

B.C. on the Move: Engagement Meeting Notes

OCTOBER 27, 2014

1:30PM

CONFERENCE CALL

ATTENDEES/AFFILIATION	Healthy Built Environment Alliance (Including but not limited to representatives of: Population and Public Health, Vancouver Coastal Health, Capilano College, Fraser Health Authority, Simon Fraser University, BC Healthy Living Alliance and Interior Health)
MOTI REPRESENTATIVES	Norm Parkes, Executive Director of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)
NOTE TAKER	Carmen Bennett, Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.
KEY THEMES (3-6)	
1) Transportation planning: Participants noted that it is important to think of health impacts related to transportation infrastructure and investment.	
2) Engagement process: Participants suggested engaging with health authorities and stakeholders in the health community.	
3) Transportation planning: Participants noted that “connecting and strengthening communities” is an important topic that should be discussed in more detail.	
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants suggested more engagement with health authorities is necessary, and that it is important to consider the health impacts related to transportation infrastructure and investment. 	
MOVING FORWARD – STRATEGIES	
1) Moving People and Goods Safely and Reliably	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One participant asked about the direct and indirect impacts to communities’ health and wellbeing resulting from major projects and infrastructure development (including Massey Bridge) and questioned whether consideration has been given to doing health impact assessments. The participant noted that health and social impacts from major projects will be a consideration. Norm Parkes responded that relevant assessments would be undertaken on a project-basis as required. One participant noted that health impacts need to be considered broadly and not just in terms of traffic safety. One participant suggested that when making considerations related to transportation for the resource sector, the Ministry should be engaging with health authorities to address potential concerns related to transporting resources. 	
2) Growing the Economy	
3) Connecting and Strengthening Communities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants suggested engaging with any health authorities, such as the Provincial Health Officer, Chief medical officer and other health authorities/ health committees. Participants would like to see more content in the connecting and strengthening communities section in the plan – many groups would be willing to provide input on that. On the municipal side, consultation with transportation planners/ land use planners and managers is important. 	
4) Maximizing Collaboration and Investment with Partners and Stakeholders	
TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One participant suggested that health impact assessments should be undertaken. One participant noted that the Ministry should be engaging with health authorities when considering transportation projects related to resource development. Participants would like to see more content in the connecting and strengthening communities section, in terms of healthy built environments. 	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION	