

Kananaskis Improvement District and Municipal District of Bighorn Transit Feasibility Study

Public Information Session #1

April 2024



In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Iyhare Nakoda (the Wesley, Chiniki, and Bearspaw), the three Nations of the Blackfoot Confederacy: the Pikani, Kainai and Siksika; the Tsuu T'ina Nation, Metis Nation Region 3 and the Kootenay -

the traditional stewards and trail builders who continue to reside, learn and care for this exquisite natural and cultural landscape.





Introductions

Agenda

Project Background

Transit Service Options

Question & Answer

Next Steps



Purpose: Assess the feasibility of introducing a transit service within KID and the MD of Bighorn



Need for Transit

- Increased traffic congestion and parking overflow
- Greater concern over sustainability and protecting the natural environment
- More people choosing not to own an automobile
- Increase people's mobility and accessibility of points of interest in the area
- Helps address housing affordability concerns with rising cost of living
- Need to provide access to hospitals, medical appointments, employment, training and education
- Provide options to participate in recreation activities





Study Area









Types of Transit Services

- Traditional transit service
- Passengers are required to walk/ roll to/ from a fixed stop
- Operates pre-defined schedule and route without deviation
- Best suited for high demand areas/ periods or long-distance trips connecting urban areas
- Not suitable for dispersed rural areas







On-Demand Transit

- Shared-ride service that does not operate a fixed-route or schedule
- Operates within pre-defined service area and period
- Passengers must book a pick-up using a mobile app or by calling in (signal reliability is important)
- Software in place to optimize potential for ridesharing using the most direct trip
- Passengers can be picked up at fixed-stops or virtual stops
- Best suited for low-demand periods or large rural area





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On-Demand Transit

Book your Trip Identify start and end point and desired pick-up time using smartphone app Ride Pick-Up Walk/roll to accessible stop and wait for ride **Transit Drop-off / Transfer** Get dropped off at stop within a zone or a transit terminal or transfer point

CUSTOMERS







OPERATORS

Directions

Follow turn-by-turn directions on tablet mounted on the vehicle to pick-up and dropoff passengers

Pick-up Passengers

Pick-up passengers at bus stop or at curb for persons with disabilities

Drop-off Passengers

Drop-off passengers at bus stop or at curb for persons with disabilities



Flex-Route Transit

- Fixed-route that can deviate off-route to pick up and drop off passengers when requested
- Hybrid of Fixed-route and On-Demand
- Fixed portion best suited for highest demand areas / periods or longdistance trips connecting urban areas
- Flex portion best suited for local areas that do not have consistent ridership







Specialized Transit

- Door-to-door service for persons with disabilities
- Requires use of smaller accessible vehicles that are pre-booked
- Requires eligibility criteria and application process





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Taxi / Carshare Integration

- Taxi-sharing
 - Provide fare subsidy on shared-ride taxi service (full trip, or firstmile, last-mile)
 - Can be unreliable if there are few quality transportation providers in the region
 - Difficult to control costs, as ridesharing is limited
 - Best suited where there is a high available of transportation providers and low demand
- Carpool/ Carshare Platform
 - Provide a platform where people can discover residents willing to carpool or share a ride
 - Can be unreliable if there are few people travelling to the same destination
 - Not as effective for frequent trips
 - Minimal cost to the municipality









Visitors

Settlement Areas









Visitors Settlement Areas Local Extended Hours



Residents Rural Areas

Inter-community

Higher Frequency











Discussion

- Use the chat box on Zoom to ask a question
- We will try to get through as many as we can!





Questions – Service Options

- We described five types of transit services.
- Do you have any questions about the options we should consider?

Fixed-Route Transit	On-Demand Transit	Flex-Route Transit	Specialized Transit	Taxi/ Carshare Integration
 Traditional transit service operating at a pre-defined schedule and route 	 Shared-ride service operating within pre- defined service area and period that does not have a fixed- route or schedule 	 Combination of Fixed-Route and On-Demand Transit 	 Door-to-door service for persons with disabilities 	 Subsidized shared-ride taxi Carpooling with the assistance of online platform



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We invite you to participate in a short survey to better understand your thoughts on transit!

Kananaskis Webpage https://www.kananaskisid.ca/p/transit

MD of Bighorn Webpage <u>https://mdbighorn.ca/745/Transit-</u> <u>Feasibility-Study</u>







Summary of Round One Engagement Feedback – Spring 2024

Develop a Transit Plan – Spring/Summer 2024

Round Two Engagement – Summer/Fall 2024 Final Report and Presentation to Council – Fall & Winter 2024



Thank You!

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