



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

**Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee
DISCUSSION OUTLINE & NOTES**

3:30-5:30

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

This meeting is online only and open to the public to attend.

Meeting Video Link:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/96142355583?pwd=TLuyc3y8liXBqPQ6A5SrFOwAvKecsh.1>

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sarah Breen

Trish Dehnel

Solita Work

Laura Sax

Miranda Hughes

Kelly McCafferty

Keith Wiley

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Murray

Jacqueline Willard

Michelle Postnikoff

Cassie Norman

Reidun Rosi

David Gregory

Maxence Jaillet

STAFF

Alex Leffelaar

Climate Action Assistant

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Round Table: Individual Updates

- Members shared brief updates on personal progress in the last months on rural mobility-related work.
- Upcoming Go By Bike Week was highlighted for the events that will occur in Castlegar, Nelson and maybe Creston – West Kootenay Cycling Coalition looking for organizations to collaborate on this.
- Group previewed the RMCAC engagement video draft and provided some final feedback.

2.2 RMCAC Brief Project Updates

- RDCK staff shared brief updates on each of the RMCAC's ongoing projects and investigations.
- **Cycling Education** - Everyone Rides aiming to reach another 8 regional schools this year including Castlegar, Salmo and Slocan junction areas. Further support was accessed through various electoral area Community Development Funds.
- **New Denver – Silverton Corridor** North Slocan Trails Society continuing investigations, collected quotes/scopes of work from multiple transportation engineering firms and shared these with staff. Columbia Basin Trust has expressed interest to fund next phases of work. Staff will prepare report for Board in June.
- **Regional Transit Engagement** – Staff have been engaging with transit service and related committees to understand where priority alignments are. Planning to support transit education/access supports and pilot linking transit to active transportation infrastructure. Staff also applied to CRIS funding for consultant support to investigate alternative transit system models. Funding award is unconfirmed.
- **Electric Cargo Bike Share** – Nelson's climate team has been planning a pilot program in partnership with the Nelson library. Staff are involved to monitor the outcomes of this pilot and how it supports connectivity for rural residents to municipal amenities as the library is located next to the new regional transit exchange. If successful, this model could be extended to other communities.

2.3 RMCAC Project Deep Dive A

Regional Transportation Service Network

- Phase 1 of this project is underway, Network team has released an RFP looking for consultant support to develop an Operational & Governance Implementation Plan and a list of considerations for integration into Phase 2 – development of a Regional Booking Platform for the network.
RDCK staff and project focus group partners will share an update and hold an open discussion regarding the regional community service network advancing this project including the Operational Implementation Plan status and Regional Booking Platform development.
- United Way is distributing \$540,000 from Columbia Basin Trust over next two years to three identified corridors in the Kootenays (including Kaslo – Trail and Nakusp – Trail). This funding will support community service societies to bolster seniors' transportation programs. Staff are working with United Way to link this with the Regional Transportation Service Network project and resources.

2.4 RMCAC Project Deep Dive B Kootenay Rideshare Revamp

- Phase 1 of this pilot is preparing for launch. Kootenay Carshare has agreed to lead this phase of work, making improvements to the existing Kootenay Rideshare platform and developing a risk management framework for the platform. These updates will improve safety for both users and the system operators. This will include engagement with other existing regional rideshare platforms to seek alignment/collaboration.

2.5 Regional Gaps Analysis & Strategizing

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Project	Areas Impacted
Bicycle Education	Targeting all regional public schools
New Denver – Silverton Corridor	Area H/Silverton/New Denver Connects to Area K/Nakusp
Mobility Mapping (WKCC-led)	Map covers all of RDCK & RDKB
Transit Advisory	Engaging so far primarily with West Transit Services Committee Planning to engage with Creston Valley Services Committee to extend benefits to this subregion CRIS project will focus on most rural areas (starting with Area D and Area K)
E-Cargo Bikeshare	Pilot led by City of Nelson, but includes residents in surrounding areas (Area F and south Area H included in library service; other residents can be included with BC One Card)
Regional Transportation Service Network	All Areas
Kootenay Rideshare Platform Update	All Areas

- While most initiatives focus on shared impacts across all electoral areas, there is room to explore pilots specific to Area G/Salmo, Area D/Kaslo, and Areas A/B/C/Creston. Staff are seeking opportunities and local partner organizations that may be interested to collaborate.

3. NEXT ASSEMBLY

The next assembly of the Rural Mobility Community Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 30th, 2026, at 3:30-5:30.