



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 19, 2017
SCRD Cedar Room, 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, B.C.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER: 2:45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of Agenda

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

2. Lesley Roberts Annex A
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Regarding slow moving electric vehicles (golf carts) as a
form of transportation in our localized communities

MINUTES

3. Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations Annex B
pp 2-4
of July 20, 2017 - *receipt*

COMMUNICATIONS

4. Diana Mumford, Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Annex C
pp 5-6
Committee
Regarding BC Ferries Updates

REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS / ROUNDTABLE

5. Lorne Lewis, Director, Electoral Area E, Chair Verbal
Regarding Road Safety at Work

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING To be announced

Hello Transportation Advisory Committee!

I would like to make a very short presentation at your October 19th meeting about the exciting possibility of allowing slow-moving vehicles (EV golf carts) within the SCRD; a precedent that is already being set in two BC communities! This precedent is based upon the BC government's Transportation Action Plan (see below).

Our population is aging, and there are many (senior or not), who have mobility limitations that live in our rural areas who may not have easy access to local community hubs and the transit (bus) system. For example, many of those who live in areas above the highway on rural roads may be unable to access the transit (bus) system without the use of a vehicle, leaving them isolated from the larger community. Also, there are many folks who would like to have the option of a vehicle other than a standard gas-powered one, such as a slow-moving electric vehicle.

There are many areas of the Sunshine Coast that would benefit greatly by being able to use golf carts as a way of individual/group transit. Some areas that come to mind are: areas above both Gibsons malls, to and from; areas in Roberts Creek such as Lockyer Rd and Pell Rd to the village and the highway; Wilson Creek (Field Rd) to and from the highway; Tuwanek areas; as well, as the Langdale ferry – possibly to and from the car park to the ferry, and to and from the bus stop to the ferry. Likely there are many other areas that would benefit as well.

Imagine our District offering the alternative folks are looking for! We can be the future!

Sincerely, Lesley Roberts

Details:

March, 2015: BC on the Move, a 10-year Transportation Plan: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/driving-and-transportation/reports-and-reference/reports-and-studies/planning-strategy-economy/bc-on-the-move/bconthemove.pdf>

Re: slow-moving vehicles, particularly in smaller communities. (see bylaw No 838 – 2017 at <http://chasebc.ca/neighbourhood-golf-carts-in-chase/>, and Qualicum Beach (see bylaw 635, 2008 at <https://qualicumbeach.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/10>).

Section two of BC's 10-year Transportation Plan states:

2) Improving Highway Safety – one of the **Priority of Actions** listed:

Work with ICBC to explore opportunities to allow drivers more choices to use slow-moving vehicles and other mobility devices in smaller communities. As our population ages, there is still the expectation that people can move about freely. In smaller communities, people are interested in utilizing new vehicle technologies to make short trips on low-volume roads while not being constrained to driving an automobile.

More info:

- ICBC requirements for golf carts to be insurable for road purposes: brake lights, turn lights, headlights, seatbelts, reflectors, rear-view mirrors. Max speed 30km, Max travel distance 50 km.

- Section eleven of the BC Transportation Plan "Improving accessibility at terminals" & Section twelve "Protecting the environment"

- results from a survey of over 12,500 (BC Transportation Plan) responses showed 72% said "enhancing cycling infrastructure & improving transportation choices were important"

**SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

July 20, 2017

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CEDAR ROOM OF THE SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT AT 1975
FIELD ROAD, SECHELT, BC

PRESENT: (Voting Members)	Director, Electoral Area E, Chair Director, Electoral Area A Alternate Director, Electoral Area E Alternate Director, Electoral Area B Director, Electoral Area F Director, Electoral Area D Director, District of Sechelt Director, Town of Gibsons School District No. 46 BC Ferries Transportation Choices (TraC)	Lorne Lewis Frank Mauro Laurella Hay Brian Smith Ian Winn Mark Lebbell Darren Inkster Jeremy Valeriote Dave Mewhort Robert Edwards Martin Prestage
ALSO PRESENT: (Non-Voting)	Area E Community Association Manager, Transit and Fleet General Manager, Planning and Community Development Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Operations Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure RCMP RCMP Recorder Media	Clint Budd Gordon Dykstra Ian Hall Colin Midgley Don Legault S/Sgt. Vishal Mathura C/O Mike Hacker Susan Fernandez 2

CALL TO ORDER 2:58 p.m.

AGENDA The agenda was adopted as presented.

PETITIONS AND DELEGATION

MINUTES

Recommendation No. 1 *Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendations*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the recommendations of the April 20, 2017 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be received for information.

COMMUNICATIONS

Recommendation No. 2 *Communications*

The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended that the communication from Transportation Choices (TraC), regarding Sand and Gravel on Shoulders and Bike to Work Week be received.

TraC Sealing Sand on Shoulders: Bike to Work Week

- *In late May there was a dangerous accumulation of sand on the shoulders due to road sealing work creating hazardous for bikers just prior to Bike to Work Week.*
- *Don Legault explained that the timing was unfortunate and there has been a conversation with the contractor regarding the quantity of sand, however the work is necessary to prevent road deterioration and pothole development.*
- *Bike to Work Week was a repeated success in terms of participant numbers, with slightly lower mileage reported.*

NEW BUSINESS

ROUNDTABLE

- *Paving on Francis Peninsula Road and Garden Bay Road caused minimal disruption and was completed quickly.*
- *The entry to Highway 101 at Redroofs Road South has a potentially dangerous merge due to the angle of entry and the difficulty viewing approaching traffic. A study was completed examining potential re-alignment options but these are limited due to private land; MoTI will advocate for changes as opportunities arise.*
- *Paving plans and progress on the bike lane program through the District of Sechelt were discussed. Limited paving is currently being done due to funding, as MoTI is working with an interim budget.*
- *Adequate parking at Langdale terminal was raised as a problem for the general public and particularly seniors, some of whom have limited access to transit. BC Ferries is aware of parking lot capacity issues. Overflow parking will be used for July and August. A new terminal will add 70 to 100 extra stalls. It was noted that island residents purchase a monthly pass and don't always have parking access.*
- *Resurfacing of Port Melon Highway has been completed.*
- *Machine road brushing has been suspended due to the extreme fire risk but intersection clearing may be done using other equipment.*
- *Marine Drive residents are posting their own warning signage for speeding.*

- *Central and Marine Drive intersection into Gibsons should have a sign saying “hidden intersection.” Don Legault to arranged for signage; speed bumps are not an option since they impede emergency vehicle access.*
- *Concerns were raised regarding general deterioration of highway infrastructure, including lines fading on Rat Portage Hill, sealing on Lower Road peeling, potholes and road slumping.*
- *A ports update was provided:*
 - *Ports repairs are underway and the new Ports Monitoring Committee is preparing to hold their first meeting.*
 - *SCRD, in partnership with the District of Sechelt and Town of Gibsons, has applied for a Vancouver Coastal Health active community grant for Phase 2 of the Suncoaster Trail.*
 - *Gambier Island trail network is in the planning stage, with much local support.*
- *Snow clearing at fire halls was raised; it was noted that MoTI cannot dictate where a private contractor plows as long as they fulfill their contract.*
- *Questions were raised regarding completion of the bike lane in upper Gibsons, and collisions on Gibsons Way. Don Legault will request MoTI follow-up.*
- *Sightlines and speeding on Reed Road were discussed.*
- *Emergency preparedness for a bridge washout on Ocean Beach Esplanade was raised as a potential agenda item for the next Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.*
- *Development of biking/walking trails along Gower Point Road was raised; MoTI (Colin Midgley) is the point of contact for any follow-up.*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.

NEXT MEETING October 19, 2017 at 2:45 pm

ADJOURNMENT 3:56 pm

Committee Chair

Southern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee

Annex C

SEPTEMBER 2017

Important Announcement!

