



City of Courtenay

BC Transit Update | Comox Valley Exchange Project

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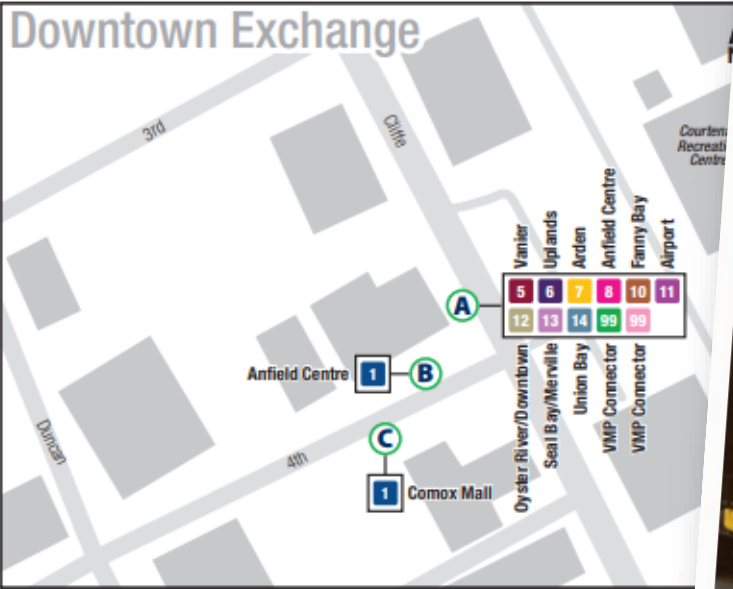
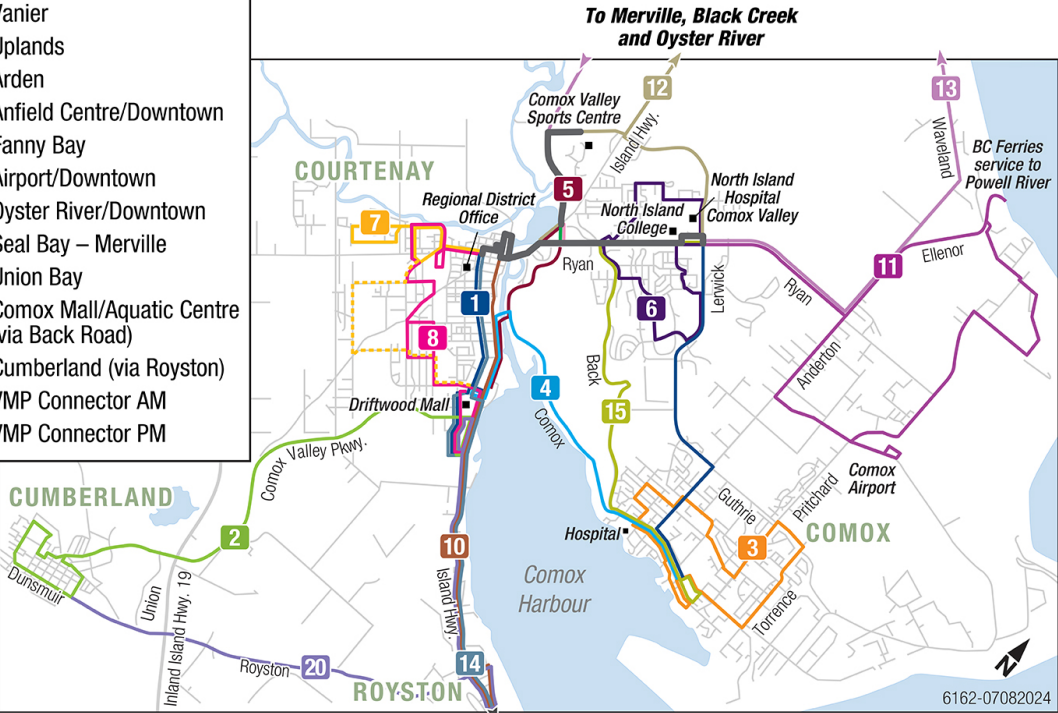
Outline

- Context: Purpose of Exchange
- Development of Exchange Project
- Bus Stop Activity Map
- Revised Exchange Layout
- Exchange Amenities
- Project Timeline & Public Engagement
- Next Steps



Context: Comox Valley Regional Transit

- 1 Anfield Centre/Comox Mall
- 2 Cumberland/Anfield Centre
- 3 Comox Local
- 4 Driftwood Mall/Comox Mall
- 5 Vanier
- 6 Uplands
- 7 Arden
- 8 Anfield Centre/Downtown
- 10 Fanny Bay
- 11 Airport/Downtown
- 12 Oyster River/Downtown
- 13 Seal Bay – Merville
- 14 Union Bay
- 15 Comox Mall/Aquatic Centre (via Back Road)
- 20 Cumberland (via Royston)
- 99 VMP Connector AM
- 99 VMP Connector PM



Context: What is a Transit Exchange?



