

Councillor Request for Information

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Date of Council Meeting: January 19, 2010

Subject: CUTA Vision 2040

Request:

Please add "CUTA Vision 2040" to the Regional Council agenda for January 19, 2010.

Reason:

The attached resolution from the Canadian Urban Transit Association has been circulated to municipal units across the country. I, along with Transit staff, believe the essence of the resolution calls for continued and sustained financial support from the Federal government to achieve the implementation of Transit 2040. I respectfully request Council give their consideration to supporting this resolution.

I would like this response as:

- Email to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
- Memo to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
- Information Report to Community Council Regional Council
- Recommendation Report to Community Council Regional Council

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TRANSIT VISION 2040 DRAFT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS public transit provides essential and universal mobility to residents within Canada's urban areas;

AND WHEREAS public transit strengthens economic competitiveness by making effective and efficient use of roadway capacity and offering people a transportation choice other than the automobile;

AND WHEREAS public transit reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution;

AND WHEREAS transit infrastructure investment needs for Canadian transit systems in the period 2008-2012 stand at \$41 billion, with over \$5-billion of this amount not fundable under current programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have inadequate revenue tools to finance the full cost of transit infrastructure and operations;

AND WHEREAS, in response to these challenges, the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) has – in broad consultation with many stakeholders across Canada – developed Transit Vision 2040, consisting of the following six themes:

- 1. Putting transit at the centre of communities** through stronger government policy and decision-making frameworks, and better community planning and design.
- 2. Revolutionizing service** through expansion and innovation, so that transit systems can both encourage and serve growing demands as they keep pace with the changing face of Canadian communities.
- 3. Focusing on customers** and accelerating the delivery of flexible, integrated transit services that meet the needs of an increasingly diverse and discriminating clientele.
- 4. Greening transit** to further reduce the industry's ecological footprint, improve energy efficiency and limit greenhouse gas emissions.
- 5. Ensuring financial health** through enhanced transit infrastructure and operating investments by all orders of government, more progressive approaches to generating revenue, and new efficiencies in service delivery.
- 6. Strengthening knowledge and practice** so that Canada's transit industry can more effectively respond to future opportunities and challenges.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL:

1. Endorse Transit Vision 2040, as developed by the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), including its 6 themes and 27 Strategic Directions.
2. Seek to align the future vision of public transit services with Transit Vision 2040 and endeavour to reach or exceed performance targets outlined in the Vision.