



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 19, 2013

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 5:38 pm, in City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tanya Paz, Chair
Dean Alexander
Joan Andersen
Graham Anderson
Eugene Chin
Jeff Cole*
Jacob Hunter, Vice-Chair
Liliana Quintero
Lisa Slakov
Adam Vasilevich*

ABSENT: Peggy Harowitz (Leave of Absence)
Tom Lancaster (Leave of Absence)
John Whistler (Leave of Absence)
Meghan Winters (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Jacob Hunter
SECONDED by Liliana Quintero

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Peggy Harowitz, Tom Lancaster, John Whistler, and Meghan Winters for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Jeff Cole absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Jacob Hunter

SECONDED by Joan Andersen

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of April 17, 2013, meeting with the following amendment to Item 3 (page 2) to insert the words indicated in italics, to read:

“... responded to questions from Policy Council regarding parking issues for *pedestrians and* cyclists. Matters discussed included vehicle blocking *sidewalks*, bike lanes, and management of construction site detours.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Jeff Cole absent for the vote)

1. Public Bike Share

Scott Edwards, Manager, Streets Activities Branch, provided an update on the City of Vancouver's Public Bike Share program, outlined the anticipated timeline for the report to Council and program launch, and responded to questions.

2. Transportation 2040 Walk and Bike Safety; and 2013 Active Transportation Corridors

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, and the Chair reported on the presentation given to City Council on June 12, 2013. (*Material and video clips available at: <http://former.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20130612/cfsc20130612ag.htm>*)

Mr. Bracewell also provided an update on recent transportation trends, designing for people of all ages and abilities (AAA), and responded to questions. Policy Council members commended staff for their presentation at City Council.

3. Projects Subcommittee Update

(a) Point Grey-Cornwall Corridor

The Policy Council reviewed the Subcommittee's recommendations, as well as project maps available at <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/point-grey-cornwall.aspx> including:

- York Avenue between Stephens and Chestnut Streets regarding bikeway and street calming; and
- Cornwall Avenue between Trafalgar and Cypress Streets regarding sidewalk improvements and separated one-way bike lanes.

David Rawsthorne, Engineer, Active Transportation, along with Mr. Bracewell, responded to questions.

The Policy Council discussed the routes, pedestrian considerations, transit traffic, skateboarding access, and parking availability.

MOVED by Graham Anderson
SECONDED by Dean Alexander

WHEREAS:

1. The Transportation 2040 Plan targets a significant increase in active transportation mode share and highlights the Point Grey-Cornwall corridor as a key potential route for a new All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling facility;
2. The Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) appreciates the leadership of City Council and the hard work of City staff in designing, consulting, and engaging on the Point Grey Road - Cornwall Avenue Corridor Active Transportation Project, and strongly supports the intent to create an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) facility along this route;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Active Transportation Policy Council strongly supports the proposed design outlined for sections 1, 3, and 5 of the Point Grey Road - Cornwall Avenue Corridor project as presented at the ATPC Project Committee meeting on June 5, 2013.
- B. For section 2 of the project, the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends option 2A, as this proposed design offers the most significantly improved pedestrian environment and a comfortable cycling facility.
- C. For section 4 of the project, the Active Transportation Policy Council believes that Cornwall Avenue would provide the most attractive route for cyclists as it offers a more direct, flatter route with access to destinations;

FURTHER THAT ATPC encourages the City to pursue an AAA cycling facility on this route as soon as it is feasible;

AND FURTHER THAT as an immediate solution, ATPC believes that the proposed York Avenue route design will provide an adequate facility and meets AAA standards.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Adam Vasilevich
SECONDED by Joan Andersen

THAT the motion be amended by adding:

- "Benefits to pedestrians helps the City of Vancouver meet its mode share target, supporting transit users would be supporting pedestrians" as the second WHEREAS, and

- "Along Cornwall Avenue, west of Cypress Street, with a priority on the north side, staff immediately review pedestrian improvements that encourage more walking." to the RESOLVEDS.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion as amended, was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

1. The Transportation 2040 Plan targets a significant increase in active transportation mode share and highlights the Point Grey-Cornwall corridor as a key potential route for a new All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling facility;
2. Benefits to pedestrians help the City of Vancouver meet its mode share target, supporting transit users would be supporting pedestrians; and
3. The Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) appreciates the leadership of City Council and the hard work of City staff in designing, consulting, and engaging on the Point Grey Road - Cornwall Avenue Corridor Active Transportation Project, and strongly supports the intent to create an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) facility along this route;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Active Transportation Policy Council strongly supports the proposed design outlined for sections 1, 3, and 5 of the Point Grey Road - Cornwall Avenue Active Transportation Project (Project), as presented at the ATPC Project Subcommittee meeting on June 5, 2013.
- B. For section 2 of the Project, ATPC recommends option 2A, as this proposed design offers the most significantly improved pedestrian environment and a comfortable cycling facility.
- C. For section 4 of the Project, ATPC believes that Cornwall Avenue would provide the most attractive route for cyclists as it offers a more direct, flatter route with access to destinations;

