



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

1:00 P.M.

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Boardroom

<u>PAGE NO.</u>		<u>ACTION</u>
	<u>AGENDA – MAY 24, 2018</u>	Approve
	<u>Supplementary Agenda</u>	Receive
	<u>MINUTES</u>	
2-9	Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2017	Receive
	<u>REPORTS</u>	
10-16	Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator – Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Updates	Direction
17-18	Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator – January to March 2018 Ridership Table	Receive
	<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	
19	Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC Route, Route Segment and Route Point Eliminations – Notice to Passengers -Effective May 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.	Receive
	<u>SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA</u>	
	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>	
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF BULKLEY-NECHAKO**REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING**
(Committee Of The Whole)**Thursday, February 22, 2018**

PRESENT: Chair Taylor Bachrach

Directors Chris Beach
Eileen Benedict
Shane Brienen
Mark Fisher
Tom Greenaway
Dwayne Lindstrom
Rob MacDougall
Bill Miller
Rob Newell
Mark Parker
Jerry Petersen
Darcy Repen
Gerry Thiessen

Director Absent Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Staff Melany de Weerd, Chief Administrative Officer
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Via Tele-Conference Lara Beckett, Director Electoral Area "C" Chilako River-Nechako, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy and Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Zoe Dhillon, Special Projects Coordinator, District of Vanderhoof
Chris Fudge, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit
Linda Harmon, Transit Crown Agency Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Debbie Joujan, Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Telkwa
Jim Martin, CAO, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Adrianna McMullen, Transportation Planner, Business Development Planning, BC Transit
Tiina Schaeffer, Manager of Sustainable Community Development and Transit, City of Prince George

Other Hazel Burt, Councillor, Cheslatta Carrier Nation – left at 1:55 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bachrach called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

AGENDA & SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDAMoved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Petersen**RTC. 2018-1-1**

"That the Regional Transit Committee Agenda for February 22, 2018 be adopted; and further, that the Supplementary Agenda be dealt with at this meeting."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Regional Transit Committee Meeting Minutes -October 12, 2017

Moved by Director MacDougall
 Seconded by Director Beach

RTC.2018-1-2

"That the Minutes of the Regional Transit Committee meeting of October 12, 2017 be received."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

2018 Regional Transit Committee Meeting Schedule

Moved by Director Repen
 Seconded by Director Newell

RTC.2018-1-3

1. "That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's memo dated January 29, 2018 titled "2018 Regional Transit Committee Meeting Schedule."
2. That the Regional Transit committee recommend that the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board of Directors approve the 2018 Regional Transit Committee Meeting Schedule."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2017 Rider Survey Report

Moved by Director Repen
 Seconded by Director Beach

RTC.2018-1-4

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's January 25, 2018 memo titled "2017 Rider Survey Report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director MacDougall mentioned that with the Passenger Transportation Board's decision to allow Greyhound Canada to withdraw passenger bus service from the region he will be reaching out to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit in regard to finding a possible solution to connect Fort St. James to the Highway 16 Transit System.

2017 Ridership Table

Moved by Director MacDougall
 Seconded by Director Parker

RTC.2018-1-5

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's January 25, 2018 memo titled "2017 Ridership Table."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Repen commented that the service between Houston and Smithers is demonstrating use between the two hubs and perhaps in the future there may be an opportunity to review future expansion of the route.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Information Signage
Infrastructure

Moved by Director Miller
Seconded by Director Repen

RTC.2018-1-6

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's February 6, 2018 memo titled "Information Signage Infrastructure."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Bachrach spoke of the challenges of overlapping routes and designing signage that best identifies the different routes. He mentioned the Telkwa/Smithers route and the Smithers/Morricetown route as examples. They are two different buses with two different fares but both travel Highway 16.

Chris Fudge, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit reiterated that there are challenges and BC Transit is working on communications and information sharing on an ongoing basis in order to find a balance in its messaging and the best solution to provide information to riders.

Discussion took place in regard to the possibility of having multiple schedules at bus stops. Mr. Fudge indicated that in some circumstances where space allows that is a possibility.

The possible branding or advertising on the BC Transit buses was discussed. Mr. Fudge mentioned that BC Transit is a provincial corporate brand and advertising options are limited, as the transit bus needs to be recognized as a BC Transit Bus.

CORRESPONDENCE

BC Transit – Draft Highway
16 Bus Stop Analysis Updates

Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Fisher

RTC.2018-1-7

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the correspondence from BC Transit – Draft Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Updates."

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Fisher spoke of prioritizing the utilization of the existing stop location in Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) for Route 162 Smithers to Burns Lake. Adrianna McMullen, Transportation Planner, Business Development Planning, BC Transit indicated that the stop could be a request stop and if ridership increased consideration could be given to implementing the stop as a permanent stop location for Route 162.

Mr. Fudge commented that the BC Transit document Draft Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Updates was conducted to review potential new proposed stops. In implementing the Highway 16 Transit System, BC Transit and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure anticipated that there would be a need to review stop locations and possibly add new location and make changes to existing locations. Safety was one of the key considerations in the bus stop analysis.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Discussion took place in regard to stop locations identified as Area "G" (Houston Rural) in Table 1. Director Newell mentioned there are currently no stops located in Area G. Ms. McMullen identified that there are Medium Term Bus Stops Proposed in Table 2 of the document for Area "G".

News-Release – Northern Residents Benefiting from Safer, More Affordable Travel on Highway 16

Moved by Director Beach
 Seconded by Director Newell

RTC.2018-1-8

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the News Release from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - Northern Residents Benefiting from Safer, More Affordable Travel on Highway 16."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Chair Bachrach commented that there have been a number of positive comments in regard to the implementation of the Highway 16 Transit System and thanked the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and BC Transit for their work in moving forward the Highway 16 Transit System. Deborah Bowman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Policy and Programs, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure recognized BC Transit and all stakeholders for their work and spoke of the importance of recognizing the one-year milestone of the transit work that has occurred along Highway 16.

BC Transit – Transit Shelter Program

Moved by Director MacDougall
 Seconded by Director Repen

RTC.2018-1-9

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the correspondence from BC Transit – Transit Shelter Program."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Transit Minor Betterments Program -Application Guide-Program Criteria

Moved by Director Miller
 Seconded by Director Repen

RTC.2018-1-10

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – Transit Minor Betterments Program – Application Guide – Program Criteria."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT'D)

Town of Smithers – Minutes of the Smithers and District Transit Committee -December 1, 2017 Moved by Director Beach
 Seconded by Director Newell

RTC.2018-1-11

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the correspondence from the Town of Smithers – Minutes of the Smithers and District Transit Committee – December 1, 2017."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Newell brought forward the possibility of implementing a commuter system between Houston and Smithers and the economic benefit this would provide to the area.

Director Repen spoke of the challenges of communicating the new schedule for the Smithers to Telkwa Route and appreciates the effort to partner and promote the new schedule between the Village of Telkwa, Town of Smithers, Electoral Area "A" (Smithers Rural) and Witset First Nation (Moricetown Band).

Director Fisher has sent an e-mail to Via Rail in regard to an article from the Toronto Star: "*Via Rail may offer \$5 fares for 'Highway of Tears' route*" he presented at the Smithers and District Transit Committee Meeting Friday, December 1, 2017. He has not yet had a response.

Town of Spallumcheen-Letter of Support for the Adoption of a Flexible Ride-Sharing Regulation in the Province of B.C. Moved by Director Miller
 Seconded by Director Brienen

RTC.2018-1-12

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the correspondence from the Town of Spallumcheen – Letter of Support for the Adoption of a Flexible Ride-Sharing Regulation in the Province of B.C."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

REPORTS

January 2018 Ridership Table Moved by Director MacDougall
 Seconded by Director Beach

RTC.2018-1-13

"That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's February 20, 2018 memo titled "January 2018 Ridership Table."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (CONT'D)

REPORT (CONT'D)

Passenger Transportation Board – Greyhound Decision

Discussion took place in regard to the Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure contacting a number of RDBN member Municipal Mayors in regard to the Passenger Transportation Board Greyhound Canada Application Decision. Chair Bachrach noted that Minister Trevena indicated that she wants to work with communities to find solutions to mitigate the impact of Greyhound Canada withdrawing passenger service in the region. Chair Bachrach mentioned that a Town of Smithers Councillor is currently at UBCM and has spoken with Minister Trevena and she indicated her concerns in regard to the gap in transit service with the decision from the Passenger Transportation Board.

Director MacDougall, in speaking with Minister Trevena, noted that it would be beneficial for the Highway 16 Transit System to receive long term funding to potentially mitigate the issues that may be experienced with the withdrawal of passenger services from Greyhound Canada. It would also be beneficial if in the near future, the system could be expanded to off highway communities such as Fort St. James, Granisle and First Nations communities.

Discussion took place in regard to the specific requests of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure from each of the communities in the region. Director Thiessen suggested that municipal councils determine the needs of their communities and bring forward the information to provide a unified Transit Committee voice. Director Thiessen voiced concerns in regard to people not having access to transportation in order to travel to the region with the withdrawal of services.

Director Miller brought forward concerns regarding the lack of a long journey provision and the potential impact of freight delivery to the business community.

Ms. Bowman spoke to the following:

- Minister Trevena is fully committed to looking for solutions
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Media Release spoke to the Minister wanting to work closely with communities to find solutions
- MoTI is working very hard to explore opportunities
 - There may be an opportunity for the private sector to potentially provide a service
 - There may be smaller companies that can be nimble and innovative that can make an opportunity work to provide long-haul, inter-city bus service
 - Won't wait for the private sector to step in but there is potential for them to do so
- Communities will receive communication from either Ms. Bowman's office or Minister Trevena's office in regard to consultation and next steps
- There is a 90 day time frame prior to the full withdrawal of passenger transportation services
- Greyhound Canada has indicated freight delivery will continue
- Communities speaking with one voice is important
 - Encouraged communities to make decisions relatively quickly in regard to the wants in the region
 - Need to understand from a broader community perspective what the government needs to be aware of
 - Important for the MoTI and Minister Trevena to hear those thoughts
- Need to work together across jurisdictions and political parties
- Met with John Rustad, MLA Nechako Lakes, Ellis Ross, MLA Skeena and Shirley Bond, MLA Prince George-Valemount in regard to the issue
- Minister Trevena is committed to work on finding a solution and MOTI will be connecting with communities in the very near future



SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA (CONT'D)

REPORT (CONT'D)

- Via Rail
 - Received a call from Via Rail
 - MOTI will be engaging with Via Rail to investigate options for Via Rail service and assistance
 - MOTI spent time with Via Rail in 2017 to evaluate the service
 - Dependability and safety of passengers is a consideration
- Ride-Share
 - All Party Parliamentary Committee – representatives from government and both opposition parties tabled a committee report February 14, 2018 under Crown Corporation in regard to Ride-Share
 - A number of recommendations to government
 - In the process of working with an expert from Ottawa in regard to the revitalization of taxi service in B.C.

Director Repen brought forward concerns in regard to Via Rail scheduling being impacted by CN Railway. He spoke of examples of transit systems in northern Scandinavia countries where service is provided through public partnerships that contract to private contractors to provide transit service systems.

Director Miller expressed frustrations that approximately 50% of the population of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako resides outside municipal boundaries and Minister Trevena did not contact the Regional District concerning the Passenger Transportation Board Greyhound Canada application decision. He spoke of the importance of reaching out to Regional Districts.

Chair Bachrach spoke to Minister Trevena's plans in regard to consultation. Ms. Bowman noted that currently there is not a formal plan in place and she will bring comments forward to Minister Trevena. Ms. Bowman mentioned that MOTI is in the process of determining the next steps moving forward and has access to the transcripts of the Passenger Transportation Board's Public Hearings and the letters received in regard to the issue.

Lara Beckett, Director Electoral Area "C" Chilako River-Nechako, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George commented that she is a member of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Board of Directors and that there may be an opportunity to bring forward a late resolution to NCLGA in regard to transit. Chair Bachrach spoke of having discussions as a Regional Board to potentially provide a resolution to NCLGA.

Ms. Bowman noted that Greyhound Canada would withdraw service in 90 days, which occurs on May 31, 2018. Greyhound Canada passenger transportation will no longer be in effect as of June 1, 2018. Ms. Bowman commented that this does not allow a lot of time in moving forward and it is a priority of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The Passenger Transportation Board has also indicated it would expediently review any applications received from the private sector in regard to long-haul intercommunity service through the region.

CORRESPONDENCE

Passenger Transportation Board – Greyhound Decision Moved by Director Beach
Seconded by Director Newell

RTC.2018-1-14 "That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's February 21, 2018 memo titled "Passenger Transportation Board Greyhound Canada Application Decision."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Newell
Seconded by Director Beach

RTC.2018-1-15

"That the meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taylor Bachrach, Chair

Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Committee Memo

To: Chair Bachrach and Regional Transit Committee
From: Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator
Date: May 8, 2018
Re: Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Updates

At the February 22 meeting of the Regional Transit Committee a Draft Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Report was included as correspondence from BC Transit. The report reviewed potential proposed bus stops in the Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit System.

Attached is an update to the report that provides additional information on schedule and route impact. Additionally, the updated report includes the Laidlaw stop located in Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural. The tables below include the proposed bus stops from BC Transit's Highway 16 Bus Stop Analysis Update and staff has included costs to add required infrastructure and identify responsibility for maintenance.

Table 1 - Identifies stops with minimal or no impact to the schedule that require no additional treatment. The table includes the budget for bus stop signage material and installation cost. There is money available in the transit contingency budget to cover these costs.

Proposed Stop Location	Maintenance Area	Signage Requirements	Budget
Cluculz Lake Rest Area	Electoral Area "F"	Service by Request 16 x 26	\$350
Kanata Road at Hamblin	District of Houston	Standard stop pair 16 x 21	\$350
Alix Frontage Road	District of Houston	Service by Request 16 x 26	\$350
Eastbound on Hwy, just east of Tyhee Lake Park turn-off	Village of Telkwa	Standard stop 16 x 21	\$350
Laidlaw Road	Electoral Area "A"	Standard stop 16 x 16	\$30*

*Amount for Laidlaw stop takes into account existing infrastructure

Table 2 – Identifies medium term bus stop locations that require further review. The summary, located in section 3.1 Medium Term Bus Stop Proposals including attached BC Transit report identifies these stops as suggested alternatives to requested stops. Additionally, the identified stops in the table below require further treatments to improve safety as well as signage costs.

Proposed Stop Location	Area
Bye Frontage Road	Electoral Area "G"
Hungry Hill Rest Area	Electoral Area "A"
Pottinger Frontage Road	Electoral Area "A"
Van Horne Frontage Road	Electoral Area "A"

The stops in table 1 are for the Regional Transit Committee's consideration at today's meeting. The stops in table 2 require the Regional Transit Committee's direction to staff to further investigate feasibility.



I would be pleased to answer any questions

Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

Direction



April 19, 2018

Deneve Vanderwolf
Regional Transit Coordinator
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
37 3rd Ave, PO Box 820
Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

HIGHWAY 16 BUS STOP ANALYSIS UPDATES

1.0 PURPOSE

This letter report has been created to provide an update on the feasibility of new or expanded stops as part of the Highway 16 Inter-Community Transit Initiative along the following routes:

- Route 161 Burns Lake-Prince George
- Route 162 Burns Lake-Smithers
- Route 22 Telkwa-Smithers

A total of 17 stop locations were reviewed across route 161 and 162. Of those, five proposed stop locations were identified for immediate consideration and four stop locations for the medium term requiring further review by Regional staff working in tandem with the Ministry of Transportation and BC Transit. This report is the outcome of requests to review potential stop locations in order to inform Regional District considerations about new stop installation for the Highway 16 corridor.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Throughout late 2016 and 2017, in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (TRAN) and Local Governments, 63 new transit stops were installed between Prince George and Terrace to enable access to the new Inter-Community transit service along Highway 16. In addition to this, numerous stops in communities with pre-existing transit service (Smithers and the Hazeltons) have been improved with new shelter facilities or signs.

During the abbreviated timeline leading towards implementation of the new transit services, new stop installations were focused on communities with larger populations or situated in strategic locations. Since the onset of transit service, local officials in the electoral areas have been proactive advocates to improve transit accessibility for residents in their respective communities.

BC Transit works with local government and operating partners to assist in the identification and review of potential stop locations to ensure that operational requirements are met. **BC Transit provides information and recommendations, but decisions regarding installation as well as ongoing maintenance of bus stops are the responsibility of the Local Government partners.**

2.1 BUS STOP ANALYSIS PROCESS

To support this analysis, field work in the area was conducted over several visits to the Highway 16 corridor in 2017, and included site visits to a number of locations with a local Area Director, a representative from Ministry of Transportation and the local operating company.

A total of 17 possible locations were considered in this review. In some cases locations within close proximity to one another were reviewed as a bundle to determine if one location showed higher suitability than the others around it.