Transit exchanges are typically located within the core activity centres of a community – such as in downtown or adjacent to shopping malls –to provide convenient access to key destinations.

When well designed, transit exchanges are effective pedestrian-oriented, multi-modal transportation hubs.

Transit exchanges should provide:

- Weather protection
- Seating
- Transit route and timetables
- Lighting
- Bike parking

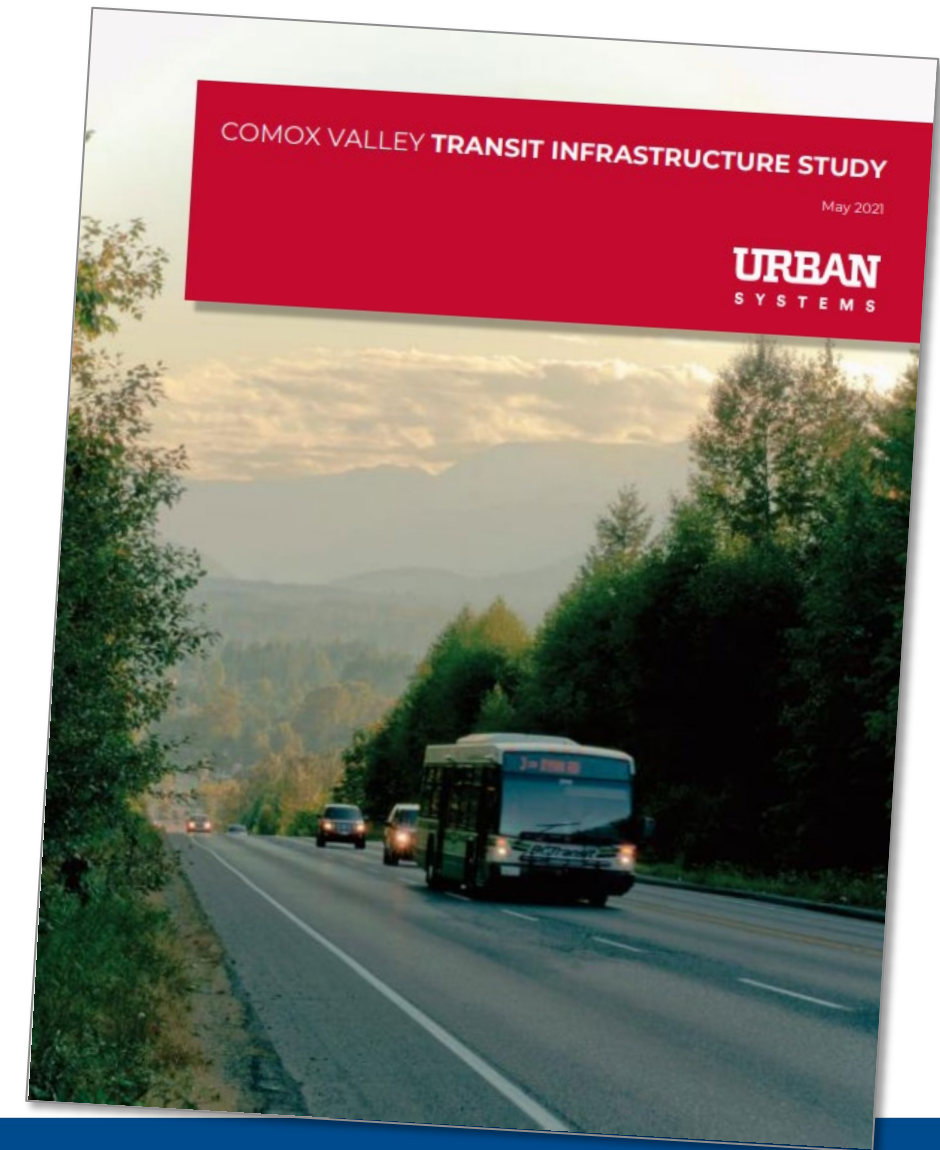
Comox Valley Transit Future Planning

- **2014 Transit Future Plan** sets out an ambitious 25-year plan to triple ridership.
- **2022 Transit Future Action Plan** sets out Infrastructure Priorities:
Improved & Expanded Transit Exchanges:
 - i. South Courtenay
 - ii. Downtown Courtenay
 - iii. Oyster River
 - iv. Downtown Comox
 - v. North Island College
 - Ryan Rd./Old Island Hwy Transit Priority



