Covid funding stimulus allowed for paving of Redroofs Road and Marine Drive. Shoulder widening on Highway 101 is set for spring. He also noted Elena Farmer is the new District Manager at Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Paul Kamon (Sunshine Coast Tourism) – Noted Sunshine Coast Tourism is applying to the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure program to start an e-bike initiative to look at a rental platform for electric bikes for visitors in our community and getting around town.

Staff Sgt. Poppy Hallam (RCMP) – Noted several warnings have been issued for speeding in school zones, with 59 violation tickets and 40 warnings being issued. There have been four complaints of vehicles passing buses when red lights are flashing and a media campaign is forthcoming. RCMP members have undertaken training for road safety.

Dean McKinley (SCRD Chief Administrative Officer) – Noted he has reached out to Elena Farmer to discuss coordinated efforts on projects.

ADJOURNMENT

4:23 p.m.

Committee Chair

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

TO: Infrastructure Services Committee – November 19, 2020

AUTHOR: James Walton, Manager Transit and Fleet

SUBJECT: TERMS OF REFERENCE SUNSHINE COAST TRANSIT FUTURE ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the report titled Terms of Reference Sunshine Coast Transit Future Action Plan be received;

AND THAT the Terms of Reference for the Sunshine Coast Transit Future Action Plan be approved.

BACKGROUND

At its October 10, 2019 meeting the Board adopted the following recommendations related future service levels for the transit system on the Sunshine Coast:

244/19 **Recommendation No. 5** *2020-2021 Transit Expansion Memorandum of Understanding*

THAT the report titled 2020-2021 Transit Expansion Memorandum of Understanding be received;

AND THAT staff work with BC Transit to research options and resources required to implement service expansions in 2021-2022 and report back to the Board in Q1 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT staff work with BC Transit to develop a project plan to update the Transit Future Plan to guide future expansion decisions.

The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the Terms of Reference for a Transit Future Action Plan for the Sunshine Coast's transit systems.

DISCUSSION*Analysis*

In 2014 the Transit Future Plan for the Sunshine Coast was adopted. This plan is the service specific strategic plan guiding the service levels, routes and infrastructure expansions of the custom and conventional transit system on the Sunshine Coast.

The Transit Future Action Plan (TFAP) will be an update to the 2014 plan and will address the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the transit service. A comprehensive Terms of Reference (TOR) for this plan is included as an attachment to this report (Attachment A).

The transit service and infrastructure priorities identified within the TFAP are based on a review of existing transit services, changing land uses and land use plans, and feedback from

stakeholders and the general public. These priorities will be separated by timeline, with short (1-2 years), medium (3-4 years), and long-term (5+ years) options.

As directed by the Board (Recommendation 17, Resolution 242/19) staff will consider options for Park and Ride as part of the development of the TFAP.

The list of stakeholders that will be engaged in this process will be confirmed early on and will include all organizations that are part of the Transportation Advisory Committee, and could include other member local governments, First Nations, Capilano University, Vancouver Coastal Health, School District 46 and the business community. Besides stakeholders, consultation with the general public and in particular, current and potential ridership will be included.

Operational and Intergovernmental Implications

The development of the TFAP will be led by BC Transit and supported by a project team that will include SCRD staff from several divisions. Staff will coordinate the publication participation with other such initiatives.

Timeline for next steps

If the TOR were to be approved, this project will commence in Q1 2021 and the timelines as currently included in the TOR will be updated accordingly. Draft options will be presented to the Board and the Transportation Advisory Committee for endorsement before public feedback is sought. The final options and a public engagement summary will be presented to the Board for endorsement prior to inclusion in the Final TFAP. The TFAP will subsequently be presented to the Board for final adoption.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

N/A

CONCLUSION

The proposed Transportation Future Action Plan process will update the strategic plan on the service levels, routes and infrastructure expansions of the custom and conventional transit system on the Sunshine Coast. Such plan will include a COVID-19 Recovery Strategy.

Staff recommend the approval of the Terms of Reference for the Sunshine Coast Transit Future Action Plan.