2.2 BUS STOP DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Considerations in determining the suitability of new stops are based on BC Transit's Infrastructure Design Guidelines¹. They key criteria that are considered are as follows:

- Safety for passengers accessing and alighting from the bus
 - Off of high-speed traffic zones
 - Road crossings needed to access the bus stop or return home
- Safety for the bus to access and exit from the stop and back onto its route
 - Deceleration and turning lanes
 - Clear sightlines for oncoming vehicles.
- Efficiency – routes are already long, stops should be kept well-spaced and be located with minimal travel time from the highway
- Visibility and Lighting - transit stops should be in visible locations with clear sight lines and have lighting.
- Accessibility for the designated vehicle type.

3.0 IMMEDIATE TERM BUS STOP PROPOSALS

Based on the analysis and design considerations, Table 1 on the following page summarizes the eight bus stop locations that could be introduced in the immediate term. Upon approval and confirmation of installation and maintenance agreements by the RDBN or the Town of Smithers, all stop locations, with the exception of Cluculz Lake², may proceed to implementation. It is also recommended that the Operating Company provide a final review to confirm any potential safety issues.

¹ <https://bctransit.com/servlet/documents/1403640670226>

² This stop should not be installed until higher capacity vehicles are introduced in summer 2018

Table 1

Proposed Stop Location	Area	Route(s)	Capital Infrastructure changes	Suggested Stop Type*	Schedule Impact**	Route Capacity Impact***
Cluculz Lake	Area F	161	none	By Request	minimal	Yes
Kanata Road at Hamblin	District of Houston	162	none	Standard stop pair	none	No
Alix Frontage Road	District of Houston	162	none	By Request	minimal	No
Eastbound on Hwy, just east of Tyhee Lake Park turn-off.	Village of Telkwa	162; 22	none	Standard stop	none	No
Laidlaw Road	Area A	162,22	None Existing Smithers transit shelter	Standard stop	minimal	No

*By Request stops are locations where the bus would serve only upon request from the customer. If not requested, the bus will bypass the stop.

**Schedule Impact means that the introduction of the new stop may have an impact on the scheduled times, therefore requiring a new schedule to be designed. Instances in which multiple By-Request stops are made on an individual trip will have a cumulative schedule impact. In most cases, one By-Request stop could be accommodated in each direction of travel without requiring a new schedule design.

***Route Capacity Impact means that the introduction of the new stop may result in capacity demand challenges on the service by opening the service to new customers. The route 161 Burns Lake-Prince George has already demonstrated higher demand than anticipated, and the introduction of new stops should be contingent on the provision of greater passenger capacity. A larger bus is expected to arrive in summer 2018.

Consideration of these locations should also take into account maintenance and snow-clearing of stops. It is recommended that agreements for maintenance be secured prior to installation.

3.1 MEDIUM TERM BUS STOP PROPOSALS

Four other locations have been identified for further review by Regional District of Bulkley Nechako staff and the Ministry of Transportation. These locations meet most criteria, but require a new treatment or other changes to meet all criteria. Examples of these include treatments such as additional lighting, or adjustment of speed zone boundaries. Table 2 on the following page summarizes these stops.

Table 2

Proposed Stop Location	Area	Route(s)	Summary
Bye Frontage Road	Area G	162	Located within 1.2 kilometres of one another, the areas of Perow and Bye Road were examined together. Due to the off-corridor nature and time required the Perow Road routing poses more difficulties in serving than a potential stop location along Bye Frontage Road which offers clear visibility from the highway and short through-road routing. Neither street offers lighting.
Hungry Hill Rest Area	Area A	162	The absence of suitable turning locations for buses make Walcott Road impossible to serve at this time, however the Hungry Hill Rest area may offer a viable alternative in the broader vicinity.
Pottinger Frontage Road	Area A	162	Wakefield Road, Quick School Road, and Cocks Road were examined together. The absence of suitable turning locations for buses makes Wakefield and Cocks Roads impossible to serve at this time, and while Quick School Road may offer a viable alternative in the area, the length of the routing could impact schedules. Another consideration would be Pottinger Frontage Road – the advantage of Pottinger is clear visibility from the Highway and also a shorter deviation from the Highway than Quick School Road.
Van Horne Frontage Road	Area A	162	Rainbow Trailer Park, Tyhee Lake Road and Van Horne Frontage Road were examined together due to close proximity to one another. The absence of suitable turning locations for buses make Tyhee Lake Road and Rainbow Trailer Park impossible to serve at this time, however Van Horne Frontage Road is located within 800 metres of these and with improved lighting can offer a viable alternative.

