



Victoria Regional Transit System Overview

District of Sooke – Committee of the Whole

Presentation Outline

- Transit System Overview
- Existing Sooke Transit Service
- Transit Future Plan – Long-Range Transit Strategy
- Regional Initiatives
- Questions



Victoria Regional Transit

Overall System Scope:

- Second largest system in BC
- 100,000 passenger trips per day
 - 6.5% share of all trips in the region
 - Fixed route & Custom (handyDART)
- Carries more people per hour at lower cost per hour than Canadian peers

By the Numbers:

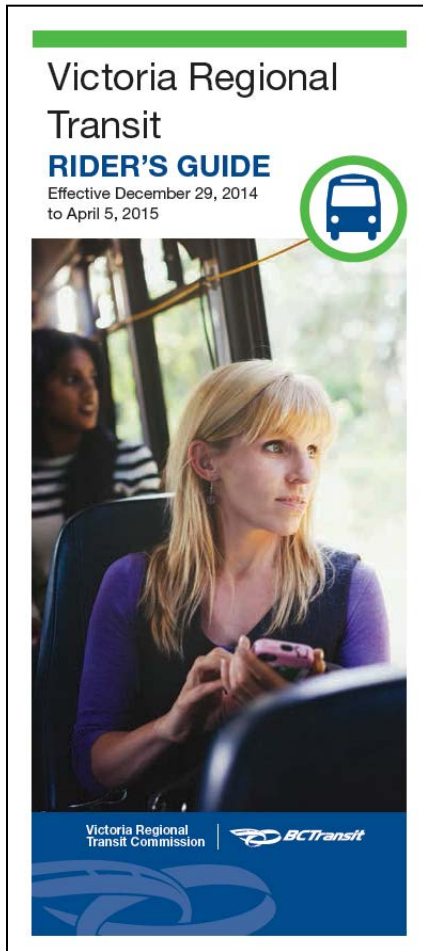
- Fixed route system - 281 buses
- HandyDART service - 54 buses
- 930,000 service hours annually
 - 550 Transit Operators
 - 100 Mechanics and service people
 - 33 Dispatch, customer service and other
 - + others shared with BC Transit's provincial operations
- 56 routes with 2,300 bus stops

Victoria Regional Transit System Service Area



Day	Conventional	Custom
Mon-Thur	5:00am – 12:00am	7:00am – 10:00pm
Friday	5:00am – 2:00am	7:00am – 12:00am
Saturday	5:30am – 2:00am	7:00am – 12:00am
Sunday	6:00am – 12:00am	8:00am – 10:00pm

Victoria Regional Transit Commission



- Established under the *BC Transit Act*
 - » Local government representation for transit services in the Capital Regional District
- Seven elected local government officials appointed
- Chair designated by Minister responsible for BC Transit
- BC Transit Act: appointment process, composition, term
- Staff, resources and contracted services provided by BC Transit
- The role of the Commission is to approve routes, service levels, budget, fares and taxation rates
- Commission has sent a request to the Minister for an additional Commission Member from the Westshore
- Across B.C.: variety of governance models in place

Engaging our Customers



Outreach:

- Transit future bus, open houses, workshops, surveys to refine/plan service
- On-going public telephone survey of use and attitudes
- Annual survey of local governments and Operating companies

Commission:

- Letters/email to Commission and BC Transit
- Delegations to Commission meetings, public hearings regarding tariff increases

Customer Information:

- Transit information complaint and commendation line (250.382.6161)
- Website, Trip Planner, Facebook, Twitter



