

Background Information

Possible locations of a -

Victoria Central Transit Centre to connect Commuter Rail and Local Transit

Option One: Area of the current rail station at the foot of Pandora

There is enough room to create space for a two-car commuter train. A renovated Janion Building and the vacant land either side could be used as a station for rail, coach lines and a bicycle rental. However, passengers would still have to walk up to Douglas Street to connect with local transit or take a taxi to other local harbour ferries or plane terminals.

Option Two: Near Pandora and Douglas (line extended east to Douglas Street)

- a. Centennial Square; or
- b. On Pandora, off-street beside City Hall; or
- c. The large parking lot behind the Royal Bank on the corner of Douglas and Pandora.

Note:

- i For these solutions, the North curb lane on Pandora would become a permanent rail lane separated from road traffic.
- ii In options 2a and 2b, Centennial Square would serve as the connecting transit hub for the Downtown core.
- iii For 2c, a station would be built in the large parking lot behind the Royal Bank on Douglas (location of a former transit station) .

Option Three: New Victoria Transit Centre in Rock Bay

A new central transit center to service commuter rail, local streetcars, transit buses and coach lines could be located in an area in Rock Bay. One location could be between Pembroke and Discovery off Douglas near the Save On food Centre.

Commuter rail could exit off bridge on to Store Street and travel along Store to Pembroke. Up Pembroke to the terminal between Government and Douglas. An outbound train would circle on to Discovery. Down to Store St. and along Store to the bridge.

This station could serve as the anchor for future development in Rock Bay. A new centre for the arts and the Victoria Art Gallery could be built on the waterway in that area. An extended Store St could link to Bay Street via a new bridge. A large farmers market in the same area could be another component of a new sustainable community.

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Centennial Square (option 2a) as the location for the Central Transit Center.