- ◆ In July 2016, BC Ferries met with Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs (FAC) from Route 3 (Langdale - Horseshoe Bay), Route 7 (Earl's Cove - Saltery Bay), Route 8 (Bowen Island), and Route 13 (Keats, Gambier) to share a proposed expanded schedule, which they hoped would improve on-time performance. However, with discussion within the FACs, these Chairs said 'no' and expressed concerns about the negative impacts to our local communities. The most obvious issue was the loss of important commuter times that were needed to accommodate residents that travel to and from the mainland for work. As commuter times have been an issue that the Route 3 FAC has advocated for over the last decade with no positive resolution, the FAC Chairs suggested a more robust discussion with the communities involved, rather than just with the FACs.
- ◆ In the spring of this year, BC Ferries hired *Context*, a market research firm, and a comprehensive engagement process was conducted on the Sunshine Coast. The voices of all of the respondents (residents, commuters, cottage owners, businesses, service providers, and tourists) who took the time to answer an online survey (over 4000+), attend focus groups or pop-up sessions were very specific on the needs for the Coast:
 - ◆ **Service that supports quality of life for residents and economic development**
 - ◆ **Commuters (including students) as priority users with schedules built around their key commuting times**
 - ◆ **More frequent service and more capacity**
 - ◆ **Later evening sailings out of Horseshoe Bay**
- ◆ As residents of the Sunshine Coast, we voiced our concerns to BC Ferries, and now the Southern Sunshine Coast FAC is very happy to announce that BC Ferries listened. The new schedule, to take effect **January 2, 2018** has just been released and with some very creative scheduling by BC Ferries staff, there will be the desired **commuter times** of 6:20 a.m. from Langdale, and 5:30 p.m. from Horseshoe Bay, Monday to Friday, for the entire year.
- ◆ As well, there are going to be **late evening sailings** from Horseshoe Bay with 11:20 p.m. departures from mid-May to Thanksgiving, and 10:55 p.m. from Thanksgiving to mid-May.
- ◆ **Details:** <https://www.bcferrries.com/bcferrries/faces/attachments?id=1091869>
- ◆ Not all the ferry needs of Coastal residents have been addressed at this point, but most require more long term solutions, which will involve terminal upgrades and purchase of new ships. As an FAC, we look forward to our continued work with BC Ferries to address the needs of Coast residents.

Thanks to all who made their voices heard!

Ferry Advisory Committees

BC Ferries meets with local community representatives to discuss day-to-day operations, planned improvements and broader policy issues such as fares and strategic planning.

FAC Members:

Robin Marriott
Diana Mumford
Greg Russell
Mike Shanks
Ed Steeves
Jeremy Valeriotte
Mathew Wilson

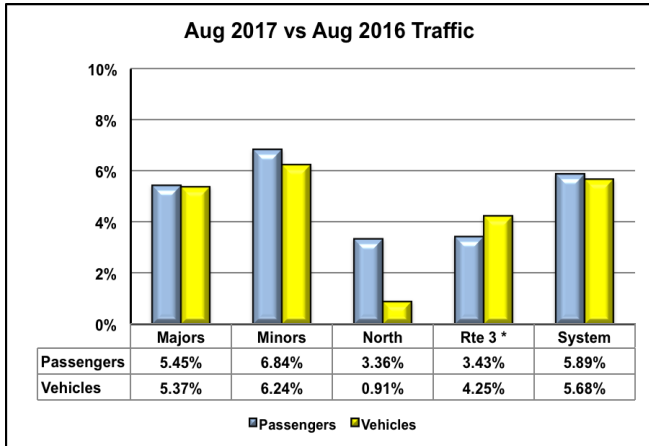
Contact

Email: www.sscferryadvisorycommittee@gmail.com
Or phone **Diana Mumford (Chair)** at **604-836-9651**

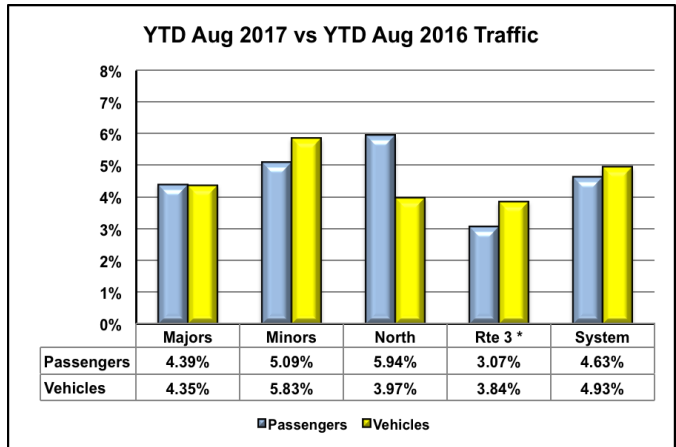
August 2017 Traffic

Graph 1 Ferry traffic use (passengers, vehicles)
increase/decrease % comparing months
of August 2017 vs August 2016

