

# STRATEGIC REVIEW OF TRANSIT IN THE FRASER VALLEY

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## Background

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) is currently undertaking a Strategic Review of Transit in the Fraser Valley in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), BC Transit, and TransLink. The study will develop a long-range transit vision for the Fraser Valley that will support local community plans, the Regional Growth Strategy, and the Provincial Transit Plan. The vision will create a broad outline of transit services including key measures and initiatives for the years of 2013, 2020, and 2030.

In June 2008, the partners began working to produce a Terms of Reference for the project. In early fall, both the Executive Committee and the Regional Board reviewed and adopted the draft Terms of Reference for the Strategic Review of Transit in the Fraser Valley.

## Partners & Committees

On November 14, 2008 Urban Systems Ltd. was selected as the project consultant and subsequently met with the Project Steering Committee and Project Technical Committee, consisting of representatives from MoTI, BC Transit, FVRD and TransLink. During December and January, Urban Systems Ltd. also met with local government engineering and planning representatives to discuss the project and give local government staff an opportunity to provide an overview of current local transit systems as well as outline community objectives and plans in their respective communities with regards to transit.

Local government staff were also provided with copies of the draft Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Terms of Reference for review and were asked to provide the project manager with comments and an appropriate time-frame as to when respective FVRD Councils would be able to forward nominations for the Committee.

## PARTNERS



*Bourquin Transit Exchange, Abbotsford*

## Project Committees:

### **Project Steering Committee (PSC): MoTI, FVRD, BC Transit, TransLink**

The Project Steering Committee is comprised of representatives from each of the partner agencies and is responsible for coordinating project direction among the partner agencies, providing advice related to the Transit Strategy Review, and reporting back to the respective Partners, Regional Board, Councils, and Ministers.

### **Technical Committee (TC): FVRD, BC Transit, TransLink**

The Technical Committee is comprised of representatives from each of the partner agencies and is responsible for providing advice on technical matters relating to each component of the study.

### **Transportation & Transit Technical Working Group (TTWG): Local government staff**

The Technical Working Group is comprised of engineering and planning representatives from local government and is responsible for providing direction and advice to the consultant on the integration of local community plans and objectives into a regional context, and ensuring that municipal interests are represented and incorporated into the study.

### **Public Advisory Committee (PAC): Membership to be established**

The Public Advisory Committee will be comprised of members of the public as nominated by local councils and is responsible for providing community input and advice on transit related matters, reviewing and evaluating transit options proposed during the study, and representing a broad range of interests in the community. This is one component of what will be an extensive public consultation process.

## Next Steps

Next steps in the study include the submission of the Interim Status Report by Urban Systems Ltd. in early February, in preparation for the Foundation Paper to be completed in early spring 2009. It is also anticipated that a Council of Councils will be held in the spring in order to provide a forum for dialogue and communication among the member municipalities.

*Right: Project phasing is anticipated to follow the following timeline. The study is due to be completed in early 2010.*

<i>Milestones</i>	<i>Date of Delivery</i>
<i>Interim Status Report</i>	<i>January 2009</i>
<i>Part 1: Foundation Paper</i>	<i>March 2009</i>
<i>• Formalize Communications Plan</i>	<i>April 2009</i>
<i>Part 2: Transit Vision (Regional)</i>	<i>September 2009</i>
<i>Part 3: Transit Vision (Municipal)</i>	<i>November 2009</i>
<i>Part 4: Transit Concept Plan</i>	<i>January 2010</i>
<i>Draft of Final Report</i>	<i>February 2010</i>
<i>Final Report and Associated Documents</i>	<i>February 2010</i>

For more information on the study and its next steps, please visit our webpage at:

[www.fvrd.bc.ca/InsidetheFVRD/RegionalPlanning/Pages/TransportationandTransit.aspx](http://www.fvrd.bc.ca/InsidetheFVRD/RegionalPlanning/Pages/TransportationandTransit.aspx)