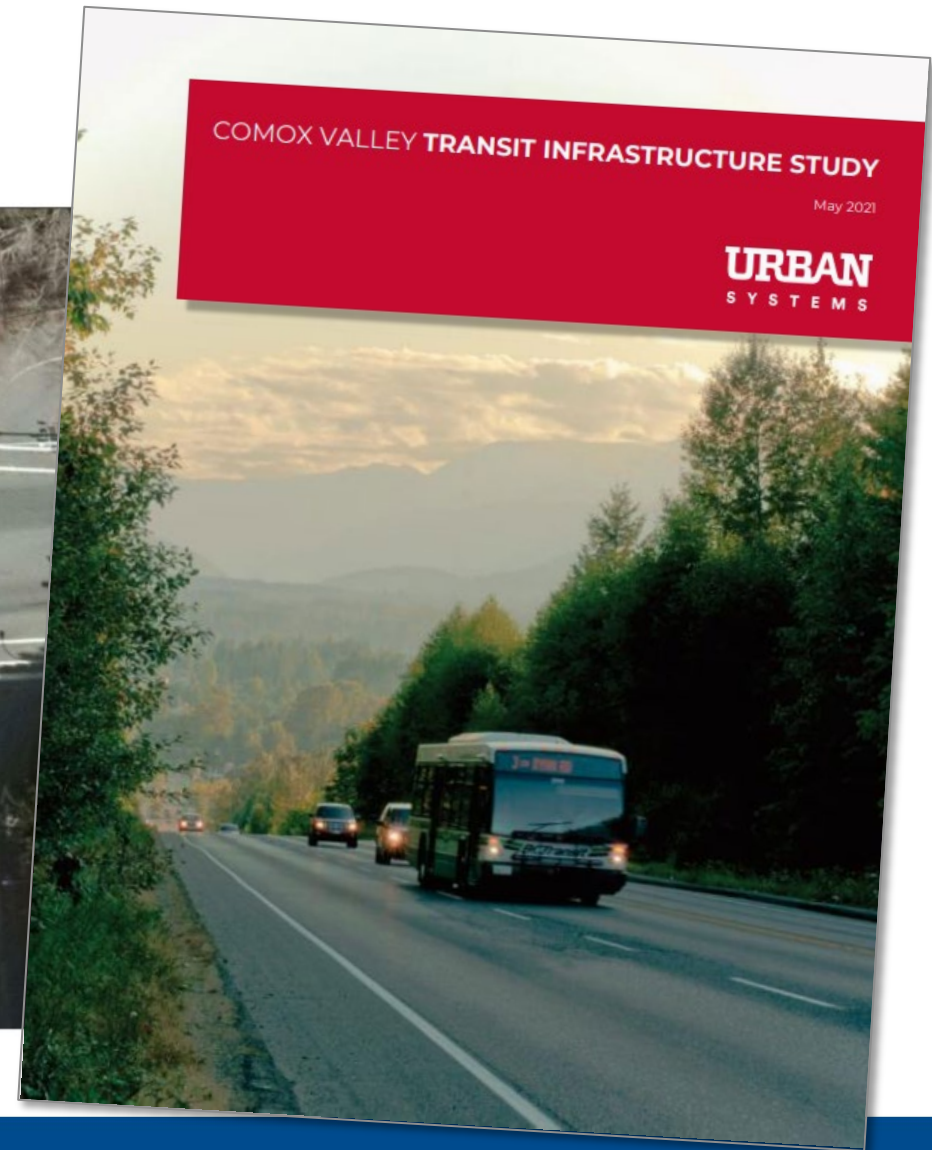
Development of Exchange - History

FIGURE 8. DOWNTOWN COURTENAY EXCHANGE CONCEPT



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FIGURE 5. SOUTH COURTENAY TRANSIT EXCHANGE CONCEPT

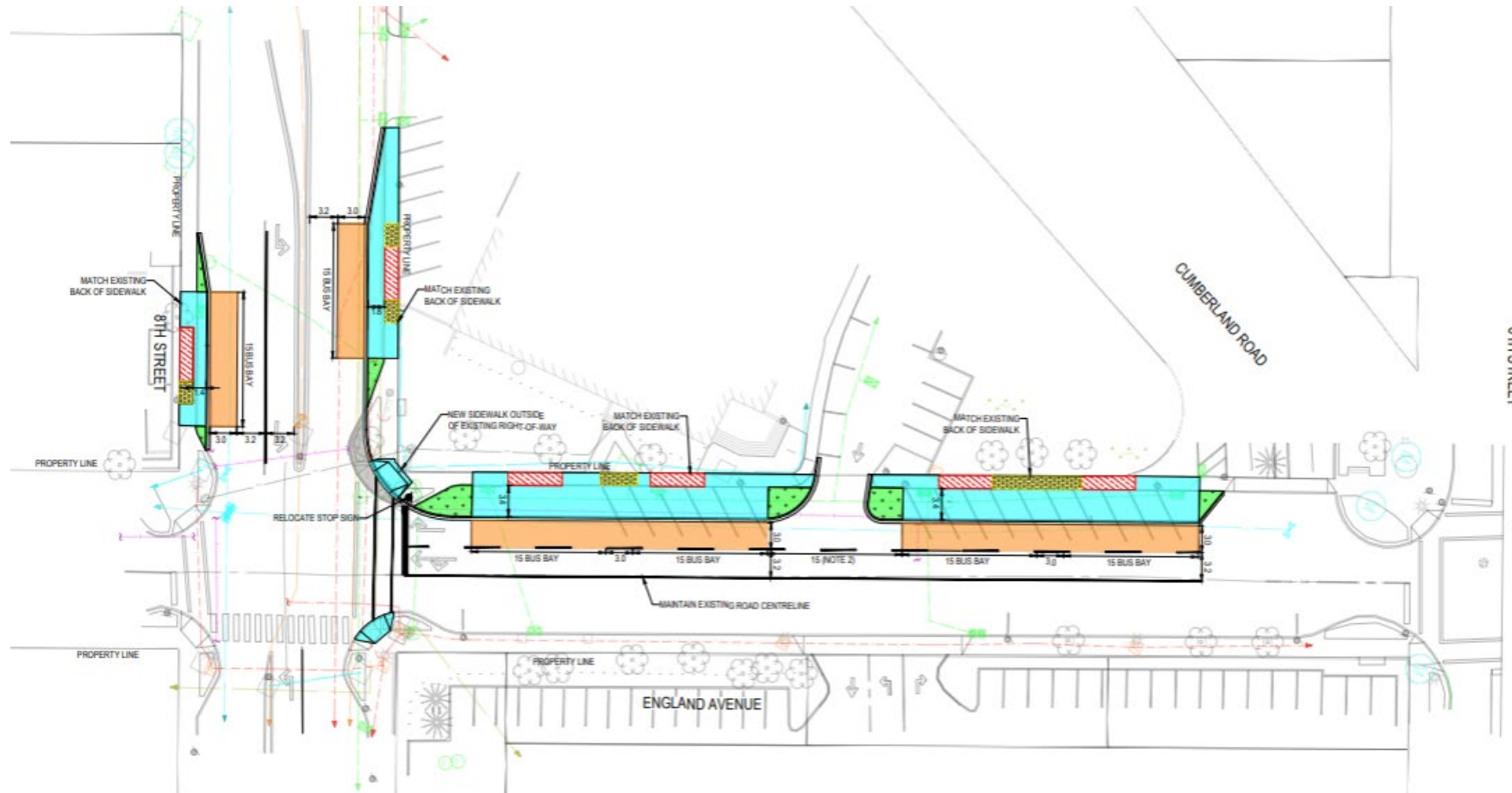


Development of Exchange – Council Direction

January 17, 2022 City of Courtenay Council:

“THAT...Council approve OPTION 1 and provide a Letter of Support in Principle...for only the transit exchanges and transit priority measures at the intersection of Ryan Road and Old Island Highway, and at Old Island HWY and Comox Road; and, THAT Council request that the CVRD modify the Comox Valley Transit Infrastructure Study to move the transit priority measure at Old Island HWY and Comox Road to the short term, and, adding traffic signal coordination along Old Island HWY from Ryan Road, across the 5th Street bridge to Cliffe Avenue and 8th Street, AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the conceptual design in Appendix A, upon completion of the 5th Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project.”