Coordinating with Communities

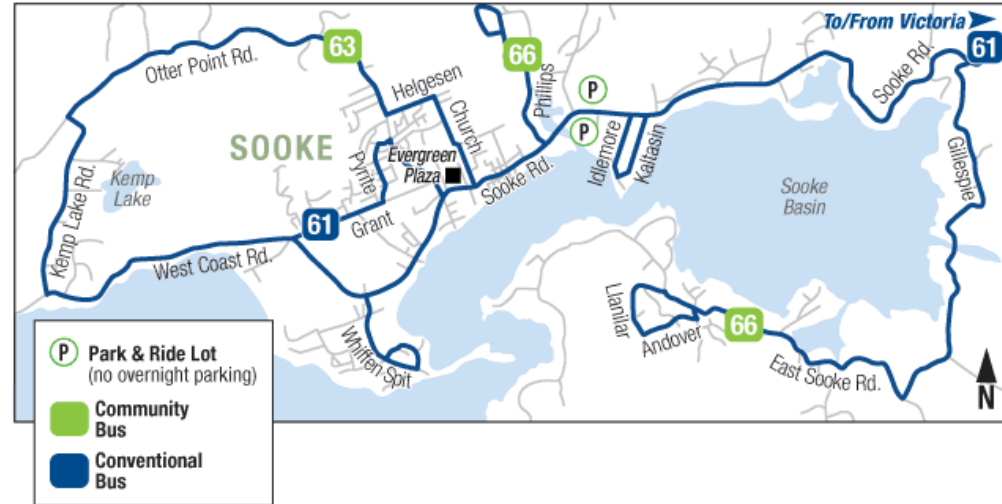
Influencing land use and development in collaboration:

- Local plan participation
 - CRD Regional Sustainability Strategy
 - CRD Regional Transportation Plan
 - Local OCPs, Transportation Plans
- Pedestrian, Cycling and Corridor Plans
- Area Transit Plans
- Coordination with area local governments
 - Development process - developmentreferrals@bctransit.com
 - Work with local government staff (plans, development, infrastructure)
 - Presentations to councils/committees
 - Ongoing dialogue with local stakeholder groups and the public



Existing Sooke Services

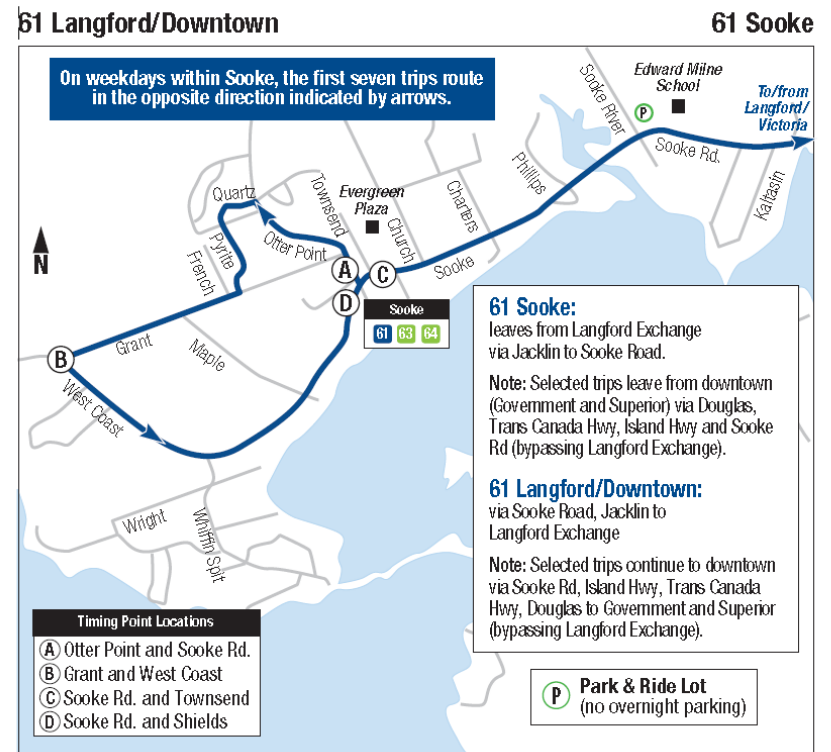
- Served by three existing transit routes:
 - **Route 61 Sooke/Downtown** with regional connections to the Westshore and Downtown Victoria
 - Local community bus routes **63 Otter Point** and **64 East Sooke** which provide service to East Sooke, Sunriver and Kemp Lake Rd.
- **Morning peak transit mode share:**
 - 15% average for Sooke
 - 9% average for region
- **Midday average transit mode share:**
 - 1% for Sooke
 - 6% for region



Transit Service Coverage & Walking Distance



Transit Routes	Service Day	Trips Operated	Revenue Hours	Passenger Boardings	Boardings per Trip	Boardings per Revenue Hr
61 - Sooke/Downtown	Weekdays	63	54.07	1,630	25.9	30.1
	Saturdays	37	21.82	656	17.7	30.1
	Sundays	24	14.42	432	18.0	30.0