FURTHER THAT ATPC encourages the City to pursue an AAA cycling facility on this route as soon as it is feasible;

AND FURTHER THAT as an immediate solution, ATPC believes that the proposed York Avenue route design will provide an adequate facility and meets AAA standards.

- D. Along Cornwall Avenue, west of Cypress Street, with a priority on the north side, staff immediately review pedestrian improvements that encourage more walking.

(b) Adanac Bikeway - Union Street Review

Mr. Bracewell, Staff Liaison, reported on aspects of Adanac Bikeway which had been approved by City Council and noted the exception was the diverter on the east side of Gore Street. Discussion followed regarding the diverter, park accessibility, and public consultation.

MOVED by Graham Anderson
SECONDED by Jacob Hunter

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council has adopted the long-term goal of Zero Traffic Deaths in the City;
2. Vancouver City Council has set an ambitious target in its 2040 Transportation Plan of increasing the mode share of Active Transportation;
3. The City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 Plan continues the transport hierarchy of pedestrians, then cyclists, then transit before other modes;
4. The City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 Plan includes All Ages and Abilities (AAA) walking and cycling;
5. The proposed design for the Adanac Bikeway (as presented at the ATPC Project Committee meeting on June 5, 2013), specifically with regards to the 200 and 300 blocks of Union Street improves flow for commuter cyclists but does not improve the street for pedestrians;
6. Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) is concerned about the Union Street and Gore Street intersection T-bone risk of East-West cyclists failing to stop in time and drivers 'amber-gambling' North-South.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council continues to support closure to eastbound vehicular traffic on the 300 block of Union Street as proposed or equivalent so that it is an All Ages and Abilities (AAA) facility;

FURTHER THAT options for future parklets in the 200 block of Union Street be part of the plan;

AND FURTHER THAT Council recognize that the pedestrian pattern in the 200 and 300 blocks of Union Street is to cross mid-block and accommodate mid-block crossing. Safe mid-block crossings could mean narrowing and painted zebra/ladder crosswalks to alert 'through' users.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Lisa Slakov abstained for the vote)

The Clerk noted Vancouver Charter section 145.1 which states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".

4. Promotion and Partnership Subcommittee Update

Joan Andersen reported on the May 8 and June 12, 2013, Subcommittee meetings and responded to questions regarding the City's framework for promotion. She also noted the Subcommittee will have a presentation at the next meeting. *(May 8, 2013 draft report distributed - on file).*

5. Transportation and Land Use

Due to time constraints, the discussion regarding information exchange with the Planning Department on transportation and land use issues and upcoming development proposals, was postponed.

6. Skateboarding

Due to time constraints, the discussion on how ATPC can support skateboarding as part of active transportation was postponed.

7. Councillor Liaison Report

None

8. Park Board Report

(a) Stanley Park Causeway

The Chair advised of the ATPC Park Board Liaison's motion regarding the Stanley Park Causeway being considered at the next Park Board meeting.

MOVED by Jacob Hunter

SECONDED by Dean Alexander

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) endorse the motion regarding the Stanley Park Causeway to be introduced by Commissioner Barnes at the Vancouver Park Board meeting on June 24, 2013, *(link to the motion available at: <http://former.vancouver.ca/parks/board/2013/130624/CausewaySafetyMotion.pdf>);*

AND FURTHER THAT Jacob Hunter, Vice-Chair, speak on behalf of ATPC at the Vancouver Park Board meeting on June 24, 2013, regarding this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. School Board Liaison Report

None.

10. Staff Liaison Report

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, provided an update on the report to Council entitled *Dunsmuir and Georgia Viaducts and Related Area Planning*.

(Item 6 of the June 26, 2013, Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation & Environment agenda refers: <http://former.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20130626/ptec20130626ag.htm>)

11. Civic Agencies and Committees

Due to time constraints, the Chair's update on communications with other civic agencies was postponed.

12. New Business and Announcements

Amy Choh, Engineering Services, was introduced as the Active Transportation team member managing the south False Creek seawall study.

Adjournment

MOVED by Jacob Hunter
SECONDED by Dean Alexander

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Adam Vasilevich absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: October 16, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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