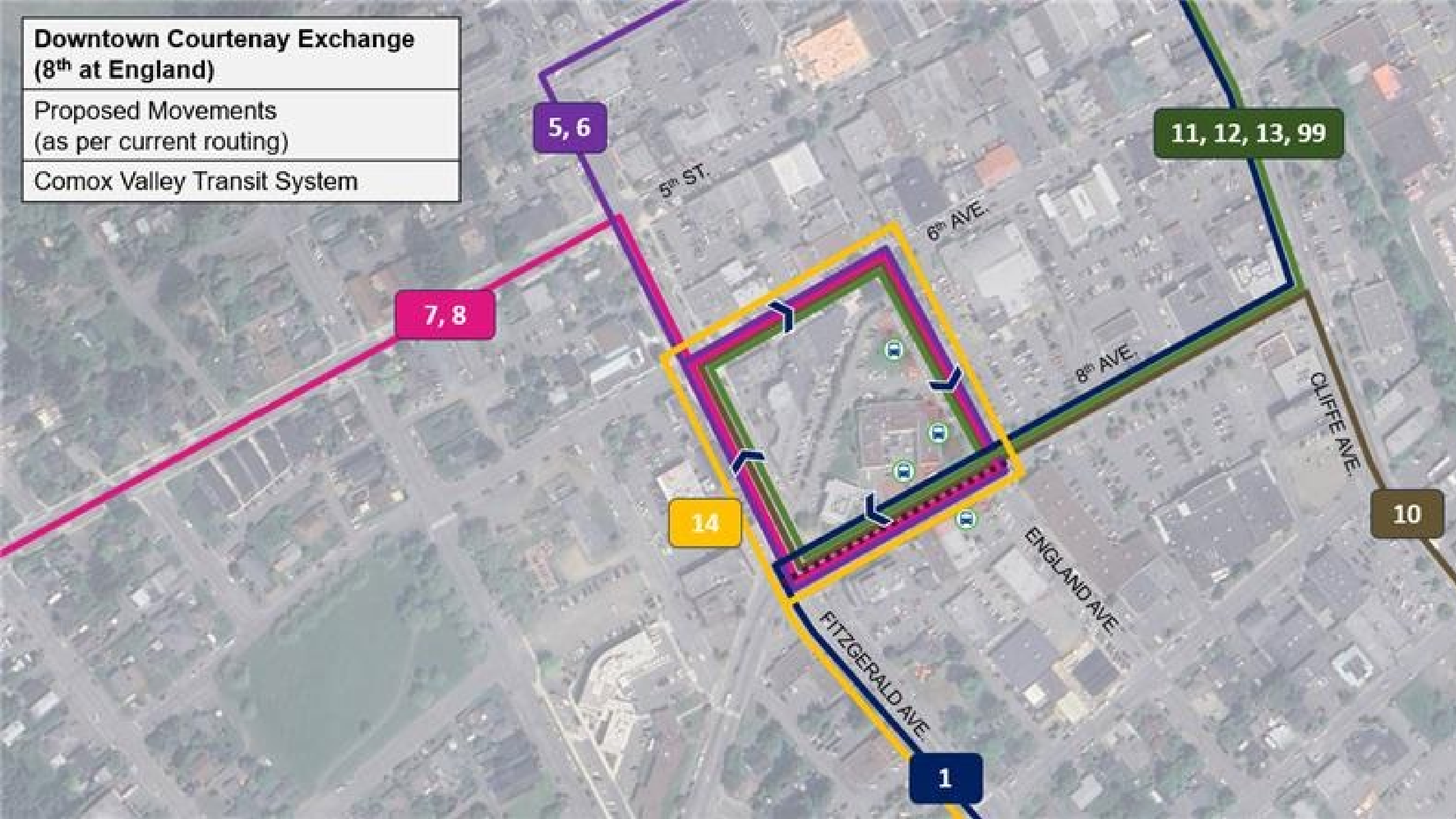
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