4.0 CONCLUSION

In summary, this review included the analysis of 17 proposed stop locations. Of those, five proposed stop locations were identified for immediate consideration and four stop locations for the medium term requiring further review by Regional staff working in tandem with the Ministry of Transportation and BC Transit.

These stop locations, particularly those in areas covered by Route 162, represent an excellent opportunity to improve transit accessibility and mobility choices for residents of electoral area communities along the Highway 16 corridor. Additionally, it would be anticipated that the introduction of new stops would lead to modest increases in ridership - improving the overall efficiency of the transit systems.

It is recommended that the Regional District of Bukley-Nechako accept this information for consideration.

5.0 NEXT STEPS

The next steps in this process are as follows:

1. Direct staff to examine installation requirements and maintenance agreements for the five stop locations identified for immediate consideration
2. If agreeable, proceed towards stop installation of the four identified stops in spring or summer of 2018
3. Direct staff to undertake further examination of the other seven stop locations identified in partnership with BC Transit and Ministry of Transportation to assess viability of treatments to enable these locations to be considered as stop locations.



Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Regional Transit Committee Memo

To: Chair Bachrach and Regional Transit Committee
From: Deneve Vanderwolf, Regional Transit Coordinator
Date: May 9, 2018
Re: January to March 2018 Ridership Table

Attached is the January to March 2018 ridership by Municipality and Electoral Area / First Nation. Passenger counts include riders boarding the bus at stops located within their respected areas. Numbers may include more than one bus stop.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.

Recommendation:

(all/directors/majority)

That the Regional Transit Committee receive the Regional Transit Coordinator's memo dated May 24, 2018 titled 'January to March 2018 Ridership Table'.

18 2018 Ridership

Municipality/Electoral Area	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18
Route 161 Burns Lake - Prince George			
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural Wet'suwet'en First Nation	21	13	17
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	81	63	91
Electoral Area "D" Fraser Lake Rural Stellat'en First Nation/Nadleh Whut'en	24	24	39
Fraser Lake	30	23	22
Vanderhoof/Saik'uz First Nation	40	34	41
RDFFG - Electoral Area "C" Beaverly	2	2	4
Prince George	163	140	180
Total Passengers	361	299	394
Average boardings per day	28	25	28
Route 162 Burns Lake - Smithers			
Electoral Area "B" Burns Lake Rural Wet'suwet'en First Nation	20	6	9
Burns Lake/Lake Babine Nation/Burns Lake Band	34	20	12
Electoral Area "G" Houston Rural	3	1	1
Houston	87	35	54
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	0	0	0
Telkwa	3	0	4
Smithers	83	33	41
Total Passengers	230	95	121
Average boardings per day	18	9	10
162 Midday Run- Departs Smithers 11:30 am Departs Houston at 1:00 pm			
Houston	7	10	28
Electoral Area "A" Smithers Rural	0	0	0
Telkwa	1	0	0
Smithers	18	11	10
Total Passengers	26	21	38
Average boardings per day	2	2	3



GREYHOUND CANADA TRANSPORTATION ULC

ROUTE, ROUTE SEGMENT AND ROUTE POINT ELIMINATIONS

NOTICE TO PASSENGERS

Effective **MAY 31, 2018 at 11h59 pm**

Please take note that pursuant to the BC Passenger Transportation Board decision dated February 20, 2018 (application #256-17), Greyhound Canada Transportation ULC will discontinue intercity bus service on the following routes, route segments and route points;

Routes:

- Dawson Creek – Fort Nelson (I1)
- Fort Nelson – Yukon Border (I2)
- Dawson Creek – Prince George (J)
- Prince George – Fort St James (K)
- Prince Rupert – Prince George (L1)
- Prince George – Alberta Border (at Highway 16) (L2)

Route Segments:

- Kamloops – Highway 1/97 Junction (B1.1)
 - Hope-Kaleden Junction (C)
- Highway 1 (between Cache Creek & Hope) (E)

Route Points:

- A: West Louise Lodge, Field Junction, Glacier Park East Gate, Rogers Pass, Oyama, Agassiz
 - B: Oyama
 - C: Agassiz
 - D: Beaverdell
- E: McLeese Lake, Laidlaw, Bridal Falls, Agassiz
 - N: Agassiz
 - P: Agassiz
- S1: West Vancouver, Britannia Beach, Pinecrest/Black Tusk, Mount Currie

Greyhound regrets any inconvenience this discontinuance may cause to passengers.

Minimum Posting Period - May 18 – May 31, 2018