Sooke Town Centre

Stop Activity Fall 2014

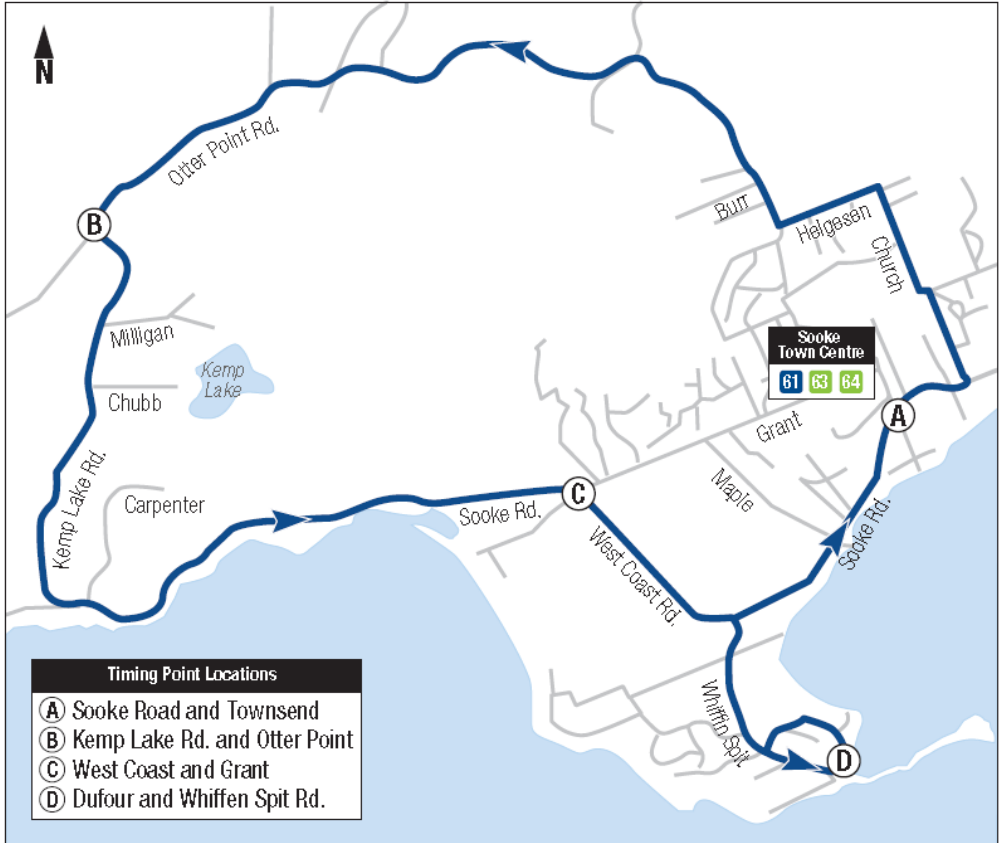
* Community Shuttle Route



Transit Routes	Service Day	Trips Operated	Revenue Hours	Passenger Boardings	Boardings per Trip	Boardings per Revenue Hr
63 - Otter Point	Weekdays	4	2.33	28	7.0	12.0
	No Weekends	0	-	-	-	-



