

B.C. on the Move: Engagement Meeting Notes

NOVEMBER 27, 2014

2:00 PM

COQUITLAM

ATTENDEES/AFFILIATION	Participant wished to remain anonymous
MOTI REPRESENTATIVES	Renée Mounteney, Deputy Director South Coast Region, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) Thomas Chhun, Operations Manager, Metro Vancouver
NOTE TAKER	Christel Guenette, Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.
KEY THEMES (3-6)	
1) Engagement Process: The participant thought the meeting was a consultation rather than garnering feedback and attended to gather information. He declined to indicate which First Nation Band he represented.	
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	
This item was not discussed at the meeting.	
MOVING FORWARD – STRATEGIES	
1) Moving People and Goods Safely and Reliably	
This item was not discussed at the meeting.	
2) Growing the Economy	
This item was not discussed at the meeting.	
3) Connecting and Strengthening Communities	
This item was not discussed at the meeting.	
4) Maximizing Collaboration and Investment with Partners and Stakeholders	
This item was not discussed at the meeting.	
TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	
This item was not discussed at the meeting.	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The participant indicated that he intended to gather information for the First Nation so they could determine whether to provide input to the Ministry. The participant questioned what the outcome of the session would be, and how firmly entrenched it would be. Ms. Mounteney indicated that short term goals might have specific projects attached. It was noted that budgets for the next three years are located online. Medium to long term goals will be higher level and program oriented. The plan is intended to have action items contained to be measured against. The participant questioned whether the plan would focus on highways and how they relate to public transportation and whether they would be integrated. Ms. Mounteney responded that TransLink's plan would not change and would form a portion of the 10 year plan. The participant questioned how the highways that have been transferred to municipalities would come into the plan. The participant questioned the 500 m of land on either side of the highways for additional development. Ms. Mounteney noted that MOTI does have access to the right of ways on either side of highways. MOTI does have a role to play when municipalities work with developers. She noted that it is MOTI's mandate to ensure safe and reliable movement. The participant questioned whether the Ministry has jurisdiction at ports, with respect to trucks leaving the port, rather than the Port Authority. Ms. Mounteney noted that MOTI does interact with the Port Authority to ensure the port is linked with federal interests and how the port is accessed. There is a branch in the Ministry, the Asia-Pacific Gateway Branch, which advances those interests to integrate industries. Regulations are not drafted through MOTI as the federal government regulates them. The participant questioned once the plan was developed and delivered to local governments, whether these governments would have to gear their plans with the 10 year plan. Ms. Mounteney noted that it was at the discretion of the local governments to utilize the plan. MOTI would like to support local governments and not negatively impact what communities are doing. The participant noted in the past when suggestions for intersections were made, the ministry said "No." Ms. Mounteney noted the importance of conversations between municipalities and government. In rural areas, it is sometimes better to have an intersection with lights or a roundabout. 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The participant noted that these decisions are made at a higher level and that they would not have a role in these decisions. Ms. Mounteney noted the need for feedback on any infrastructure that is provincial and problematic. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The participant questioned whether the ministry would play a role in telematics and if it would be included in the 10-year plan. Ms. Mounteney noted that there may be an opportunity for a tech focus. Advance Traveler Information was run by MOTI. Mr. Chhun noted that the Advance Traveler System looks at the traffic network in its entirety and at certain times would adjust signal times to help alleviate congestion in areas. It is in the investigation phase. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The participant questioned whether there would be an open house. Ms. Mounteney noted that she was unaware if the Minister would host an additional Twitter Town Hall. It was noted that a meeting could be arranged if the First Nation the participant represented, would like an in-person meeting. |