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## **BC FERRIES REVEALS 25-YEAR VISION FOR SWARTZ BAY TERMINAL** **Community input used to shape long-term plan**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries released the Swartz Bay Terminal Development Plan (TDP) today. The TDP outlines a long-term vision for the terminal’s future, and a phased approach for implementing the changes envisioned in the plan.

BC Ferries employees will be at the terminal from April 10 to 13 to share the TDP with travellers and provide information to customers on how the company incorporated their feedback. Some examples include the development of proposed cycling routes for cyclists entering and leaving the terminal, thoughts on a waterfront park and improved circulation for the pick-up/drop-off areas. Customers can also find the TDP on the Swartz Bay project page at [bcferries.com/about/terminal-development-planning](http://bcferries.com/about/terminal-development-planning).

The TDP is a 25-year vision for the future of the terminal. Implementation will occur in phases, with the first phase starting in the early 2020s. This phase will focus on improving road access, parking and pick-up/drop-off areas. This area is a priority to ensure BC Ferries continues to meet the operational demands of this busy terminal and is important to allow for future phases to be implemented. BC Ferries will be engaging with customers on the detailed designs for each phase, and will involve the community in identifying potential construction impacts and how they can be reduced or eliminated.

BC Ferries has allocated funds in its 12-year Capital Plan (fiscal 2019 through 2030) to support the priority improvements. Other improvements to the terminal, including passenger buildings and amenities, will be considered within future Capital Plans and implemented as funding becomes available.

“We heard some great ideas about the future of Swartz Bay terminal from customers and the community during this engagement process,” said Mark Wilson, BC Ferries’ Vice President, Strategy & Community Engagement. “We’ve taken that feedback, and where we could, incorporated it into the long-term plan. It’s important to take into account a variety of different modes of transportation, especially looking ahead for the next 25 years, and suggestions like a cycling route would improve our customers’ experience.”

Last spring, BC Ferries launched an engagement process to collect community input to help shape future plans for Swartz Bay terminal, including improved passenger buildings, amenities and operational facilities. The company heard from more than 1,000 people through this effort and identified several key considerations. In September, BC Ferries held another round of engagement

and presented draft concepts for the future of the terminal. Since then, the company has reviewed the feedback received from the sessions and incorporated it where possible into the final TDP.

All of BC Ferries' Terminal Development Plans are regularly reviewed and refreshed to ensure they address the changing travel demands and the needs of customers. The company engages with the community throughout the planning process, including any time a refresh is required. As the 25-year vision for the Swartz Bay terminal, this TDP will help to guide the future development of the terminal, while remaining flexible to changing needs and community input. For more information visit the Swartz Bay project page at [bcferries.com/about/terminal-development-planning](http://bcferries.com/about/terminal-development-planning).

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