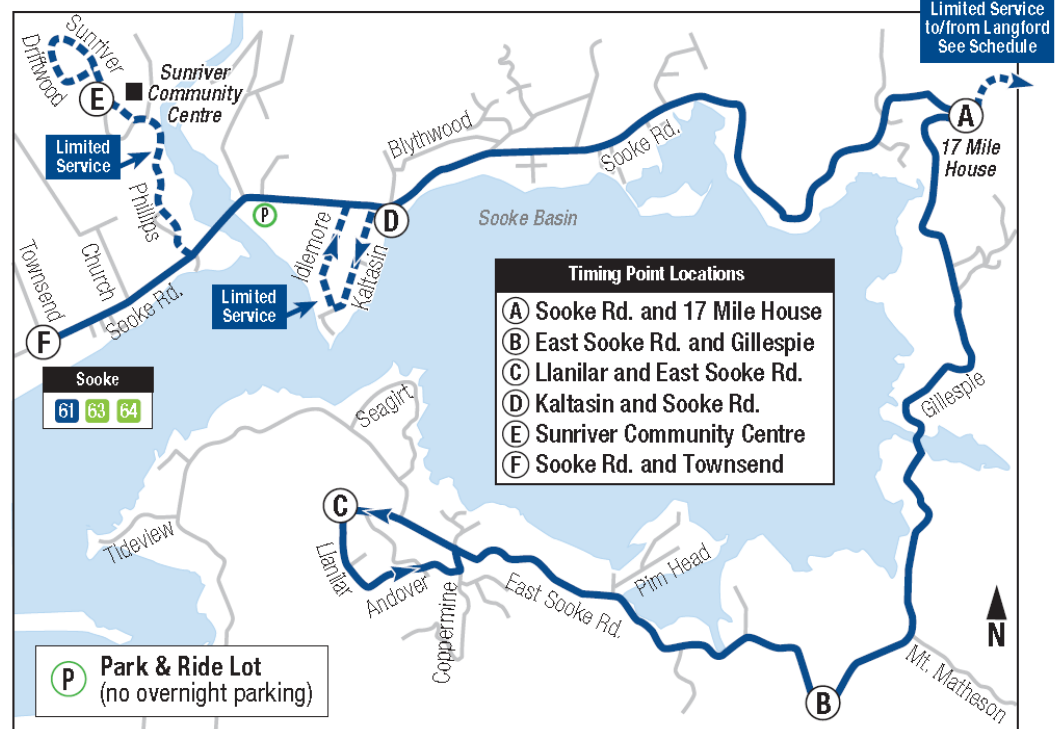
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Transit Routes	Service Day	Trips Operated	Revenue Hours	Passenger Boardings	Boardings per Trip	Boardings per Revenue Hr
64 - East Sooke	Weekdays	8	8.95	72	9.0	8.0
	No Weekends	0	-	-	-	-



64 East Sooke



Sooke Park & Ride



Recent Service Improvements in Sooke

- **61 Sooke** – Fall 2014 additional Saturday night trip to/from Sooke that connects to downtown Victoria
- **64 East Sooke** – Summer 2015 changed routing to SEAPARC Leisure Complex
- Under the Transit Shelter Program **five** shelters have been added since 2010.



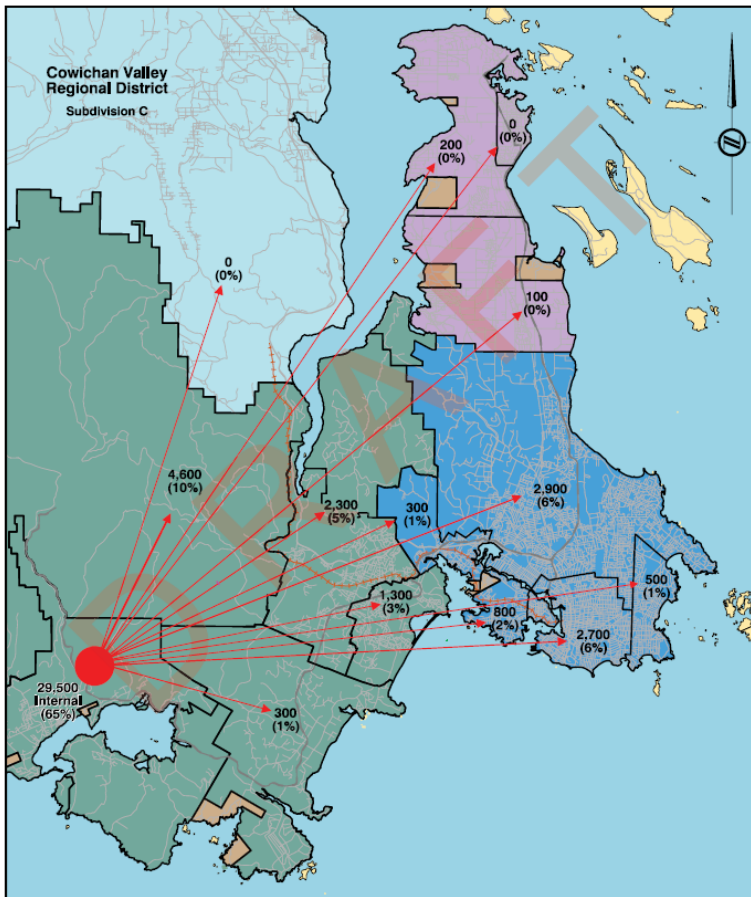
Transit Future Plan

The Transit Future Plan provides a 25 year vision for transit in the region that:

