Use It !!.

Priorities
- Get tie replacement program underway
- Initiate commuter rail: Nanaimo-Victoria
- Develop a Land Use Plan
  - Identify long term opportunities
  - Clarify local community needs
  - Prepare a comprehensive set of policies to guide the Board and LG on land use decisions
- Other

Preparing “The Official Corridor Plan (OCP)”
- Why do we need a Corridor Plan?
- What has been done already?
- What will it contain?
- What is the program?
- How is it being funded?

Why Do We Need A Plan
The corridor is a unifying element on V.I.
- 225km Victoria/Courtenay & 61 km Parksville/Port Alberni
- 85% of VI residents live within 30 minutes of the Corridor
- It has more neighbours than any other private land holding on V.I.
- Its potential for impacting all of us is more significant than any other single land element
- The corridor has multiple designations and policies affecting it as it passes through your municipalities
- It has the ability to significantly help you achieve your community goals.

2007 Socio-Economic Assessment

Conclusions
- System is valuable in future of region
- Land use and growth management value is high
- Freight growth is modest
- Passenger rail is brighter
2008 The Case for the Corridor

The Corridor will:
- Improve access to critical economic centers
- Increase community and economic benefits
- Facilitate public transportation
- Enhance connectivity for industry and public

Technical Work to Date

MOTI Studies

2010 Outreach Work

- 3 Workshops with Industry, Government and Public using presentations and group exercises
- Valuable list of Corridor opportunities identified
- Public appreciation and understanding improved

Preliminary Analysis of Local Opportunities

- Meet with Admin. and Planning Staff
- Detailed Corridor Segment Analysis
  - GIS Information
  - OCP and Zoning Policies
- Identify Local Targets
  - GHG Emissions
  - Other (i.e. TDM, Housing)
- Opportunities and Constraints
  - Station precincts
  - Industrial areas
  - Expansion Policies
  - Recreation / Tourism (Trails)

Next step: Prepare the Plan

Phase 1: Data Collection

Phase 2: Corridor Stakeholder Meetings

- Regional meetings with interest groups
  - Adjacent property owners
  - Agriculture, Business and Industry
  - Others
- Island Corridor Summit
  - Address overlapping interest
  - Discuss and recommend policy and procedural mechanisms
  - Establish a common approach to regulatory processes (i.e. land use adjudication and management)
Phase 3 Draft Plan and Adoption Process

• Review by Island Corridor Foundation Directors
• Distribute for Comments to 1st Nations and Local Government
• Revise as necessary
  – Include monitoring benchmarks
• Project Wrap up
  – Building partnerships for implementation

Timing and Funding

• Proposed to begin Summer 2012 and conclude spring 2014
• Budget Sources
  – Foundations $150,000
  – Private $100,000
  – Local government (In Kind) $290,000
  • GIS / Mapping assistance
  • Staff time contributions

Summary

• You own a RAILROAD…Cool!
• It ties us all together in ways better than boring highways or hidden pipelines…what else can do it better!
• Important component in making a bright future for VI
• Enables us to emphasis our uniqueness while preserving our commonality
• A Corridor Plan will help achieve local goal and enable better inter-regional coordination
• Proven operator for system

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Comments and Questions

Thank You for your interest and support