7.13 Sea Island Area Trails

Vision

The Sea Island trails will provide recreational opportunities for the people living and working on Sea Island to access the waterfront, unique natural and airport resources, and will provide direct access to the many transportation corridors to Vancouver and Lulu Island. Key principles will include working in partnerships with the Vancouver International Airport Authority and other key agencies operating on the Island; co-ordinating the development and implementation of recreational plans between agencies; creating a continuous vibrant waterfront trail system; and balancing environmental sensitivities with recreational needs.

Location

Sea Island from Richmond by the No.2 Road, Dinsmore and Moray Channel Bridges, and from Vancouver by the Arthur Laing Bridge.

Key Links and Destinations

Burkeville residential community, the Vancouver International Airport, South Airport Terminal, McDonald Beach Park and Boat Launch (26.1 acres), Flight Path Park, North Fraser Port Authority head office, Sea Island Conservation Area , Iona Beach Regional Park and direct access via bridges to Vancouver, Richmond City Centre and the Middle Arm dyke trail system.

Other City and External Plans

The majority of Sea Island is owned by the Federal Government and administered through Vancouver International Airport Authority who have developed a Parks and Recreation Plan for the Island. A number of cycling paths have recently been constructed that link with the new Moray Channel Bridges. The Authority is in the process of developing a new Land Use Plan. The North Fraser Port Authority developed a Port North Fraser Land Use Plan in 2000 that outlines policies and land use designations along the North and Middle Arm of the Fraser River. Environment Canada, through the Canadian Wildlife Services (CWS), administers the Sea Island Conservation Area (345 acres) at the north end of the Island. The GVRD administers Iona Island Park (319.8 acres) and is considering expanding its park holdings in the future. South of Sea Island, in the mouth of the Middle Arm, is a 72 acre island that is owned by the Nature Conservancy of Canada and protected as a nature reserve with limited access for research purposes.

Vancouver International Airport

Bike routes

Sea Island heritage

Mc Donald Beach

Iona Beach

Burkeville neighbourhood

Flight Path Park (Russ Baker Way)

Recommendations

Short Term

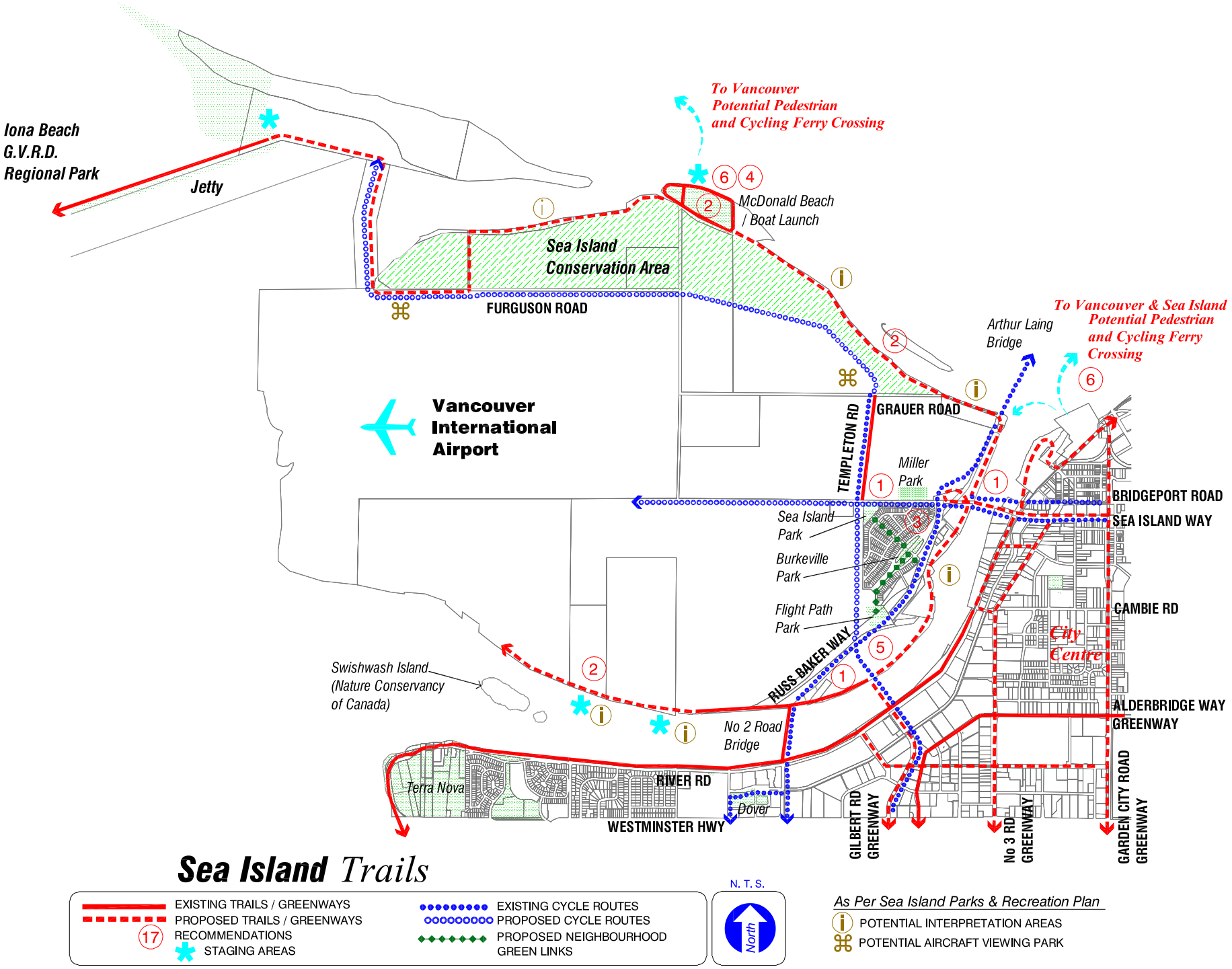
1. Work with the Airport Authority to develop a coordinated signage system that provides direction to the various key destinations on Sea Island, to Richmond City Centre and the Middle Arm Dyke Trails.
2. Work with the Airport Authority, the North Fraser Port Authority, and Canadian Wildlife Services to develop a coordinated interpretation program.
3. Develop a Neighbourhood Green Links Plan to link the Burkeville residential area to the waterfront and the trail system.

Medium Term

4. Review and prepare a new McDonald Beach Park Plan.

Ongoing / Long Term

5. Work with the Airport Authority on the development of their waterfront along the Middle Arm to seek opportunities that would complement the recreational programming of the river and the redevelopment of the City Centre waterfront.
6. Consider pedestrian and cycling ferry connections to Vancouver and to the West Bridgeport area in the future.



Sea Island *Trails*

EXISTING TRAILS / GREENWAYS
PROPOSED TRAILS / GREENWAYS
17 RECOMMENDATIONS
STAGING AREAS

EXISTING CYCLE ROUTES
PROPOSED CYCLE ROUTES
PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD GREEN LINKS

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As Per Sea Island Parks & Recreation Plan

POTENTIAL INTERPRETATION AREAS
POTENTIAL AIRCRAFT VIEWING PARK