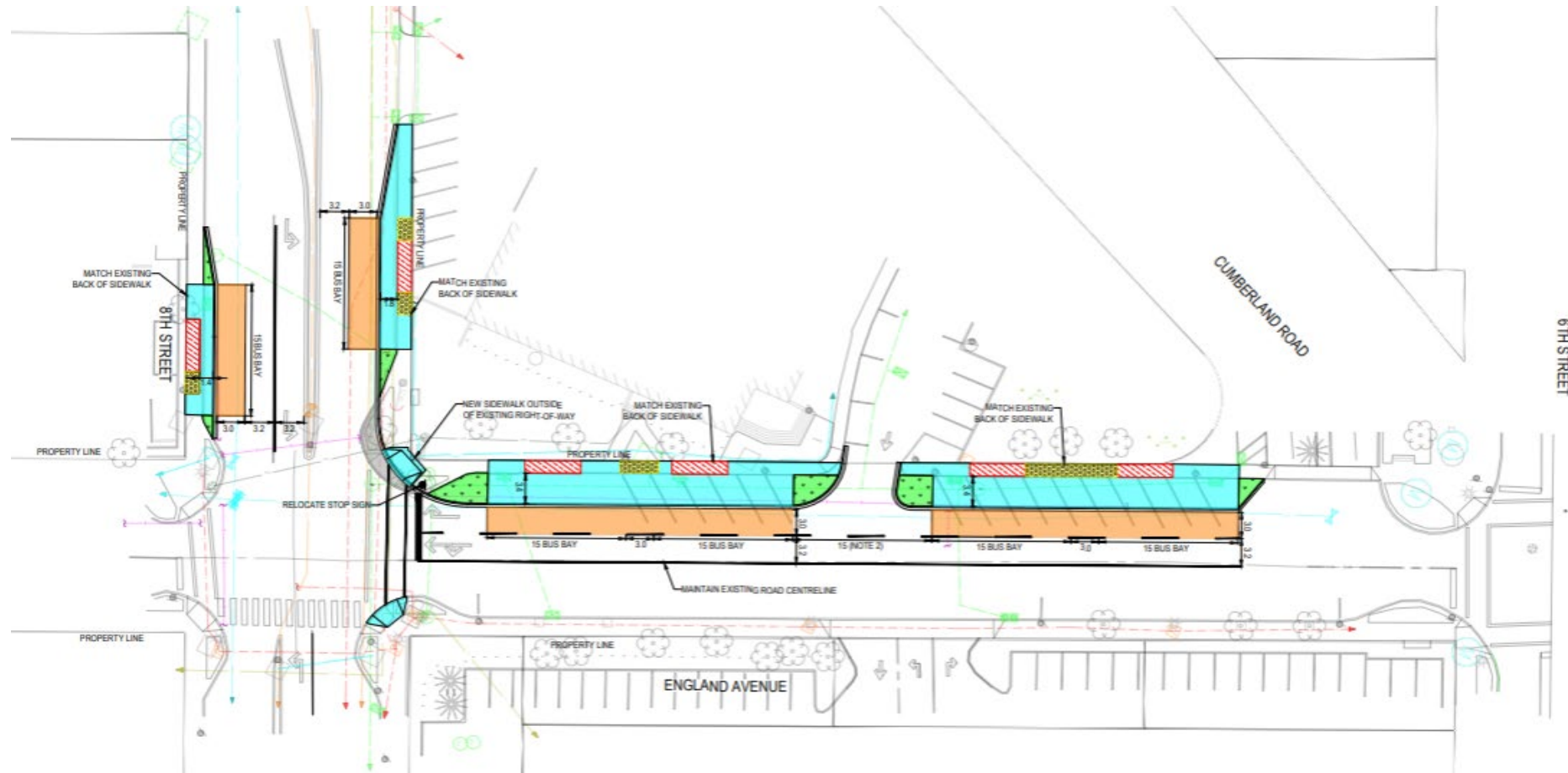
**Downtown Courtenay Exchange
(8th at England)**

