

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JUNE 2, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councillor George Chow, Vice-Chair  
Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
Councillor Andrea Reimer  
Councillor Tim Stevenson  
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

**ABSENT:** Councillor David Cadman, Chair (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Penny Ballem, City Manager

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting of May 5, 2009, were adopted.

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT items 3 and 6 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*Council agreed to refer items 5 and 7 to a Standing Committee on June 11, 2009, due to time constraints.*

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**1. Funding for Neighbourhood Greenways and Community Gardens  
March 16, 2009**

Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Councillor Reimer

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the expansion of the Windsor Castle Neighbourhood Greenway at an estimated cost of \$120,000.
- B. THAT Council approve funding of \$51,000 to be allocated for the establishment of three new community gardens on East 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Fraser Street and Ross Street.
- C. THAT Council approve longer term community garden development on land managed by Engineering and Real Estate Services at an estimated start-up cost of \$70,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Enhancements to City Bikeways  
May 25, 2009**

Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the recommendations. The speakers also offered suggestions to improve various bike routes and facilities.

MOVED by Councillor Meggs

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council direct staff to review and implement measures to enhance the comfort and effectiveness of existing and planned bikeway and greenway networks by installing additional traffic calming measures, including diversionary and non-diversionary measures, on existing bikeways and that funding of \$1,200,000 be allocated to support this initiative; the sources of funding are to be:
  - (a) \$192,000 from the TransLink 2009 Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program;
  - (b) \$264,000 from the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget (Greenways);
  - (c) \$87,000 from the 2009 Streets Basic Capital Budget (Neighbourhood Traffic Calming);
  - (d) \$657,000 from the 2009 Streets Basic Capital Budget (Bicycle Network).

Funding from the 2009 Streets Basic Capital Budget is subject to approval of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.

- B. THAT Council direct staff to limit approvals of new motor vehicle crossings on to existing and planned bikeways and greenways unless, in the opinion of the City Engineer, alternate locations are not advisable due to safety considerations, transit operations, pedestrian conflicts or site and streetscape constraints.
- C. THAT Council approve implementation of bicycle routes along E 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenues between Ontario Street and Windsor Street, along Windermere Street from Adanac Street to Hastings Street, and on Bridgeway between the Portside and Cassiar Bikeways to facilitate bicycle access to competition venues during the 2010 Winter Games, at a total cost of \$184,000; source of funding to be the 2009 Streets Basic Capital Budget (Bicycle Network), subject to approval of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.
- D. THAT Council approve the reallocation of an additional \$1.7 million from within the 2009 Streets Capital Budget (Roads) to 2009 Streets Capital Budget Cycling Network budget, bringing the total to \$3.4 million, to expedite improvements at the areas of concern noted in the Administrative Report dated May 25, 2009, entitled "Enhancements to City Bikeways", during the coming year, provided such reallocations do not reduce improvements to pedestrian infrastructure.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to report back on plans to update and renew the 1999 Bicycle Plan with a new strategic plan for cycling that feeds into the city's new Transportation Plan, taking into account the task force process proposed by the Bicycle Advisory Committee and the emerging consensus supporting dedicated lanes as a best practice for cycling infrastructure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Cyclist Pushbuttons for Existing Pedestrian Signals (2009 Program)  
and Bicycle Parking  
April 21, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the installation of cyclist pushbuttons at 17 pedestrian-activated signals as described in this report at a total cost of \$202,500; source of funds to be Development Cost Levy funding from the Engineering Streets Capital Budget - 2009 Cycling Network, subject to approval of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.

- B. THAT Council approve the installation of bicycle parking at various locations around the City as described in this report at a total cost of \$30,000; source of funds to be Development Cost Levy funding from the Engineering Streets Capital Budget - 2009 Cycling Network, subject to approval of the 2009 Basic Capital Budget.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**4. Summer Spaces: Vancouver's Summer 2009 Car-Free Street Initiative  
April 30, 2009**

Strategic Transportation Planning, Business Improvement Area Program and FEST Committee staff responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 11 speakers, the majority of whom supported the recommendations. Three speakers were opposed to the proposed 'ciclovia' event along Beach Avenue and one speaker expressed concern about the lack of public consultation with tourism organizations.

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*During the hearing of speakers, it was*

*MOVED by Councillor Woodsworth  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council*

*THAT, under Section 2.3 (c) of the Procedure By-law, Council extend the length of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting by one hour or less.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

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MOVED by Councillor Reimer  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve Summer Spaces car-free trials in four neighbourhoods (Collingwood, Gastown, Mount Pleasant, and on Commercial Drive) at a cost of not more than \$85,000, source of funds being the Parking Sites Reserve.
- B. THAT staff continue to investigate the proposed Summer Spaces car-free trials in Marpole and on Robson Street by working with the respective applicants to develop workable proposals that could be implemented in 2010.

- C. THAT staff implement a Summer Spaces monitoring and evaluation program funded up to a maximum amount of \$65,000, source of funds being the Parking Sites Reserve, and report back to Council regarding the results by December 2009.
- D. THAT temporary staff resources required for the successful implementation and evaluation of the Summer Spaces initiative be funded up to a maximum amount of \$40,000, source of funds being the Parking Sites Reserve.
- E. THAT staff implement a communications program for the Summer Spaces initiative funded up to a maximum amount of \$10,000, source of funds being the Parking Sites Reserve.
- F. THAT, in addition to the Summer Spaces car-free trials, Council approve in principle the proposed 'ciclovia' from English Bay Beach Park to Jericho Beach Park, at a cost not more than \$50,000, subject to:
  - completion of a plan that the City Manager is satisfied can be achieved within the funds approved and staff resources available; and
  - identification of sufficient community partners to ensure satisfactory planning, execution and communications to support the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Central Waterfront Hub Framework**  
**April 21, 2009**

This item was referred to a Standing Committee on June 11, 2009, due to time constraints.

6. **Bus Lanes on Hastings Street**  
**May 19, 2009**

MOVED by Councillor Louie  
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT bus lanes be implemented on Hastings Street from Boundary Road to Downtown as shown in the Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated May 19, 2009, entitled "Bus Lanes on Hastings Street", at an estimated cost of \$150,000 to be funded by TransLink.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

**7. Parking Policy and By-law Requirements  
May 21, 2009**

This item was referred to a Standing Committee on June 11, 2009, due to time constraints.

**8. Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program  
May 8, 2009**

Council agreed to refer this item to a Standing Committee on June 11, 2009, due to time constraints.

The Committee adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JUNE 2, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 12:59 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gregor Robertson  
Councillor Suzanne Anton  
Councillor George Chow  
Councillor Heather Deal  
Councillor Kerry Jang  
Councillor Raymond Louie  
Councillor Geoff Meggs  
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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

MOVED by Councillor Jang  
SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mayor Robertson in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic  
June 2, 2009

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic. Its items of business included:

1. Funding for Neighbourhood Greenways and Community Gardens
2. Enhancements to City Bikeways
3. Cyclist Pushbuttons for Existing Pedestrian Signals (2009 Program) and Bicycle Parking
4. Summer Spaces: Vancouver's Summer 2009 Car-Free Street Initiative
5. Central Waterfront Hub Framework
6. Bus Lanes on Hastings Street
7. Parking Policy and By-law Requirements
8. Canada Line Neighbourhood Parking Program

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of June 2, 2009, as contained in items 1 - 4 and 6, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Jang

SECONDED by Councillor Woodsworth

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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