

B.C. on the Move: Engagement Meeting Notes

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10:00AM

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ATTENDEES/AFFILIATION	Mark Donnelly, Director of Communication and Community Impact, BC Automobile Association
MOTI REPRESENTATIVES	Kirsten Pedersen, Executive Project Director, BC on the Move, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) Cole Delisle, Regional Manager, Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE), MoTI
NOTE TAKER	Carmen Bennett, Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd.
KEY THEMES (3-6)	
1)	Highways and side roads: Safety is the highest priority for BCAA and its members. Infrastructure investments that reflect the potential for distraction are important, as well as anything that can improve intersection safety is high on the list for BCAA and its members.
2)	Cycling and pedestrians: The participant noted that a very important role of BCAA is safety. In terms of cycling and pedestrian facilities, it is important for cyclists and drivers to coexist safely.
3)	Seniors transportation: In terms of connecting and strengthening communities, BCAA spends a lot of resources to support senior driving safety. Particularly in this province, alternative mobility for seniors is a priority.
4)	Transportation planning: The participant noted that any changes that are made need to be evidence-based.
5)	Disaster planning: The participant questioned whether earthquake and disaster readiness is being incorporated as part of the plan, noting that there is an appetite among BCAA members for disaster preparedness.
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The participant noted there have been challenges for BCAA in light of the speed and safety review and changes to speed limits. The participant noted that there are mobility challenges associated with the aging population in B.C., highlighting the need for supporting senior driving safety. The participant noted that a very important role of BCAA is safety. In terms of cycling and pedestrian facilities, it is important for cyclists and drivers to coexist safely.
MOVING FORWARD – STRATEGIES	
1)	Moving People and Goods Safely and Reliably <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BCAA noted with respect to the speed and safety review, changes need to be evidence-based. Understanding if changes are positive or negative and then making adjustments based on evidence is very important. The participant questioned whether there is any aspect of learning from other jurisdictions in terms of evidence for supporting changes. Kirsten Pedersen responded that there is a high level of technical standards and research in that regard, which is essential to the core of the Ministry's business. The participant questioned whether there is any element of earthquake and disaster readiness that is being considered as part of the transportation plan. Kirsten Pedersen noted that this is part of core programming, especially with respect to bridges and structures. The participant noted that this is one area in which BCAA has done some research, and that there seems to be an appetite from the Association's members for this type of readiness. The participant questioned whether investment in rail is included in this scope, as the delivery and safety of transporting liquid goods is necessary to consider. Kirsten noted that the Ministry will partner with rail companies on projects where the provincial public interest is there, as it does with ports and airports. These partnerships will continue.
2)	Growing the Economy
3)	Connecting and Strengthening Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terms of connecting and strengthening communities, BCAA spends a lot of resources to support senior driving safety. Particularly in this province, alternative mobility for seniors is a priority. There is a challenge for seniors with not having options to replace their mobility. Considering the aging population and the increased portion of the population with medical conditions is important.
4)	Maximizing Collaboration and Investment with Partners and Stakeholders
TOP THREE PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety is the highest priority for BCAA and its members. Infrastructure investments that reflect the potential for distraction are important, as well as anything that can improve intersection safety is high on the list for BCAA and its members. Use of mobility

devices is also a consideration.

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- In terms of connecting and strengthening communities, BCAA spends a lot of resources to support senior driving safety. Particularly in this province, alternative mobility for seniors is a priority. There is a challenge for seniors lacking options to replace their mobility. Considering the aging population and increased portion of the population with medical conditions is important.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

- In terms of funding and prioritization, the participant noted that BCAA's members are not always supportive of road pricing models when it comes to transit. This is feedback that has been received by BCAA from its members.
- The participant discussed BCAA's 'Worst Roads' Campaign.