Proposed Movements
(as per current routing)

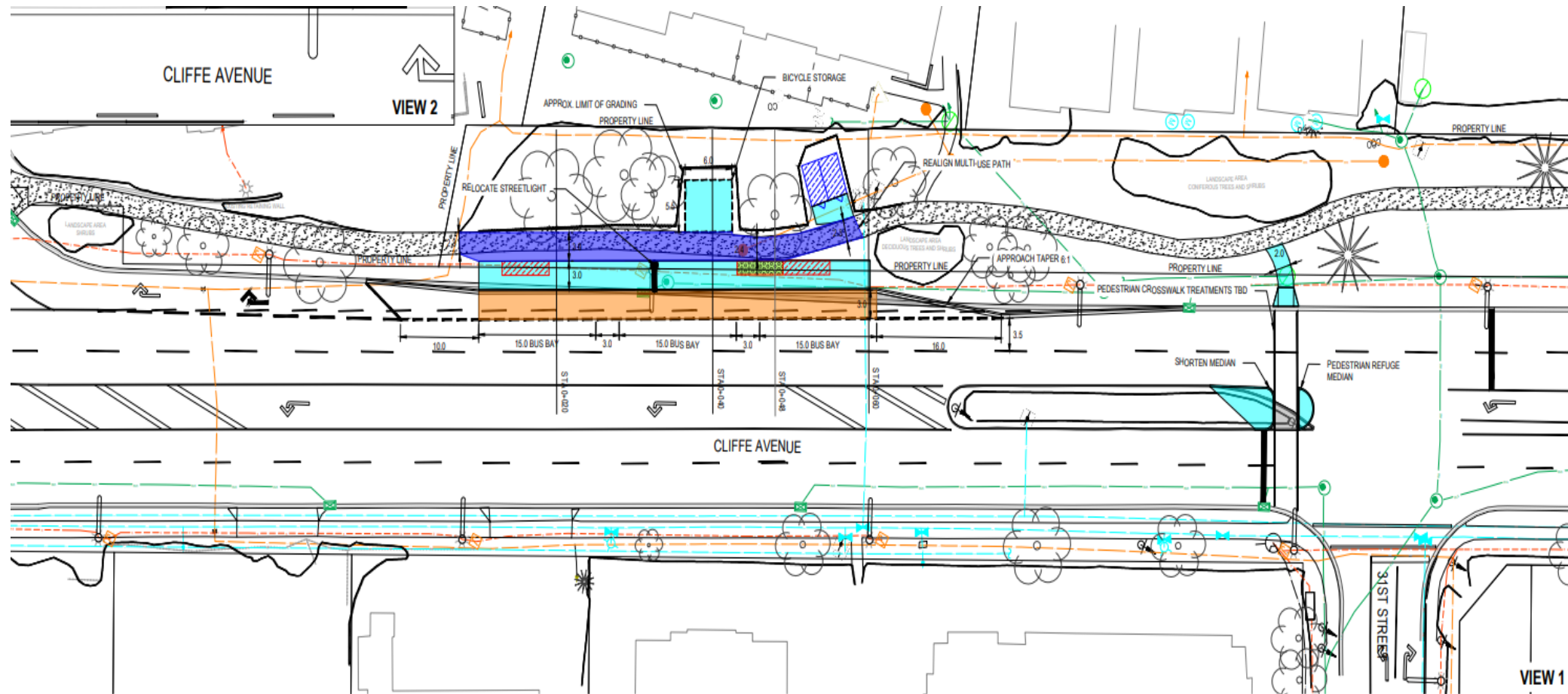
Comox Valley Transit System



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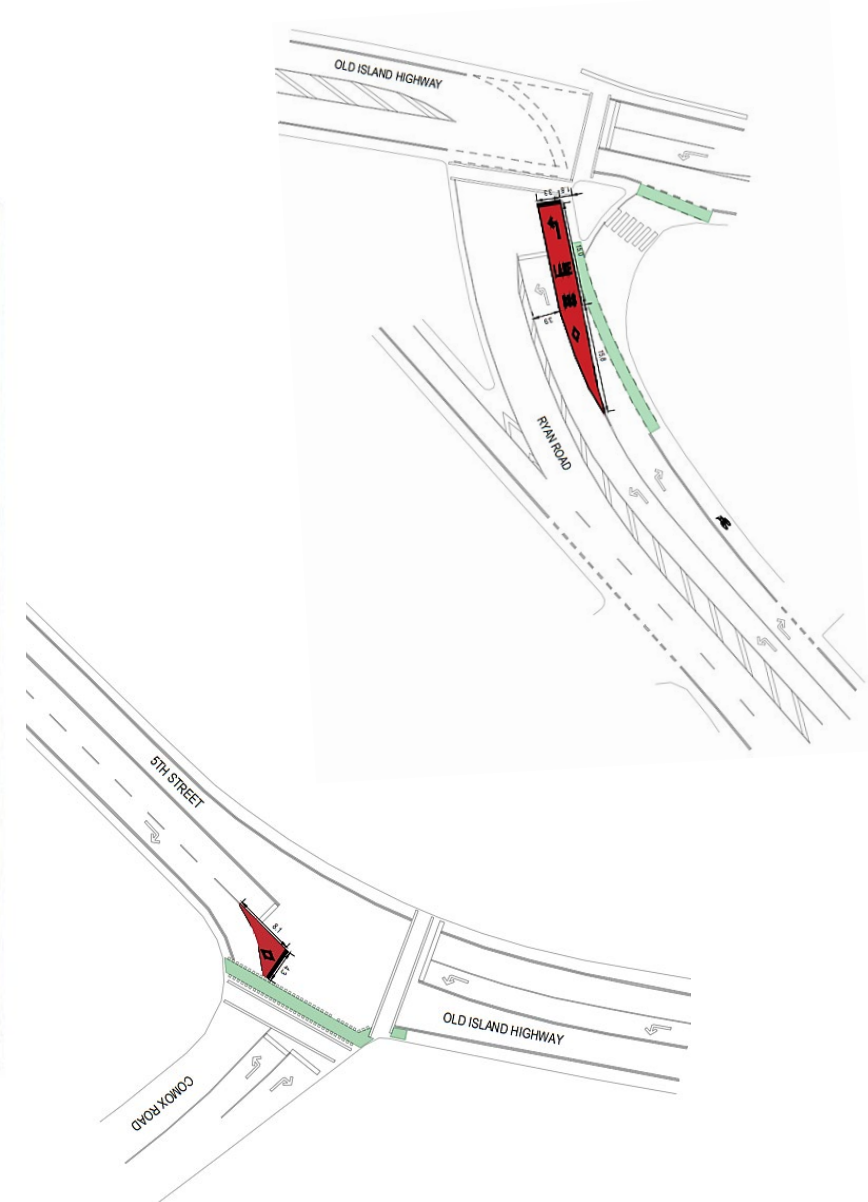
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Transit Priority Measures