- Supports municipal land use and transportation plans
- Supports CRD Regional Growth Strategy and Travel Choices (10 per cent transit mode share by 2026)
- Supports the achievement of the Provincial Transit Plan mode share target (12 percent by 2030)
- Prioritizes and plans for future service and infrastructure growth & needs
- The plan was endorsed by the Transit Commission and local governments

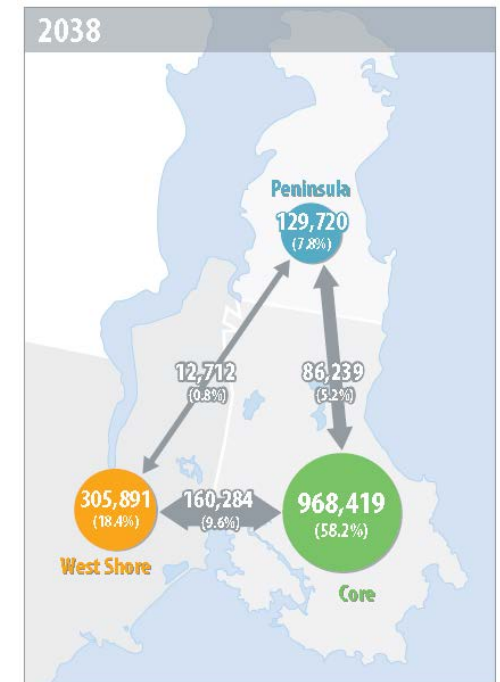


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Sooke Travel Data

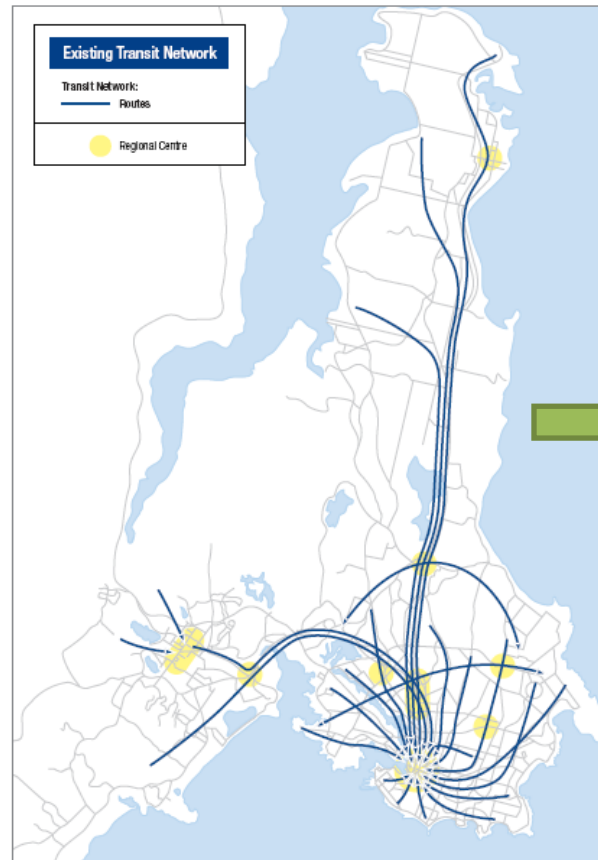
- 65% of trips are within Sooke
- 12% of trips are to Victoria and Saanich
- 8% of trips are to Langford and Colwood