Attachments:

A - Terms of Reference Sunshine Coast Transit Future Action Plan

Reviewed by:			
Manager		Finance	
GM	X – R. Rosenboom	Legislative	
CAO	X – D. McKinley	Other	

Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee – January 2021

1. Safe Restart funding supports reliable public transportation, affordable fares

Agreement for Safe Restart funding has been signed between Provincial Government and BC Ferries. This means no fare increase this fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, and future increases over the next three years will be limited to rate caps established prior to the pandemic. Minimum service levels and additional sailings to meet community needs will be maintained through at least the next three years. The agreement states specifically:

- ***Provide relief from the operating fiscal impacts of COVID-19.*** For route 3 service, levels would be similar to what BCF had in place the years leading up to 2020, because the funding allows BCF to not focus on “scaling back plans due to funding shortages/loses”.
- ***Limit BC Ferries Average Annual Public Fare increases otherwise planned.*** It allows for a continuance of the previously set plan for a fare cap of maximum average fare increases of 2.3% for the remainder of PT-5 (ie. April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024).
- ***Ensure that Discretionary Sailings continue to be delivered to end of the term of Performance Term 5.*** (Routes 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 = 1433 sailings - \$4 million)

2. New Website feedback and proposed Changes

Despite extensive testing, the complexity of some routes has proven, unfortunately, to impair ability to consistently deliver accurate sailing data within the new/current design in real world situations.

While the daily display works for many of BCF’s major routes, it has proven to be a challenge for frequent customers travelling the minor routes and those that require more comprehensive weekly or monthly schedules for trip planning

The print functionality was scheduled for a release post-launch but should have been enabled at go-live

High level feedback – what BC Ferries heard from customers:

1. Too many unnecessary ways to find schedules. Daily schedules confusing with too many clicks
daily view and click through/date picker requirement has been removed
2. Desire to see two weeks or more of schedule at one time. Don’t always know what specific day needed for travel, go back to seasonal schedules.
reverted to a seasonal view
3. Desire to see the ferry and associated onboard amenities for each sailing
vessels have been incorporated partially for the route, not by sailing
4. Desire to see both schedules for a return journey on a single page
return directions are available on a single page
5. Desire to be able to print
delivered within existing constraints
6. Desire printout to be shorter – and to print both ways
printing has been enabled and will be further optimized
7. Desire to see dangerous goods sailings
delivered

3. Moving Ahead Together on the Sunshine Coast - Project Working Group

This community group of volunteers and numerous BCF staff was selected and met virtually from September to December. There was an initial community survey about ferry issues, and then a follow-up on proposed topics. The first survey elicited over 1000 responses, and the follow-up with 266 responses.

The potential solutions were to be focused on things that can be done in the near term to improve ferry travel on the Sunshine Coast with the assets currently available. BCF has stayed focused on actions they can take in a timely manner, that require minimal capital investment, and that are within BC Ferries' control. All of the potential solutions being proposed are in their infancy and will require additional discussion to understand how they would look in practice.

Currently, the areas under further discussion are the items listed below. BCF will be starting internal workshops this week, and anticipate beginning stakeholder engagement on specific solutions in late February.

Reservations and travel certainty

- modifying the way BCF handles reservations to better meet the needs of Sunshine Coast residents
- supporting last minute travel by staggering the release of reservations
- creating a reservation process to provide access to reservation capacity set aside for TAP travellers
- creating a reservation process to provide access to reservation capacity set aside for MAL travellers
- encouraging use of capacity over the day

Medical travel

- creating a system to make it easier to be placed in an accessible spot on the ferry
- enhancing information about the TAP and MAL programs, and how to plan when travelling with mobility challenges

Communications

- enhancing information that helps customers plan their travel
- enhancing information that helps customers on the day of travel
- creation of a mobile app

Two-ferry travel

- piloting ways to make travel easier for those taking more than one ferry

Submitted by Diana Mumford

BC FERRIES TRAFFIC STATISTICS - 2020

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

ROUTE #3	Vehicles							Passengers						
Month	Month current Year	Month Previous Year	% to Previous Year	YTD Current Year	YTD Previous Year	% to Previous Year	Total Previous Year	Month current Year	Month Previous Year	% to Previous Year	YTD Current Year	YTD Previous Year	% to Previous Year	Total Previous Year
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	71,157	-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														

SYSTEM	Vehicles							Passengers						
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							10							