Figure 1 Transit Priority Reference Designs

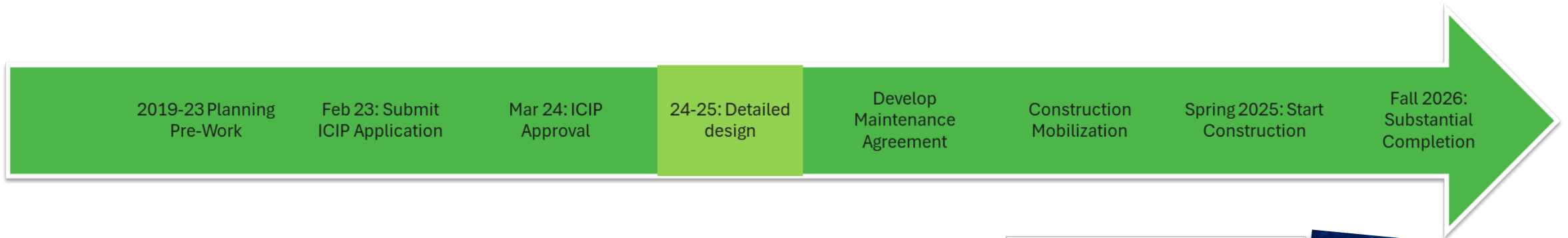


Transit Exchange Improvements

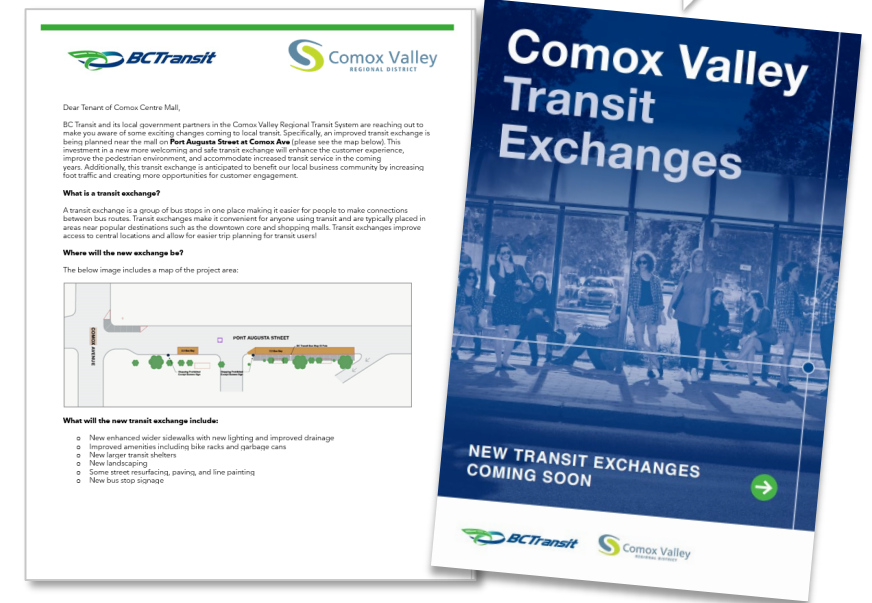
- New T4 Cantilevered Shelters
- New bike racks
- Enhanced lighting
- Wider sidewalks
- New landscaping
- Improved pedestrian environment
- Garbage receptacles
- Dedicated driver washroom (South Courtenay)



Transit Exchange Project Timeline & Engagement



- Distribution of Exchange Project Postcard
- Mailout of Project Letter (within 50 m)
- Webinar with Downtown BIA
- BC Transit Project Website



Next Steps

- Facilitate ongoing stakeholder and public engagement
- Finalize detailed design process
- Develop maintenance agreement
- Schedule construction
- Continue engagement during construction
- Celebrate completion



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