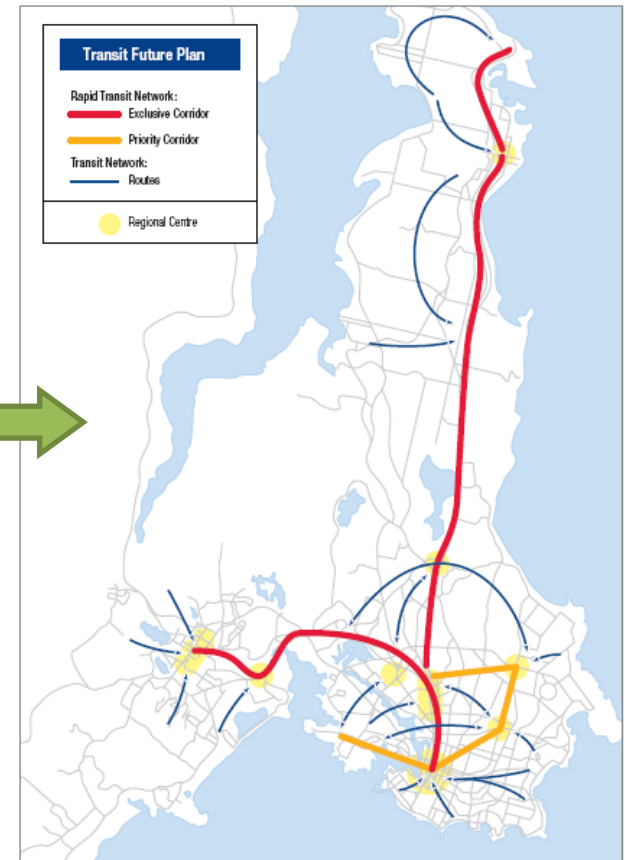
Transit Future Plan

The Transit Future Plan uses four layers of transit service to tailor transit to community needs:

- Rapid Transit
- Frequent Transit
- Local Transit
- Targeted Services



Transit Mode Share 6.5%



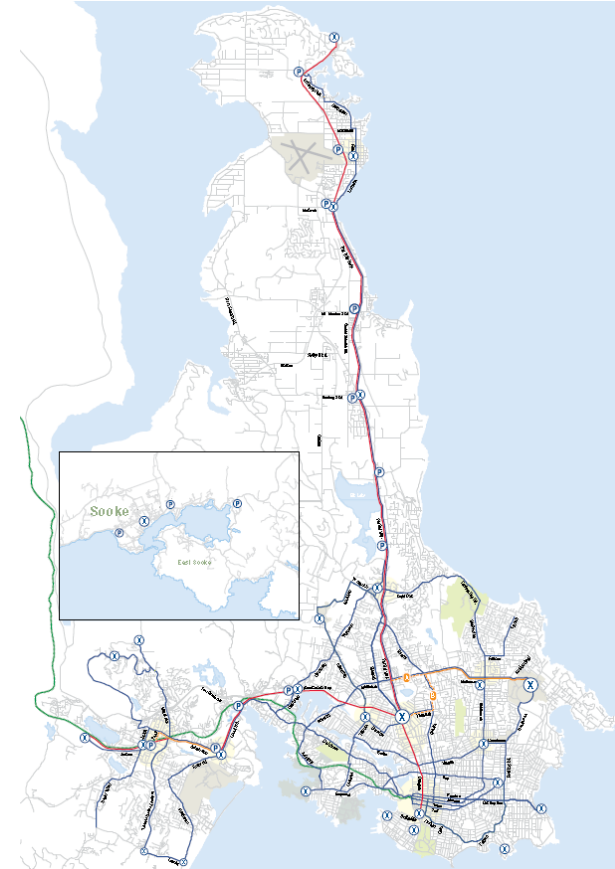
Transit Mode Share 12%



Transit Future Plan - Implementation

A number of projects are in development, including:

- Rapid Transit Project
- Transit Priority Project
- Campus Transit Plan
- Uptown Exchange
- Operations & Maintenance Facility
- Performance & Service Review
 - Review included consultation to help establish service improvement priorities