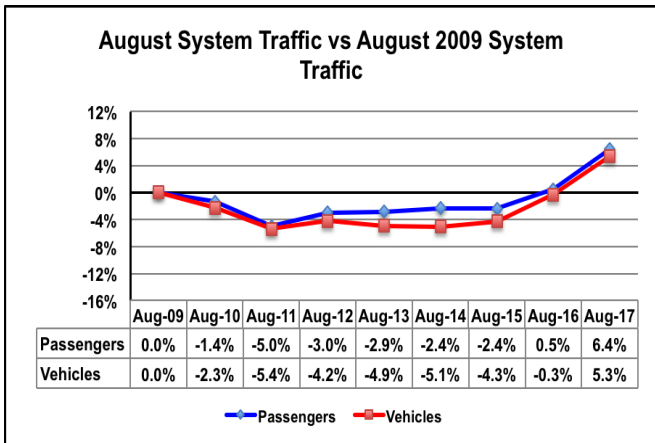
note: Route 3 data included in Majors; also shown separately for information only*



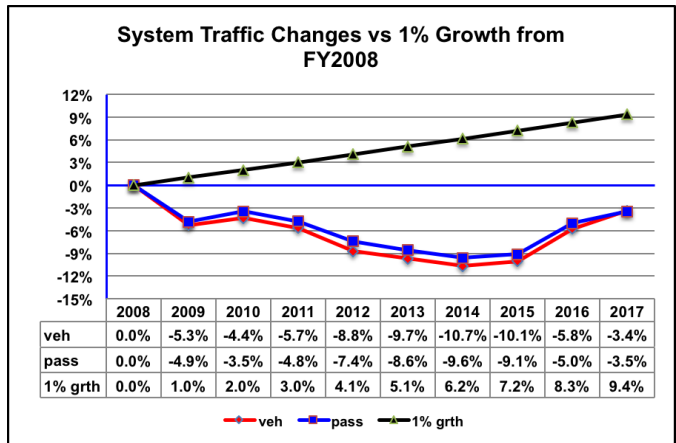
Graph 2 Ferry traffic use (passengers, vehicles)
increase % comparing Year to Date, vs Previous Year



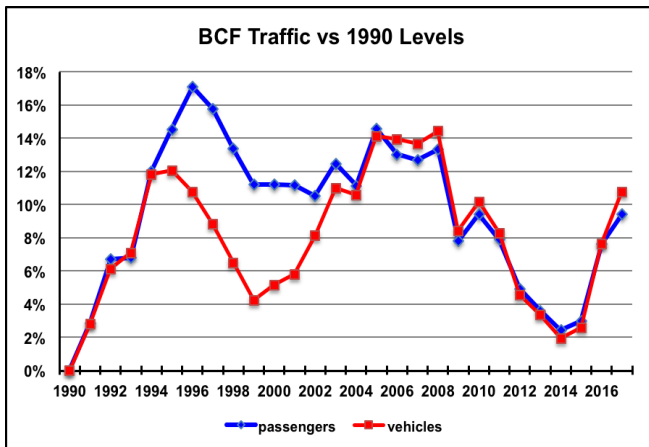
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System Traffic for the May 2017 vs May 2010



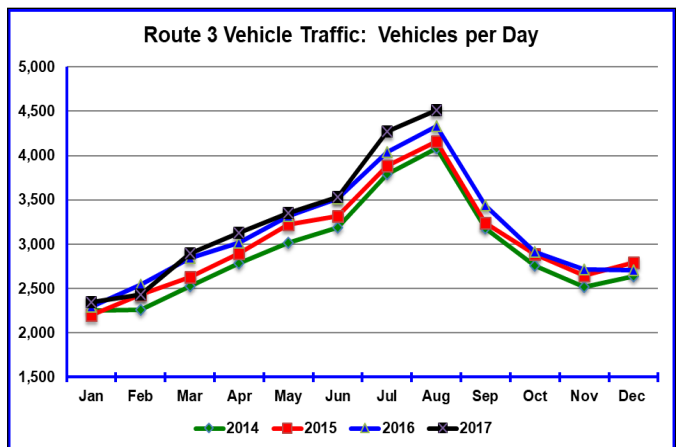
Graph 4
System Traffic Changes vs 1% growth since FY2008



Graph 5
System Traffic Changes – the Long Look - Since 1990



Graph 6
Route 3 Vehicles per day from years 2014-2017



**Mark
Your
Calendar**

The next Southern Sunshine Coast FAC meeting is scheduled for November 3rd, 8:00 a.m. @ Gibson's Public Market
Public Welcome!

To make a presentation, please contact FAC Chair Diana Mumford at 604-836-9651