

Regional Transportation Service

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting

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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

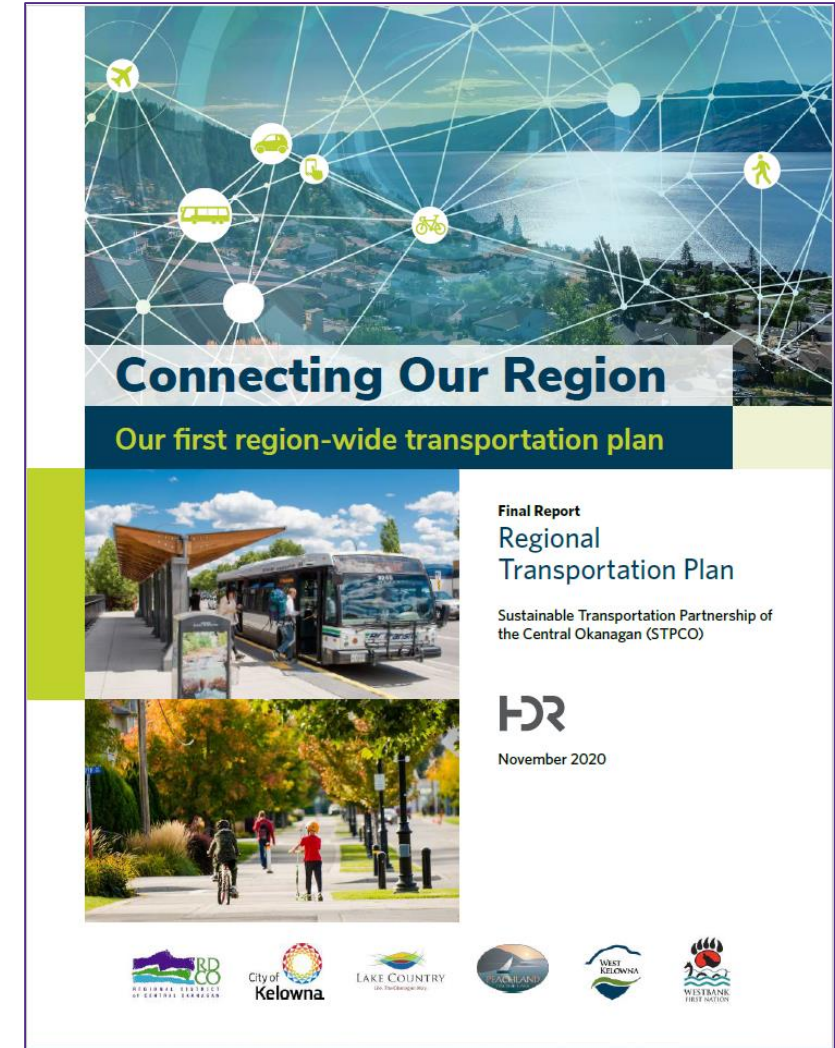
The Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO):

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



Background - Continued

- 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.”*



Background - Continued

- 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”*



Background - 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

Background - Continued



- 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

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 Regional District of Central Okanagan	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Delivers regional transportation programs (e.g. GoByBike Week, School Traffic Safety Officer, SmartTRIPS website, Safe Routes 4 Schools, etc).</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Policy support for transit system through Regional Growth Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Policy support for provincial infrastructure improvements through Regional Growth Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans.</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Leads on the delivery of transit-related regional transportation programs, such as Transit Travel Training.</p>	<p>Delivers transit services throughout the Central Okanagan including contracting bus operations, schedule development, fleet maintenance, customer service, fare collection and marketing.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Serves areas with transit-supportive population and employment densities with transit. Develops design guidelines for transit infrastructure and supports integration with active modes.</p>	<p>Operates transit on provincial highways. Collaborates with MoTi on transit infrastructure designs on provincial highways.</p>
 Central Okanagan governments	<p>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.</p>	<p>Participates in regional transportation programs and supports their delivery, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Establishes transit routes and service levels, in collaboration with BC Transit. Responsible for delivery and maintenance of transit infrastructure.</p>	<p>Regulates land use and delivers and maintains roads and active transportation infrastructure within their respective jurisdictions, including integration with the regional transportation network.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Coordinates and integrates local roads and intersections with provincial highways, including maintaining transit infrastructure and landscaping.</p>
 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)	<p>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.</p>	<p>Collaborates on the delivery of regional transportation programs, recognizing the co-benefit they bring of reducing congestion on roadways and provincial infrastructure.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Delivers and maintains roads (from local to numbered routes, including controlled access highways) outside of incorporated cities and municipalities.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Plans, prioritizes, designs, operates, maintains, regulates, and funds provincial infrastructure.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>

Regional Transportation planning

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Regional Transportation programs

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Background – Continued

- If concept approved by the Board:
 - Seek guidance from Ministry of Municipal Affairs
 - Report back to the Board:
 - Findings
 - Financial Plan impacts
 - Drafted Bylaw(s) to establish service



Board Direction

October 24, 2024, Resolution:

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

AND THAT the Regional Board **direct staff to seek guidance** from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to establish a Regional Transportation Service, and **report back to the Board with associated findings, financial plan impacts**, and drafted bylaw(s) for consideration.

Ministry Direction

Guidance: Amend the existing Transportation Demand Management bylaw

Amendment Process:

1. Board directs staff to obtain consent from Electoral Area Directors, Municipalities and Westbank First Nation
2. Council's provide consent during an open meeting
3. Board reads Amending Bylaw 1st, 2nd, and 3rd time
4. Submit participant consent and bylaw to Ministry for Inspector approval
5. Once approved by the Inspector, Regional Board can adopt bylaw

Financial Plan Impacts



Community	Allocated Service Cost
Westbank First Nation	\$15,000
City of Kelowna	\$266,000
District of Peachland	\$11,000
District of Lake Country	\$29,000
City of West Kelowna	\$64,000
RDCO Electoral Area West	\$8,000
RDCO Electoral Area East	\$7,000
Total:	\$400,000

Values equivalent to 2020 STPCO



Next Steps



Board direction to obtain consent



Present request for consent to Councils and obtain the written consent of the Central Okanagan Electoral Area East Director and Central Okanagan Electoral Area West Director



Return to RDCO Board with required consent and amending bylaw



Submit to Ministry for approval



Adopting of amending bylaw by Regional Board



Include service in 2026-2030 Financial Plan



Begin Regional Transportation Service in 2026

Timeline



June & July

Seek Municipal & First Nation consent



August

Report to the Board

Subject to consent: With Bylaw for 1st/2nd/3rd reading.



September

Provincial review of Bylaw

Subject to approval: Consideration by Board for adoption

Recommendation

All Directors – Weighted Corporate Vote – Majority (LGA s.210)

THAT the Regional Board receives the Regional Transportation Service report from the Associate Director of Engineering Services dated May 15, 2025, for information;

AND THAT the Regional Board directs staff to obtain the written consent of the Central Okanagan Electoral Area East Director and Central Okanagan Electoral Area West Director to expand the boundary of the regional transportation service to include the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and Westbank First Nation;

AND THAT the Regional Board directs staff to seek the consent, by resolution, of the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and Westbank First Nation to participate in the regional transportation service;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Regional Board.