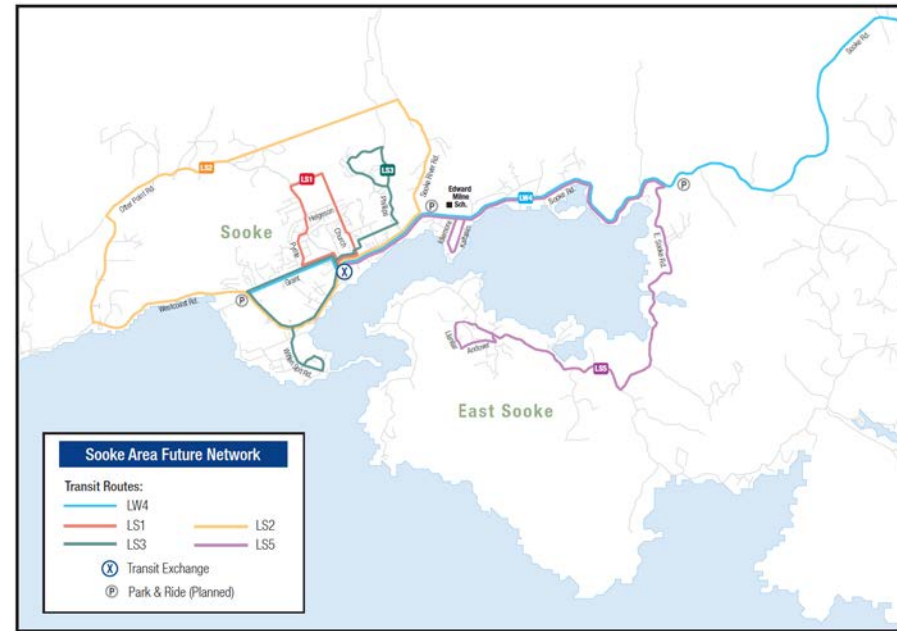
Sooke Transit Future Strategies

2016/17 Sooke Local Area Plan

- Review local service to improve coverage and identify future local service improvements

