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Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**Date:** October 21, 2014  
**File No.:** 0205-01  
**To:** Regional Board  
**From:** Ron Westlake, Director, STPCO  
**Subject:** Transfer of Regionally Significant Gas Tax Funding

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**Recommendation**

THAT the Regional District Board approve the transfer of \$259,000 of Regionally Significant Gas Tax Funding from Orchard Park Mall transit exchange to construction of a Security Pavilion and Washrooms at the Queensway Exchange.

**Background**

In 2007, the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) approved federal Gas Tax funding for capital improvements in conjunction with implementing a Rapid Bus service in the Central Okanagan. Included in this funding approval was \$1.67 million for improvements for the Orchard Park Transit Exchange.

The Orchard Park Mall transit exchange is the second busiest exchange in the Kelowna Regional Transit service area. It serves nine separate feeder routes to the 97 Okanagan (Rapid Bus). While significant improvements were made to this exchange, the City of Kelowna was not successful in getting all of the land required to complete the proposed improvements. As a result, there is a surplus of \$259,000 remaining from this budget.

Queensway is the busiest transit exchange within the service area. Some improvements to this exchange were completed earlier this year to introduce two directional 97 Okanagan service. Security at this exchange has been needed during regular afternoon and evenings and a security building has been included within the project budget. Washrooms for both the drivers and public along with a sales outlet are also proposed for this facility but they are not included within the current project budget.

In order to incorporate the additional washrooms and sales outlet, the City would like to transfer the surplus funding from Orchard Park to the Queensway project.

The UBCM will require a Regional Board resolution for the transfer of the subject funds. The STPCO CAO Committee provided their support for this transfer at their meeting on October 17, 2014. Subject

