



Transit Exchange / University Boulevard

Capital Project – Meeting #4

September 2, 2009 – 10:00pm to 12:00pm

Meeting Room (B.180 – R.138)

Meeting Notes

Present: Ric Kelm, VIU; Drew Taylor, VIU; Dean Mousseau, CoN; Gordon Foy, CoN; Bruce Anderson, CoN; Jim Pope, RDN; Myrna Moore, BC Transit; Wanda Le Roux, BC Transit; Andrew Brown, RPG; Mark Mehrer, RPG; John Granger, Advicas; Roger Hughes, HCMA; George Hrabowych, Herold Engineering; Mike Skene, Boulevard; Mitchell Jacobson, Boulevard

Regrets: Bob Prokopenko, CoN; Andrew Tucker, CoN; Dean Mousseau, CoN; Pete Sabo, SD#68; Dennis Trudeau, RDN

ITEM	MEETING NOTES / ACTION ITEMS
1. Call to Order	
The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am.	
2. City of Nanaimo Submission re: VIU Campus Plan	
Gordon Foy, CoN (Suggestions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document was prepared & submitted to Ric Kelm. Ric will review; will establish contact with Gordon Foy & Bruce Anderson in future for discussion regarding the report.
3. Transit Exchange Concept & Implications	
Mike Skene, Boulevard (Road & Exchange design)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "5% Grade Option" is what will be presented. Boulevard recommends this option for many reasons, including that it works best with site topography; Road configuration of "University Boulevard" [Third Street connector] is now to the west of Cat Stream. This change will mitigate impact on the stream, & reduce challenges associated with aligning the road on VIU property; Existing road alignment will be re-used (just east of student residence); Road is designed to not infringe upon School District property [as per Andrew Brown's design recommendation]; Elevation of Transit Exchange to be approximately the same level as Bldg.255 Entrance.
George Hrabowych, Herold (Civil design)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.8% maximum grade proposed for University Boulevard; 5% maximum grade proposed at University Boulevard / Fourth Street intersection; 3% maximum grade proposed for the Transit Exchange itself; Fourth street will remain at approx. 11.8% grade (as per existing); Retaining wall design should be considered soon [for slope west of the Exchange]; One-way connections designed for access to Lot "N".
4. Other Discussion	
Bruce Anderson, CoN (Trans-Canada Trail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for Trans-Canada trail to run-through VIU campus; If VIU is in support of this; City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation & Culture is the

	department to contact.
Wanda Le Roux, BC Transit (Roundabouts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed BC Transit's opposition to Roundabouts
Roundabouts (3 rd Street / University Boulevard intersection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Nanaimo staff in general supports the concept of roundabouts, as they handle more traffic, and have a calming effect on traffic. Mike Skene notes that traffic roundabouts are statistically safer than controlled intersections.
5. Next Steps	
Preliminary Cost Estimates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will work toward a Preliminary Estimate for next meeting: Civil Engineer / Cost consultant etc. Civil Engineer & Cost Consultant both performing this function.
Mark Mehrer, RPG (University Centre Master Program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary functional programming of University Centre to be developed. This is important to understand how the new facility will interact with the Transit Exchange, where space functions will be located, and how they correlate to one another.
Roger Hughes, HCMA (University Centre Massing Profile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit services beneath certain building functions will be OK. Length of "neck" to transit loop can be discussed. There may be opportunity for an extra bus stall.
6. Adjournment	
The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.	