

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 16, 2008

MINUTES

A meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., in the Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall.

PRESENT: Jack Becker
 Tim Blair
 Colin Brander
 Richard Campbell
 Paul Dragan*
 Bonnie Fenton
 Kari Hewett
 Robert Holley
 Trudy Lancelyn
 Kay Teschke

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Suzanne Anton, Vancouver City Council
 Scott Edwards, Greenways & Neighbourhood Transportation
 Peter Sary, Neighbourhood Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Nicole Ludwig, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

Attendance

The Meeting Coordinator noted Neil Salway has resigned from the Committee.

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following due process, Bonnie Fenton was elected Chair and Kari Hewett was elected Vice-Chair for the 2008 term.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of December 19, 2007, were adopted.

3. Capital Planning Process

At the December 19, 2007, meeting, the Committee requested information on the Capital Planning Process and how to participate in the process.

Accordingly, David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, presented the requested update (*copies of 2006-2008 Capital Plan Information and Questionnaire distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office*). Discussion took place and Mr. Rawsthorne, Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Scott Edwards, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding the following points:

- funding amounts and limits;
- partnerships and cost-sharing with other levels of government;
- process of allocation and reallocation of funds;

- “hard” and “soft” measures including education and promotion;
- prospects for the 1999 Bicycle Plan, and
- community engagement and involvement.

4. China Creek Park/10th Ave Bike Route Redevelopment

Michel Desrochers, Planning and Operations - Park Board, provided an update on the China Creek Park/10th Avenue bike route redevelopment, including overviews of the project and past, current and proposed future park use, and Park Board involvement in cycling infrastructure.

A summary of suggestions and discussion follows:

- lighting with regard to trees needs to be considered;
- parking restrictions a possibility in the area;
- this is a badly-needed upgrade to 10th avenue bike route;
- speed is a concern;
- need for sufficient markings that this is a bike route, particularly with the blind cul-de-sac at East 10th Avenue and Keith Drive, and
- curb cut needs to be big enough to cyclists to get around parked cars.

Mr. Desrochers, Scott Edwards, Neighbourhood Transportation and Greenways, and Peter Stary, Engineering, responded to questions regarding lighting, location of cycling facilities, curb cut and timeline.

5. Connections from Canada Line Pedestrian/Bike Bridge to Vancouver's Bicycle and Pedestrian network

Gavin Davidson, TransLink, provided an update on the bicycle/pedestrian facility attached to the Canada Line Bridge across the Fraser River that is expected to be completed within a year. Mr. Davidson provided an overview on connections between the base of the structure, south of Kent Avenue South, the City's bicycle and pedestrian network, history and options for this facility, including sources of funding, timelines and overview of options and TransLink's position.

A summary of discussion and suggestions follows:

- large numbers of switchbacks and elevation changes make the path unattractive to many cyclists;
- expenditure would be worthwhile; should spend more money now and finish facilities quickly rather than having them languish;
- a connection across Cambie Street is critical, and
- might consider other costing options and offering incentives to developers.

Mr. Davidson, along with David Rawsthorne, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, Peter Stary, Engineering, and Donny Wong, Rapid Transit Office responded to questions regarding alternatives for crossing, plans for connections to the Vancouver and/or Richmond bike route system and funding.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the right of way required for extension of the bridge offramp to north of Southwest Marine Drive on both sides of Cambie Street be obtained.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to engage in discussion with senior levels of government for funding of this offramp.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to work on A and B above, with a desire to meet the grand opening of the Canada Line Pedestrian/Cyclist facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Paul Dragan absent for the vote)

The Committee agreed to refer this item to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee to analyze how this fits into the bike network, focusing on Kent Street South alternatives and the development of the Kent Bikeway from Ontario to Heather Streets.

6. Sub-committee Reports

a. *Bicycle Education and Promotion Subcommittee*

No report.

b. *Bicycle Network Sub-committee*

At the December 19, 2007, meeting, the Committee agreed to postpone certain items from the meeting notes of the December 4, 2007, Bicycle Network Sub-committee meeting to this meeting. Accordingly, the following items from were discussed:

i. *Changes to Federal Motor Vehicle Legislation*

Richard Campbell presented a report to the Committee regarding federal vehicle design regulations and safety improvements (*distributed - on file in the City Clerk's Office*). The Committee offered feedback regarding grammar and wording changes, and

RESOLVED

THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee adopt the report dated November 21, 2007, entitled "Federal Vehicle Design Safety Regulations - Safety Improvements" with the changes suggested at the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting on January 16, 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Paul Dragan absent for the vote)

ii. *Cambie Street Bike Lanes*

Scott Edwards, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, noted that staff are working on this item. The Meeting Coordinator agreed to look up past Council decisions in order to ascertain whether a motion is appropriate.

Donny Wong, Rapid Transit Office, responded to questions regarding connections to SkyTrain connections, noting this issue would be going to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee over the next few months. Peter Stary, Engineering, noted the next Bicycle Network Sub-committee meeting will be on January 29.

7. Correspondence

The correspondence folder was circulated.

8. Other Business

i. Data Collection Project

Richard Campbell noted the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition had been contracted by TransLink to get feedback and suggestions on original bike network designated routes and changes to alternate routes, and requested that this be referred to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee. Mr. Campbell agreed to communicate with City staff and request input on updates.

ii. Trail strategies

Jack Becker noted the Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Art is working on a BC recreational trail strategy. Mr. Becker noted documents will be available on the Ministry website, agreed to forward the information via the listserv when he receives it and asked members to send any suggestions directly to him.

iii. Workplan Meeting

The Chair reminded members of the workplan meeting on January 26, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at BC Retail.

iv. Ecodensity

The Meeting Coordinator agreed to contact the Ecodensity team for an update.

v. BC Cycling strategy

The Committee agreed to refer the BC Cycling Strategy item to the Bicycle Network Sub-committee.

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2008
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Strathcona Room, Subground, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:30 p.m.