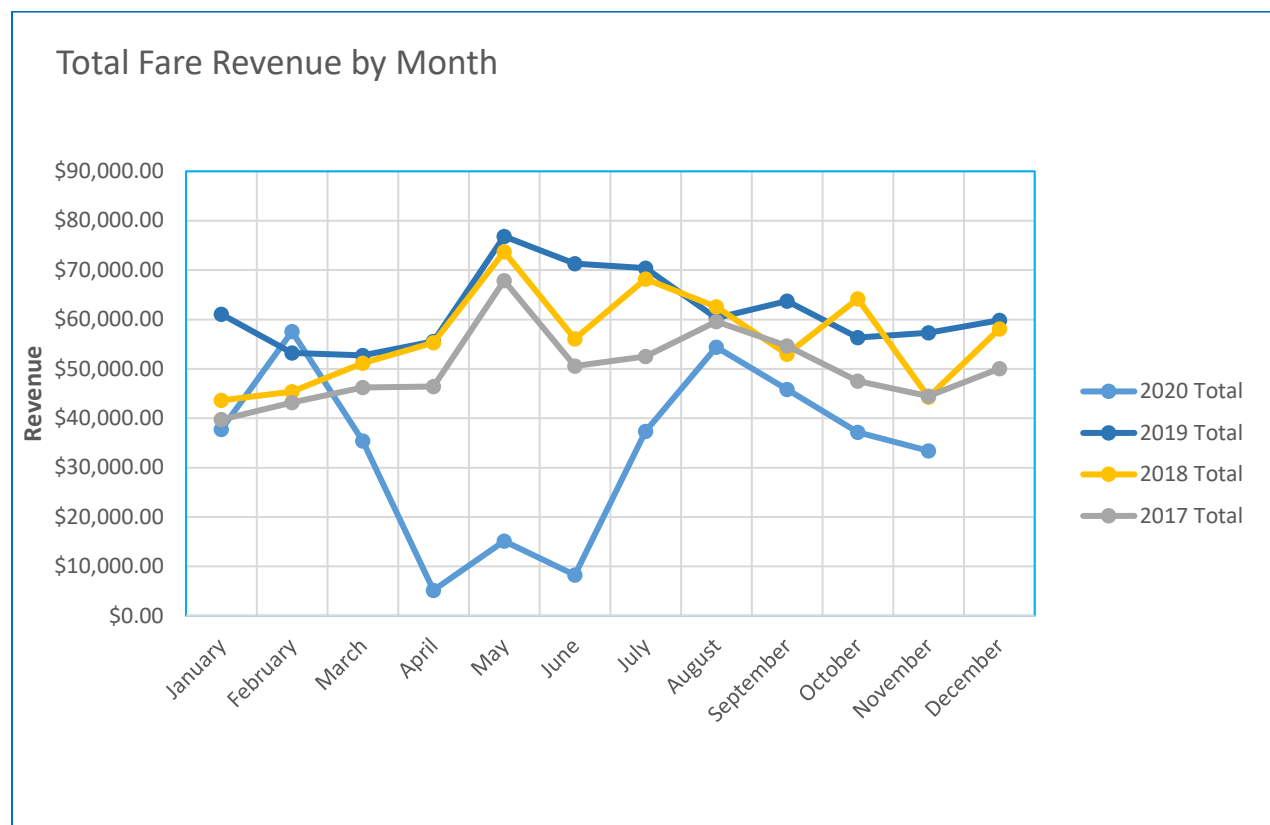
Transit and Fleet Maintenance [310, 312]

In contrast to most BC Transit systems, the SCRD 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.