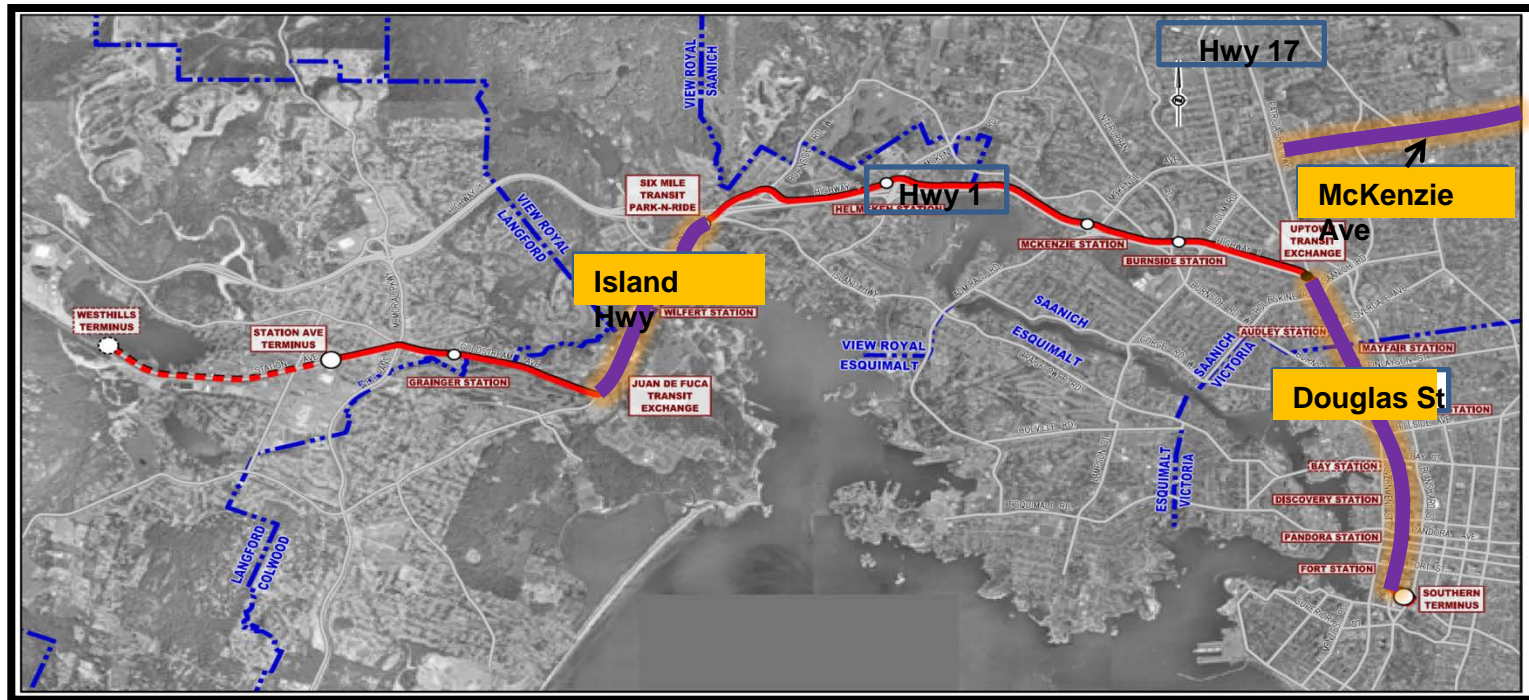
Medium-Term - Infrastructure

- Work with local government to determine the location for additional Park & Ride and a future transit exchange to ensure alignments with Town Centre development



Transit Priority Study

To develop cost-effective short-term infrastructure strategies on select corridors as identified in the Transit Future Plan (Victoria Region) to enhance transit service, performance and ridership growth.

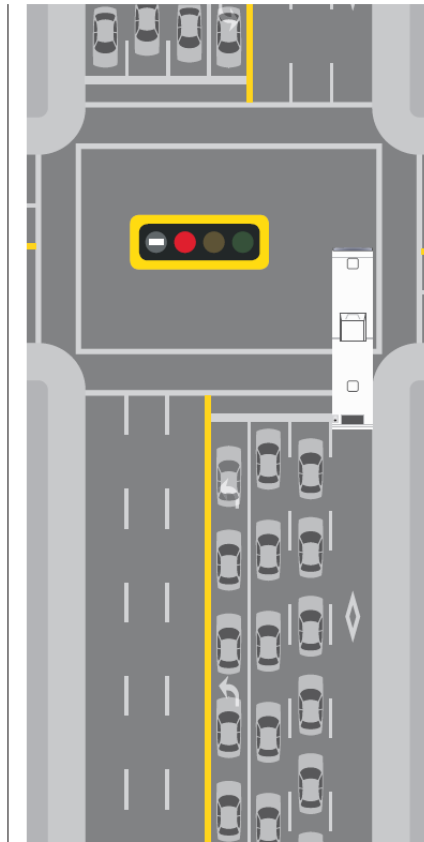
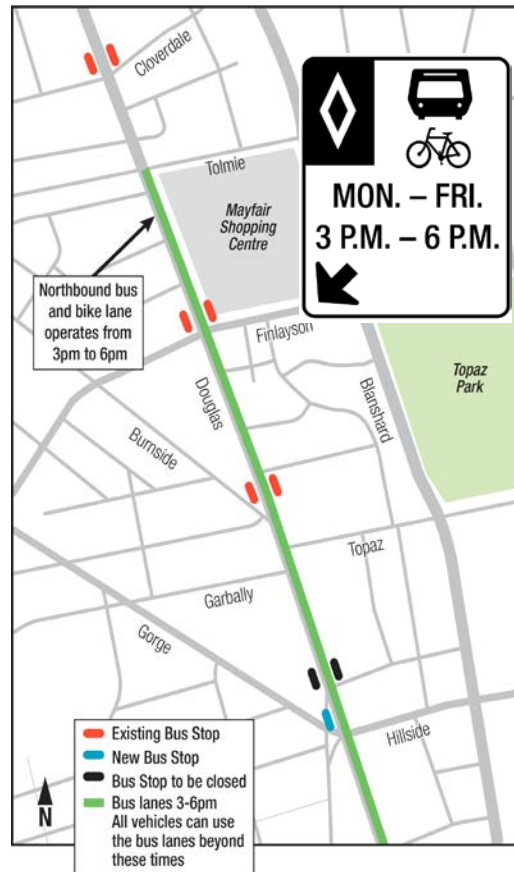


Douglas Transit Priority

Rush hour bus lanes on Douglas and transit signal priority

- Phase 1 Herald – Hillside
- Phase 2 Hillside – Cloverdale

Ministry of Transportation is developing options for Hwy 1 between Tolmie and Uptown announced in the BC On the Move Transportation Plan



Bus Shelter Program

- Transit customers have conveyed their desire for additional transit shelters at transit stops.
- BC Transit has partnered with the Transit Commission to provide the Transit Shelter Capital Upgrade Program to improve transit stops throughout the region.
- BC Transit staff would like to work with municipal staff to determine priorities over the next 3 years





Thank you

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