

Regional Transportation Service

Request for Consent



Background

Transportation is vital to connecting people and places across the region and supporting the Central Okanagan's growing population, economy and quality of life.



Background - Continued

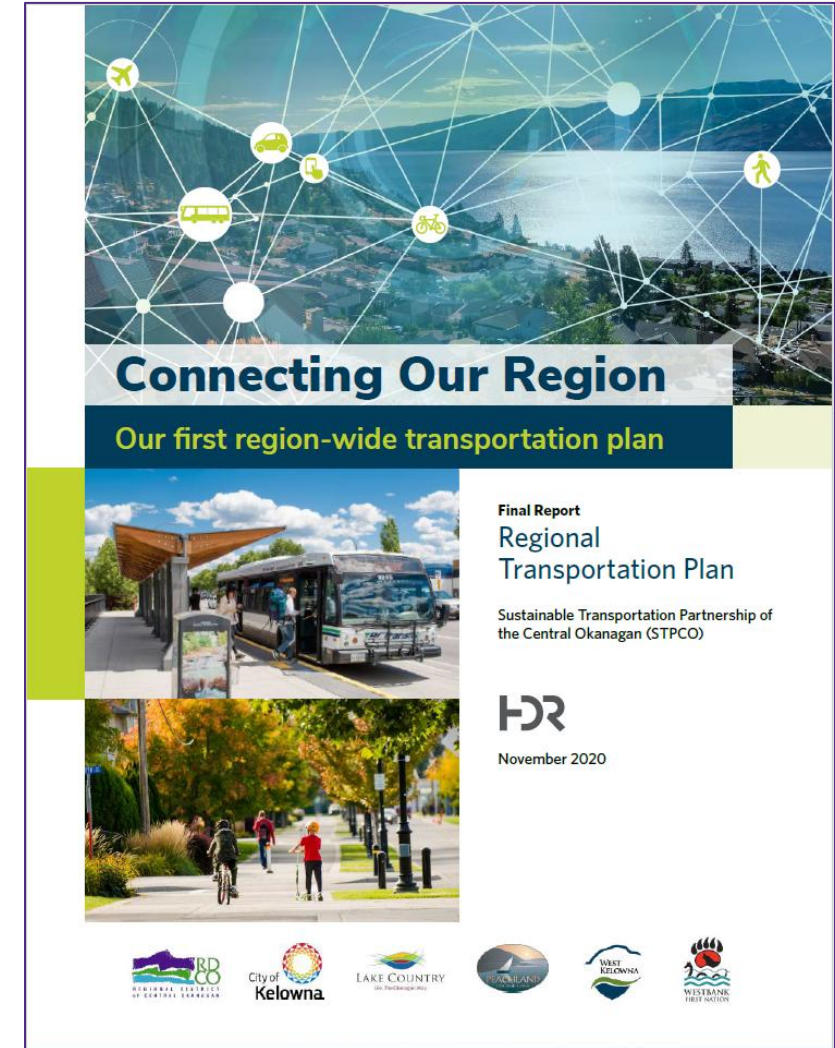
The Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO):

- STPCO: Regional Transportation Governance from 2013 to 2020
- STPCO Dissolved: end of 2020 following completion of the Regional Transportation Plan



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- **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):**
 - *“The current preference among the partners is to dissolve the STPCO and align with and transfer the current functions to the RDCO.”*



Background - Continued

- Staff Technical Committee

- Municipal Partners

- City of Kelowna
 - City of West Kelowna
 - District of Peachland
 - Westbank First Nation
 - District of Lake Country
 - RDCO

- Provincial Ministries

- MOTI
 - BC Transit





- Subject Matter Experts

Worked together to EXPLORE and DEFINE
a Regional Transportation Service

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- Explore what a 'Regional Transportation Service' should be, 4 years since STPCO.
- Regional Transportation Service 'matrix' endorsed by all Subject Matter Experts for Board consideration
- Framed in a way that clearly outlines responsibilities
- Envision service continuing from where it was:
 - Same magnitude of expense and scope
 - Focus on enabling regional planning and collaboration
 - Not consolidating other programs or services

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 Regional District of Central Okanagan	<p>Facilitates regional collaboration on transportation and the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. Leads on the development, monitoring and reporting for regional transportation plans. Supports grant applications & advocacy for regionally significant transportation infrastructure.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Delivers regional transportation programs (e.g. GoByBike Week, School Traffic Safety Officer, SmartTRIPS website, Safe Routes 4 Schools, etc).</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Policy support for transit system through Regional Growth Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans.</p>	<p>Develops Regional Growth Strategy and sets regional vision and policies for growth. Delivers and maintains roads and trails within the regional district's jurisdiction, including integration with the regional transportation network.</p>	<p>Policy support for provincial infrastructure improvements through Regional Growth Strategy and Regional Transportation Plans.</p>
	<p>Leads on the development of transit plans, such as the Transit Future Plan and Transit Future Action Plan, in partnership with Central Okanagan governments. Collaborates in the development, implementation and monitoring of regional transportation plans.</p>	<p>Leads on the delivery of transit-related regional transportation programs, such as Transit Travel Training.</p>	<p>Delivers transit services throughout the Central Okanagan including contracting bus operations, schedule development, fleet maintenance, customer service, fare collection and marketing.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Serves areas with transit-supportive population and employment densities with transit. Develops design guidelines for transit infrastructure and supports integration with active modes.</p>	<p>Operates transit on provincial highways. Collaborates with MoTi on transit infrastructure designs on provincial highways.</p>
 Central Okanagan governments	<p>Collaborates in the development, implementation and monitoring of regional transportation plans and alignment of local plans. Supports grant applications & advocacy for regionally significant transportation infrastructure.</p>	<p>Participates in regional transportation programs and supports their delivery, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Establishes transit routes and service levels, in collaboration with BC Transit. Responsible for delivery and maintenance of transit infrastructure.</p>	<p>Regulates land use and delivers and maintains roads and active transportation infrastructure within their respective jurisdictions, including integration with the regional transportation network.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>	<p>Coordinates and integrates local roads and intersections with provincial highways, including maintaining transit infrastructure and landscaping.</p>
 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)	<p>Leads on the development of integrated, multi-modal transportation plans for the provincial transportation network. Collaborates in the development, implementation and monitoring of regional transportation plans.</p>	<p>Collaborates on the delivery of regional transportation programs, recognizing the co-benefit they bring of reducing congestion on roadways and provincial infrastructure.</p>	<p>Works with BC Transit to establish transit routes and service levels on provincial infrastructure and supports delivery and maintenance of transit infrastructure. Sets Provincial transit funding and policy.</p>	<p>Delivers and maintains roads (from local to numbered routes, including controlled access highways) outside of incorporated cities and municipalities.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p> <p>Establishes policy guidelines and approvals of development applications adjacent to provincial corridors. Integrates highway network with local roads and active transportation, including crossings, and wayfinding of alternate routes.</p>	<p>Plans, prioritizes, designs, operates, maintains, regulates, and funds provincial infrastructure.</p> <p><i>Primary service provider*</i></p>