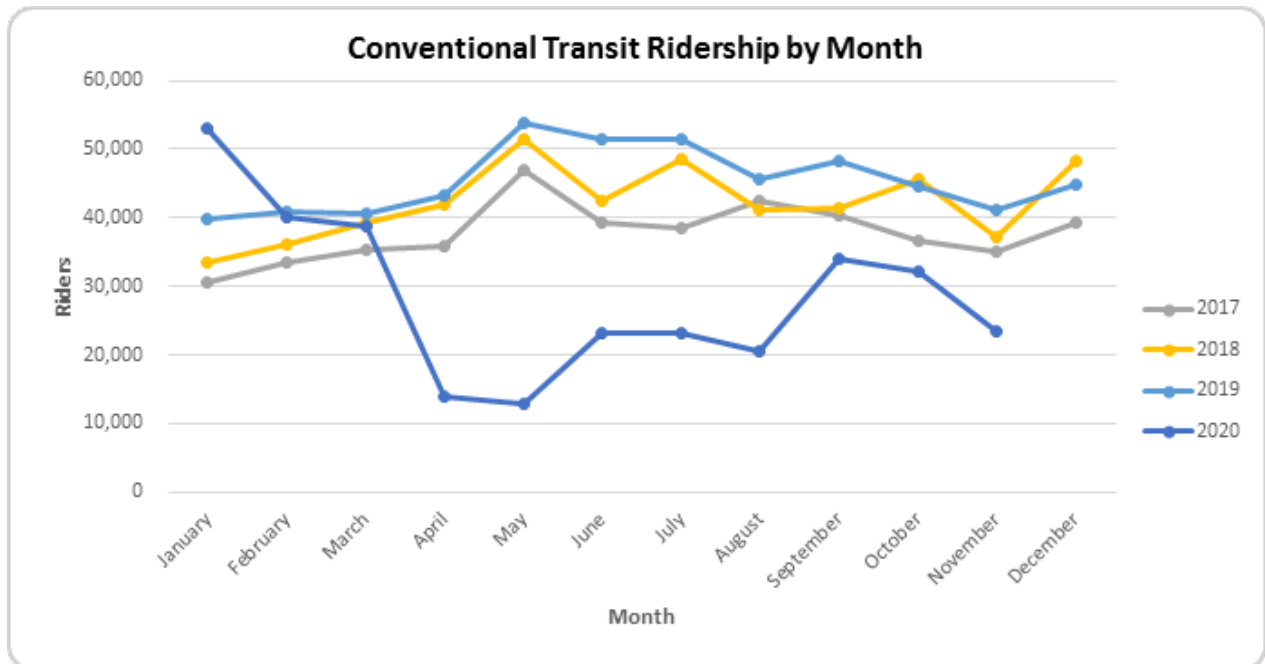
Transit

Transit operated at 80% of the regular scheduled winter hours due to COVID19. Mandatory face coverings implemented on August 24, 2020 provided 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 30,000 trips which represents a 32% decrease of average monthly riders from the winter of 2019.

Revenue has decreased slightly in the winter months down from its peak in August and has decreased 34% from the same reporting period in 2019. The actual monthly revenue might differ slightly to what is presented in this graph due to an increased irregularity in the timing of registration of cash revenue.



*Includes all data received from BC Transit to date



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Fleet

All annual commercial vehicle inspections were completed on all SCRD fire trucks. The extension of the Fleet shop exhaust system was completed and put into use in December and the safety enhancements including a new gate motor were completed on the Mason Road gate.

Sunshine Coast Highway Society
Southern Sunshine Coast, BC

BY EMAIL

January 5, 2021

Chair and Directors
 Sunshine Coast Regional District



As we begin a new year, with a new Provincial Government, we are writing to again seek your formal support for our cause – the construction of a true, sustainable and environmentally responsible highway on the Southern Sunshine Coast.

The Society is organizing meetings with the new Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Rob Fleming, and Minister of State for Infrastructure Bowinn Ma along with their new senior staff to outline the existing and ever increasing need for a true highway.

In the past, you have confirmed that replacing our current “Goat Trail” with a properly designed highway is a vitally important component of our growing community. The broad community clearly agrees - as you know, over 6,400 residents of the Sunshine Coast expressed their concerns and dissatisfaction in a petition we submitted to the BC Legislature in March 2019.

Since then, the troubles and challenges of the current deficient route have resulted in numerous accidents and fatalities. There has also been a significant impact on business with traffic jams and heavy commercial vehicles travelling through narrow sections and residential neighbourhoods.

While it is easy to see the negative impacts of our current “Goat Trail”, we would suggest that construction of a new highway offers tremendous opportunities – to build an innovative, sustainable and environmentally responsible route that will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

We ask that you confirm your support of the need for a new highway in the very near future so we can confirm such to the Provincial authorities in due course.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Robin Merriott
 for SUNSHINE COAST HIGHWAY SOCIETY

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Tracey Hincks

From: tamara@immaculatecleaning.ca
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:57 PM
To: Michael.Bruan@gov.bc.ca
Cc: Colin.midgley@gov.bc.ca; Tracy Ohlson; Tracey Hincks
Subject: Cedar Grove school zone concerns

**External Message**

To whom it may concern,

I'm reaching out on behalf of Cedar Grove Elementary Schools PAC, we are deeply concerned about the continued issue of speeding in our school/ park zone (30km) located on Chaster Rd, Gibson's My hope is to find further support from our local police, public safety committee, local government and our Transportation advisory committee to assist in a more efficient & consistent way of dealing with this daily issue

Its my understanding that Cedar Grove PAC has been dealing with this safety concern and reaching out for help for years, our daughter is currently in grade 3 & I noticed the excessive speed her first week of kindergarten! I've visited the local police department and expressed my concerns, they have increased there presence which I'm extremely thankful for as it does help but it's not enough!

I've called local businesses if their drivers speed through, I've spoken to several parents & even pulled out infront of another driver to slow them down!

I do realize that this is a uphill climb but I'm not one to give up & I will do absolutely anything I can to keep our children safe, because they are at risk & they deserve to be safe!

Cedar Grove along with the SD46 encourage "active travel" and realize our students would thrive with the increased health and wellness that walking, biking, ect would bring but we feel like our students are being put in danger along the speedway known as Chaster Rd.

