

# B.C. on the Move: Engagement Meeting Notes

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<b>ATTENDEES, AFFILIATION</b>	Mark Allison, City of New Westminster Jim Lowrie, City of New Westminster Eugene Wat, City of New Westminster Councillor Loree Williams, City of New Westminster Elisa Campbell, Metro Vancouver Ray Kan, Metro Vancouver Don Klimchuk, City of Vancouver Lon LaClaire, City of Vancouver Magnus Infeldt, City of Vancouver Leah Libsekal, City of Burnaby Dragana Mitic, City of North Vancouver Steve Ono, District of North Vancouver David Stuart, District of North Vancouver Gavin Joyce, District of North Vancouver Victor Wei, City of Richmond
<b>MOTI REPRESENTATIVES</b>	Renee Mounteney, Deputy Director South Coast Region, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) Ashok Bhatti, District Manager, Lower Mainland, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) Kevin Volk, Director, Transit, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI)
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Christel Guenette, Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.
<b>KEY THEMES (3-6)</b>	
1) <b>Collaboration with partners:</b> Participants noted that their priority is the Mayor's Council Transportation Vision, which they anticipate the MoTI will support.	
2) <b>Urban planning:</b> Participants expressed the importance of livable regions (where you work, shop, play), which would reduce commuting.	
3) <b>Funding:</b> Participants noted that a variety of funding strategies could benefit the region in building infrastructure.	
<b>CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants noted that partnering with the Province and TransLink strengthens Metro Vancouver's application for the Build Canada fund.</li> <li>Participants noted that protection of the environment is a challenge.</li> <li>Participants noted that 100,000 trucks travelling through New Westminster daily produces diesel pollution and reduces air quality</li> </ul>	
<b>MOVING FORWARD – STRATEGIES</b>	
1) Moving People and Goods Safely and Reliably	
2) Growing the Economy	
3) Connecting and Strengthening Communities	
4) Maximizing Collaboration and Investment with Partners and Stakeholders	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One participant noted that locating container ports upriver in less populated areas would reduce container truck traffic through the city.</li> <li>One participant suggested the utilization of smart technology to maximize current resources.</li> <li>One participant noted that municipalities are struggling to know what the provincial priorities are and questioned whether they would align with municipal priorities.</li> <li>A participant from the City of North Vancouver questioned whether more time should be allowed for this consultation. The participant noted there are opportunities available (i.e. Build Canada Fund) that municipalities do not want to miss.</li> <li>A participant from Metro Vancouver questioned whether priorities included non-infrastructure policies such as tolling.</li> <li>A participant from New Westminster noted that increased traffic through New Westminster has occurred due to the tolling of the Port Mann Bridge. The participant questioned whether the toll on the Port Mann Bridge should be lowered if the Patullo Bridge is also tolled, to make it a more attractive option for commuters.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from New Westminster noted that funding options are part of the equation in forming the Mayors' Council strategy, and questioned whether this will be discussed in the engagement summary. Ms. Mounteney responded that the province will work with the Mayors' Council.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from the City of Richmond noted that Metro Vancouver issues have been addressed in the Mayors' Council plan, and expressed concern that the Mayors' Council plan was not included in the discussion guide. Kevin Volk responded that the province will work together with the Mayors' Council with respect to transportation priorities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from the City of Vancouver questioned whether this plan would work to achieve all provincial plans and policies and not undermine current supported plans. Ms. Mounteney responded local government priorities should align with provincial priorities, where possible, especially where infrastructure overlaps.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from the District of North Vancouver noted the history of the region relied on ministerial approval to help fund TransLink initiatives and approve funding measures. The participant questioned whether funding measures would be acknowledged in the plan. Mr. Volk responded this would be a discussion between the Mayors' Council and the Minister.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant noted that the Mayors' Council plan contained key funding strategies that would require partnership with the Province and requested that the 10-year plan acknowledge the Mayors' Council Plan.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant noted that municipalities have projects that are not addressed in the Mayors' Council plan.</li> </ul>
<b>TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS</b>
<p>City of New Westminster priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A priority is the reduction of container truck traffic by relocating the container port upriver away from populated areas.</li> <li>• The participant suggested tolling considerations should be a priority.</li> <li>• One participant suggested a greater emphasis should be placed on emissions and health.</li> </ul>
<b>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, DISCUSSION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from North Vancouver questioned how this consultation process fits in with other consultations that have been conducted.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from the City of New Westminster noted that the timeline for putting this plan together seems short. The participant questioned whether MoTI had determined priorities prior to the consultation process. Renee Mounteney responded that the engagement process will help to inform the 10-year plan, along with technical and financial considerations, and she noted that previous commitments will not change.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant questioned who the target audience is. Ms. Mounteney responded that everyone in the province is welcome to submit a survey or submission, including all industries, individuals, stakeholders, First Nations and municipalities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant noted that there is no question in the survey regarding transit and expressed concern that the public would not be able to comment on transit.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from the City of New Westminster questioned whether a tolling policy could be a priority.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant expressed concern that no strategies in the discussion guide addressed the protection of the environment.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A participant from Metro Vancouver noted that there is no alignment between the challenges section and the moving forward section in the discussion guide, and expressed concern that these processes would not be addressed in the plan.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant questioned whether the document would describe how prioritization occurred, noting there is no clarity as to what the goals are. Ms. Mounteney responded that MoTI's mandate has been to move people and goods safely and reliably and to support the economic growth of the province.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant noted the demand management side should be raised as a priority and not buried within a larger goal.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant suggested a greater emphasis should be placed on emissions and health. With Air Care ending, the participant questioned if strategies would be factored into the provincial plan to address air retesting. The participant questioned what measures will be put in place to enforce lowering greenhouse gases.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant questioned whether Metro Vancouver's growing economy (60% of jobs located in Metro Vancouver) will be given greater emphasis.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant suggested that the high percentage of jobs located in Metro Vancouver should be considered as a separate strategy.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant noted that the discussion guide felt as if it were prepared for a different audience than Metro Vancouver. The participant questioned whether other communities were having the same difficulties with the discussion guide. Ms. Mounteney responded that the discussion guide has been prepared to consider the priorities of all communities in the province, noting that smaller communities may have a different way of focussing their priorities.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant questioned whether the smaller communities were concerned their priorities would not be addressed in the provincial plan. Ms. Mounteney responded that this has not been a concern.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One participant questioned what projects would be priorities. Ms. Mounteney responded that determining priorities will not be based on popularity, but growth strategies, OCPs, technical studies and budget considerations will be taken into consideration during this process.</li> </ul>