Regional Transportation planning

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Regional Transportation programs

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- Benefits of Regionally Coordinated Transportation
 - Enhanced connectivity and mobility
 - Strategic investment in regional infrastructure
 - Unified and efficient application and use of grants
 - Integrated provincial and local transportation systems
 - Integrated active transportation networks
 - Collaborative technical coordination and recommendation
 - Regional consistency in service delivery, policy implementation, and reporting
 - Regional perspectives and opportunities for broad community input

Key Deliverables (formerly purview of STPCO)

- Approx \$250K per year for project management, regional engagement, and delivery of **key regional transportation plan updates** and data collection efforts, such as:
 - Regional Transportation Plan, 2020
 - Regional Bicycling and Trails Master Plan, 2020
 - Westside Trail Brief, 2020
 - Central Okanagan Goods Movement Study, 2023
 - Okanagan Travel Survey, 2007, 2013, 2018, 2024
 - Integrated Regional Plan (potential future funding requirement)

Key Deliverables (formerly purview of STPCO)

- Approx \$150K per year for project management and delivery of programs to help reduce traffic congestion and emissions across the region, such as:
 - School Traffic Safety Officer Position –safety for students to bike and walk to school
 - GoByBike Week – supports mode share targets & encourages trips by bike
 - SmartTRIPS website – one-stop education resource for walking, biking, transit

Financial Plan Impacts



Community	Allocated Service Cost
Westbank First Nation	\$15,000
City of Kelowna	\$266,000
District of Peachland	\$11,000
District of Lake Country	\$29,000
City of West Kelowna	\$64,000
RDCO Electoral Area West	\$8,000
RDCO Electoral Area East	\$7,000
Total:	\$400,000

Values equivalent to 2020 STPCO



West Kelowna Cost / Benefit Summary

- Cost: \$64,000

- Benefits:


- Inclusion in the delivery of regional transportation programs, rather than having to administer independently
- Staff and elected official role and voice in the update and delivery of key regional transportation plans, facilitated by the RDCO
- Advocacy to the province on behalf of the entire region for regionally significant transportation infrastructure that benefits West Kelowna residents
- Payment submitted to RDCO as part of regional funding process, rather than invoiced separately by City of Kelowna

Next Steps

 Present request for consent to Councils and obtain the written consent

 Return to RDCO Board with required consent and amending bylaw

 Submit to Ministry for approval

 Adopting of amending bylaw by Regional Board

 Include service in 2026-2030 Financial Plan

 Begin Regional Transportation Service in 2026

Timeline



June & July

Seek Municipal & First Nation consent



July - August

Report to the Board

Subject to consent: With Bylaw for 1st/2nd/3rd reading.



August - September

Provincial review of Bylaw

Subject to approval: Consideration by Board for adoption

May 2025 - Board Direction:

THAT the Regional Board receives the Regional Transportation Service report from the Associate Director of Engineering Services dated May 15, 2025, for information;

AND THAT the Regional Board directs staff to obtain the written consent of the Central Okanagan Electoral Area East Director and Central Okanagan Electoral Area West Director to expand the boundary of the regional transportation service to include the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and Westbank First Nation;

AND THAT the Regional Board directs staff to seek the consent, by resolution, of the City of Kelowna, City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and Westbank First Nation to participate in the regional transportation service;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Regional Board.

Consent Resolution

WHEREAS the Regional District of Central Okanagan (the “RDCO”) is giving consideration to Bylaw No. 1573 – Amendment No. 2 to Regional District of Central Okanagan Transportation Demand Management Extended Service Establishment Bylaw No. 831, 1999 (the “Bylaw”);

AND WHEREAS, the Bylaw proposes to amend the boundaries of the service area for the RDCO’s Transportation Demand Management Extended Service to include the City of West Kelowna as a participating area;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the Bylaw, the entire area of City of West Kelowna is to form a participating area under the Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 346, 349(1) and 350 of the *Local Government Act*, the Council for the City of West Kelowna can provide participating area approval by consenting on behalf of the electors to the adoption of the Bylaw and notifying the Regional Board of its consent;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of West Kelowna consents to the adoption of the Bylaw and directs staff to provide notice to the Regional Board of such consent.