Chaster Rd currently houses a park zone with a few signs which state that the speed limit is 30 km/hour from dawn to dusk, 7 days a week, these signs are not enough!!

I'm aware that this is not the first time you are hearing of our concerns & I'm here to offer my help & I will keep fighting this fight but I can't do it alone & we do need your help

So what are our options ?

- more police presence
- more signage
- flashing lights @ our crosswalk
- speedwatch program
- crossing guards

I would greatly appreciate and welcome any suggestions or input from any / all of you on what we can do, I myself am willing to put in the work and do what's needed to improve our children's safety.

I am willing to speak at any meetings to voice our concerns.

Thank you so very much for your time and for listening to our concerns

Sincerely

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CGES PAC

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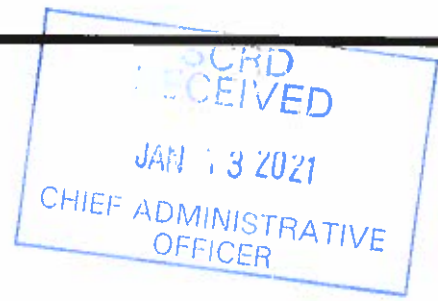
Tracy Aiken
CGES PAC chair

This message originated outside the SCRD. Please be cautious before opening attachments or following links.

Tracey Hincks

From: Miyuki Shinkai <mellonglass@dccnet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:01 PM
To: lmh08@telus.net; Tracey Hincks
Subject: Response Letter from MOTI to DPAC

Follow Up Flag: FollowUp
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**External Message**

Happy New Year!

DPAC received a response letter from Ashok of MOTI. As he brought up a suggestion for us to approach SCRD to apply for the improvement grant, DPAC is asking SCRD to look into this avenue.

On behalf of Langdale Elementary PAC, I have applied BC Healthy Communities Active School Travel Pilot Program funded by MOTI. Our application was successful, we are receiving \$10,000 to run Active Travel Campaign in 2021.

Moving forward, your support for local infrastructure improvement will be much appreciated by all pedestrians and potential walkers and bikers on a coast.

Please bring this AT request up on your Transportation Committee agenda and share this correspondence letter among directors.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Miyuki Shinkai
 SD46 DPAC
 Langdale & Elphinstone PAC

Begin forwarded message:

From: "TRAN SCR CORR TRAN:EX" <TRANSCR@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: 297518 - Road Safety - SCSD 46

Date: January 5, 2021 at 9:04:28 AM PST

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Dear Chair Thomson:

Thank you for your email regarding road safety within the Sunshine Coast school communities.

I appreciate the opportunity to review the School District 46 District Parents Advisory Council's concerns regarding cyclist and pedestrian safety on our roadways. Safety is our ministry's top priority and we want to work with our Sunshine Coast Regional District and local municipal partners on prioritizing improvements on our highway system.

You will be interested to know that the ministry is currently working on a design, in accordance with our Active Transportation Guidelines, to install new cycling lanes on both sides of North Road between Gibsons Way and Reed Road. We anticipate that these cycle lanes will be installed by the end of March 2021, weather permitting. I have shared your comments with the staff leading this work.

With respect to your comments about Langdale, the ministry is planning to install new signs along the Port Mellon Highway near YMCA Road to warn motorists that pedestrians may be present on the road. While I can appreciate your request for a pedestrian activated crossing, local ministry engineers advise that this type of crossing is not warranted at this time. We will continue to monitor safety at this intersection to assess if additional measures are warranted in the future.

The ministry has also been widening the shoulders on Highway 101 to provide safer conditions for cyclists. This spring, the ministry will be completing further shoulder widening between Gibsons and Sechelt to fill in some of the more challenging areas in the network, including the hill north of Davis Bay and at Selma Park.

I recognize you would also like to see improved pedestrian facilities in Pender Harbour, Roberts Creek Road, and Chaster Road. I understand that 30 km/h school and playground speed zones are already established around the elementary schools on Roberts Creek Road and Chaster Road. While the ministry can consider active transportation improvements at these locations, any improvements would need to be supported by a business case and weighed against other provincial priorities.

In the meantime, the ministry's active transportation program offers grants to local governments to make improvements to their active transportation networks. As local governments apply for the funding, I recommend that you continue to reach out to the Sunshine Coast Regional District to advocate for these improvements. You may also want to contact your local RCMP about increasing enforcement during the school year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Operations Manager for the Sunshine Coast, Michael Braun, at (604) 398-5677 or Michael.Braun@gov.bc.ca. He would be pleased to discuss these improvements with you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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