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Date: January 8, 2013
File: 0705-24
To: Regional District Board
From: Ron Westlake
Subject: Reassignment of Regional Gas Tax Funding to District of West Kelowna

Recommendation:

THAT the Regional Board approve of the reassignment of three million five hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$3,590,000) in federal Gas Tax funding from the City of Kelowna to the District of West Kelowna for completion of infrastructure associated with Phase 2 of the Rapid Bus project;

AND THAT the Regional Board endorse the change of a proposed transit exchange from along Stevens Rd to along Westgate Rd and next to Hwy 97.

AND THAT the Regional Board support a request to the Union of BC Municipalities for an extension of the deadline for using the Gas Tax funding from September 30th, 2013 to December 31st, 2014.

Purpose: To seek Regional Board approval of the transfer of Regional Gas Tax funding from the City of Kelowna to the District of West Kelowna. The funding was approved by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) in 2007. At the time, the City of Kelowna agreed to administer the local government funding as the District of West Kelowna had not yet incorporated. The funding agreement should be between the UBCM and the local government that will have jurisdiction over the completed infrastructure, in this case the District of West Kelowna. Since 2007, the location of a proposed transit exchange has changed and Board endorsement is sought for this change.

Background:

In early 2007, the Regional District and the City of Kelowna made a joint application to the UBCM for federal Gas Tax funding for infrastructure associated with a Rapid Bus service operating between the Westbank town centre and the UBC Okanagan campus. In mid-2007, the UBCM approved approximately \$10.5M of Gas Tax funding for this project. Of this amount, \$3.59M was related to proposed transit infrastructure within the jurisdiction of the District of West Kelowna.

Our funding application to UBCM was based on conceptual level planning for transit infrastructure at a number of locations. The agreement with UBCM for these funds includes descriptions of the improvements. While some flexibility was incorporated into the agreement, the description of the improvements at one location has significantly changed.

A proposed transit exchange was envisioned along Stevens Rd and Industrial Rd in the District of West Kelowna. Through the project development planning work, the location of this proposed

exchange has changed to Westgate Rd adjacent to Hwy 97. The proposed new location is closer to the Mt. Boucherie complex and will provide a more streamlined service to the community. The Mt. Boucherie complex includes the Secondary School, the Recreation complex and the District of West Kelowna's offices. The proposed new exchange location and the previously proposed location are shown on the attached graphic.

Subject to the Board's approval, staff will work with the UBCM to amend the current funding agreement with the City of Kelowna and prepare a new agreement between UBCM and the District of West Kelowna for execution by those parties.

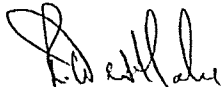
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Considerations not applicable to this report:

External Agency/Public Comments
Legal/Statutory Authority
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
Existing Policy
Personnel Implications
Community & Media Relations Comments
Alternate Recommendation

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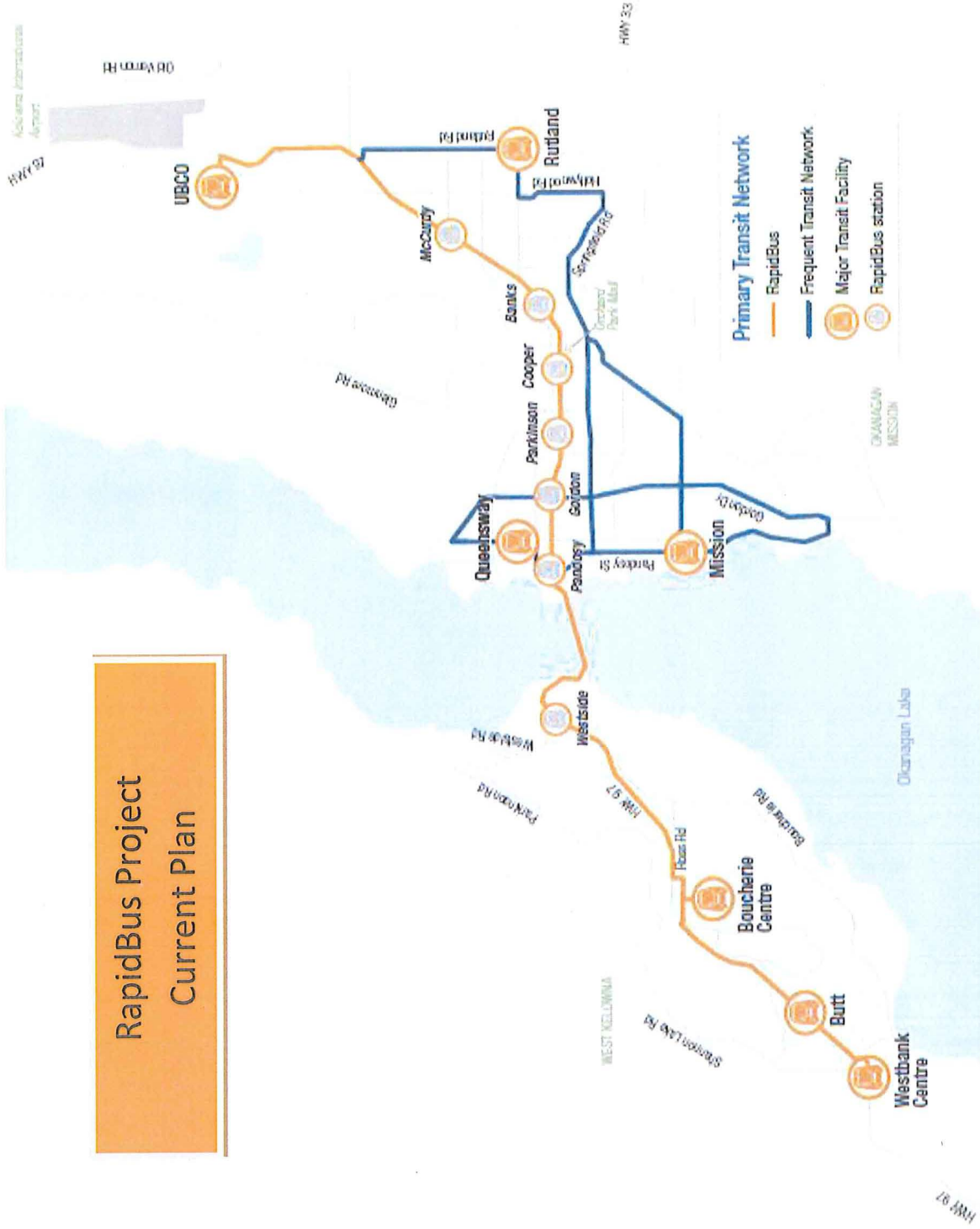


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Attachment: RapidBus Project - Current Plan
Central Okanagan Smart Transit Plan - 2006 Plan

RapidBus Project Current Plan





CENTRAL OKANAGAN SMART TRANSIT PLAN

FUNDING STUDY

OCTOBER 2006

PRESENTED BY

