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Mayor and Council
City of Victoria

Re: BCTransit Terminal Proposal and TOA Designation

Dear Mayor Alto and Members of City Council:

The JBNA is aware of the “Douglas Street Downtown Dedicated Bus Lane Update” report presented to Council at the May 16 meeting of Committee of the Whole, including proposed re-routing of bus and car traffic in the Humboldt/Blanshard/Douglas triangle.

This is a major change that will have significant implications for residents of James Bay and people traveling to and from our community. We believe that consultation with the James Bay neighbourhood is essential for this proposal to reflect the diverse and unique needs of our community.

We are also aware that the City of Victoria is required under Bill 47 to designate the location of the TOA (Transit Oriented Area) associated with this transit hub before June 30.

Therefore, the JBNA urges City Council at its soonest opportunity to:

- advise staff that the stretch of Government Street adjacent to the Legislature is no longer to be considered a candidate for the TOA in OCP planning; and
- advise the Provincial Government that the TOA to be designated under Bill 47 is in the block of Douglas Street between Belleville and Humboldt Streets, and not the stretch of Government Street between Superior and Belleville Streets.

Given the forthcoming deadline of June 30 for this designation to be made, we request that this matter be addressed by council at its soonest possible opportunity.

On behalf of the JBNA Board –

Trevor Moat
JBNA President