



South Island Transportation Strategy

Starting in spring 2019, work commenced with a focus to identify improvement options for transit, cycling, pedestrian movements, ferry services, rail and existing roads and the connections between them. The study area went as far north as the Duncan area and as far west as the Sooke area.

The South Island Transportation Strategy, released in September 2020, outlined a transportation philosophy and identified priority transportation strategies which could be implemented in the short, medium and long terms. It looked at current transportation demands and developed a roadmap for future investments across all modes of travel.

The Strategy was developed with input from key stakeholders, including municipalities, the CRD, BC Transit and South Island First Nations to align with regional aspirations and goals. The work aligns with government's objectives in CleanBC, supports the Ministry's goals in our active transportation strategy (Move. Commute. Connect).

Four goals were developed to advance the South Island Transportation Strategy:

1. Ensure sustainable options for a variety of travel modes
2. Strengthen connections between travel modes and improve connections between communities
3. Improve the safety and reliability of the transportation network
4. Support and encourage active transportation option

The goals were developed in consideration of the planning principals of Integrated Transportation and Developing and reflects the need to coordinate with local government on decisions around land use which can influences transportation travel throughout the region.

There are many projects moving forward in alignment with the goals of the South Island Transportation Strategy.

The Island Corridor Foundation (ICF) has contacted MoTI to discuss the future of rail in light of the September 2021 SCC ruling regarding the need for a decision on rail, or the possibility for Nanoose to appeal for a land reversion. No decisions have been made. MoTI has also been contacted by Transport Canada on the matter.

Belleville Terminal

The Belleville Ferry Terminal is in Victoria's Inner Harbour and hosts the Clipper and Black Ball ferries. Annual contributions by Belleville operations include \$114 million direct spending by visitors, \$190 million in economic output, \$105 million in value-added Gross Domestic Product, 1,686 permanent jobs, and \$11 million in government revenues. In total, it accounts for 18% of Victoria's international visitors (681,000 passengers/year in 2019).

For many years, the City of Victoria and ferry operators have been requesting government take part in a redevelopment of this terminal.

