Regional Transportation Service

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

October 24, 2024



Background

Transportation is vital to connecting people and places across the region and supporting the Central Okanagan's growing population, economy and quality of life.



Background - Continued

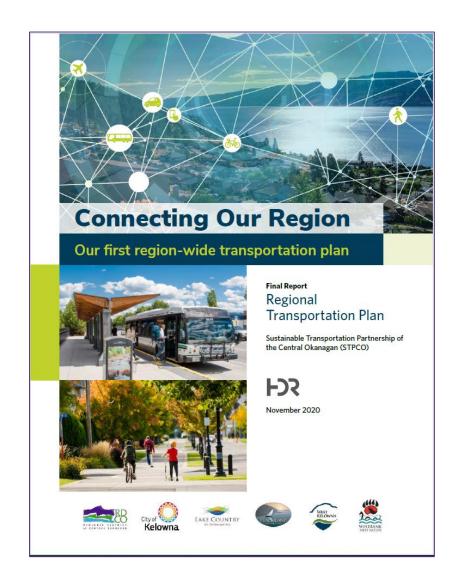
The Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO):

- STPCO: Regional Transportation Governance from 2013 to 2020
- STPCO Dissolved: end of 2020 following completion of the Regional Transportation Plan



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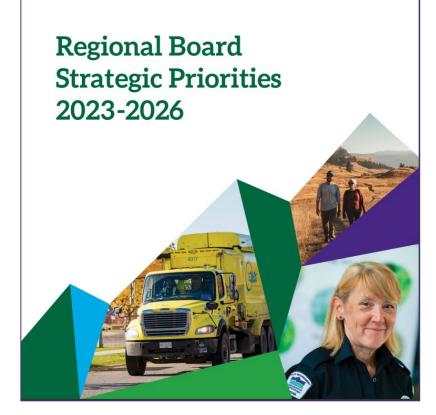
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):
 - "The current preference among the partners is to dissolve the STPCO and align with and transfer the current functions to the RDCO."



Current Status

- 2023 2026 Regional Board Strategic Priority:
 - "Define, and explore a Regional Transportation Service"
 - "Collaborate with partner municipalities and MoTI to advance regionally significant capital projects"





Current Status - Continued

- Staff Technical Committee
 - Municipal Partners
 - City of Kelowna
 - City of West Kelowna
 - District of Peachland
 - Westbank First Nation
 - District of Lake Country
 - RDCO
 - Provincial Ministries
 - MOTI
 - BC Transit
 - Subject Matter Experts

Worked together to EXPLORE and DEFINE a Regional Transportation Service

Current Status - Defined Service



- Explore what a 'Regional Transportation Service' should be, 4 years since STPCO.
- Regional Transportation Service 'matrix' endorsed by all Subject Matter Experts for Board consideration
- Framed in a way that clearly outlines responsibilities
- Envision service continuing from where it was:
 - Same magnitude of expense and scope
 - Focus on enabling regional planning and collaboration
 - Not consolidating other programs or services

New No Change	Regional Transportation Planning	Regional Transportation Programs	Regional Transit Service Delivery	Land use, Roads, and Active Transportation	Provincial Infrastructure
Regional District of Central Okanagan	Facilitates regional collaboration on transportation and the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. Leads on the development, monitoring and reporting for regional transportation plans. Supports grant applications & advocacy for regionally significant transportation infrastructure. Primary service provider*	Delivers regional transportation programs (e.g. GoByBike Week, School Traffic Safety Officer, SmartTRIPS website, Safe Routes 4 Schools, etc). Primary service provider*	Policy support for transit system through Regional Growth Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans.	Develops Regional Growth Strategy and sets regional vision and policies for growth. Delivers and maintains roads and trails within the regional district's jurisdiction, including integration with the regional transportation network.	Policy support for provincial infrastructure improvements through Regional Growth Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans.
**************************************	Leads on the development of transit plans, such as the Transit Future Plan and Transit Future Action Plan, in partnership with Central Okanagan governments. Collaborates in the development, implementation and monitoring of regional transportation plans.	Leads on the delivery of transit-related regional transportation programs, such as Transit Travel Training.	Delivers transit services throughout the Central Okanagan including contracting bus operations, schedule development, fleet maintenance, customer service, fare collection and marketing. Primary service provider*	Serves areas with transit-supportive population and employment densities with transit. Develops design guidelines for transit infrastructure and supports integration with active modes.	Operates transit on provincial highways. Collaborates with MoTi on transit infrastructure designs on provincial highways.
	Collaborates in the development, implementation and monitoring of regional transportation plans and alignment of local plans. Supports grant applications & advocacy for regionally significant transportation infrastructure.	Participates in regional transportation programs and supports their delivery, as appropriate.	Establishes transit routes and service levels, in collaboration with BC Transit. Responsible for delivery and maintenance of transit infrastructure.	Regulates land use and delivers and maintains roads and active transportation infrastructure within their respective jurisdictions, including integration with the regional transportation network. Primary service provider*	Coordinates and integrates local roads and intersections with provincial highways, including maintaining transit infrastructure and landscaping.
BRITISH COLUMBIA Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)	Leads on the development of integrated, multi-modal transportation plans for the provincial transportation network. Collaborates in the development, implementation and monitoring of regional transportation plans.	Collaborates on the delivery of regional transportation programs, recognizing the co-benefit they bring of reducing congestion on roadways and provincial infrastructure.	Works with BC Transit to establish transit routes and service levels on provincial infrastructure and supports delivery and maintenance of transit infrastructure. Sets Provincial transit funding and policy.	Delivers and maintains roads (from local to numbered routes, including controlled access highways) outside of incorporated cities and municipalities. Primary service provider*	Plans, prioritizes, designs, operates, maintains, regulates, and funds provincial infrastructure. Primary service provider*
				Establishes policy guidelines and approvals of development applications adjacent to provincial corridors. Integrates highway network with local roads and active transportation, including crossings, and wayfinding of alternate routes.	

Regional Transportation planning

Regional Transportation programs

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Primary service provider*

Delivers regional transportation programs (e.g. GoByBike Week, School Traffic Safety Officer, SmartTRIPS website, Safe Routes 4 Schools, etc).

Primary service provider*

Next Steps

- If concept approved by the Board, report back with:
 - Financial Plan impacts
 - Drafted Bylaw(s) to establish service



Recommendation

All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)

THAT the Regional Board approve the proposed Regional Transportation Service concept as outlined within the report from the Director of Development and Engineering Services on October 24, 2024;

AND THAT the Regional Board direct staff to report back to the Board the financial plan impacts and drafted bylaw(s) for consideration.