



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 2, 2016

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT:

- Tanya Paz, Chair
- Dean Alexander
- Joan Andersen
- Ben Bolliger
- Veronika Bylicki*
- John Calimente
- Gene Chin
- Lisa Corriveau*
- Paul Dragan*
- Peggy Harowitz
- Amelia Huang*
- Molly Millar, Vice-Chair
- Lisa Slakov*
- Adam Vasilevich*

ALSO PRESENT:

- Councillor Heather Deal (Council Liaison)
- Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)
- Lynn Guilbault, Stakeholder & Community Relations, Active Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

None.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Paul Dragan

SECONDED by Joan Andersen

THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Policy Council held January 6, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Veronika Bylicki, Lisa Corriveau, Amelia Huang and Lisa Slakov absent for the vote)

1. Presentation - False Creek Flats

Jesse Weibe, Strategic Transportation Planning Branch and Cory Dobson, Planner, Vancouver - Downtown, provided a presentation, and along with Devan Fitch, Engineer, Strategic Transportation Planning Branch, responded to questions regarding arterial options being explored by staff. It was noted the False Creek Flats Planning Program is in preliminary stages and that the Committee's feedback will be requested again once the public consultation phase is underway.

2. Council Liaison Update

The Council Liaison provided updates and discussion ensued on a variety of active transportation topics and matters dealt with at recent Council meeting, including Burrard Bridge and the trail connectivity project.

3. Chair and Member Updates

(a) Skateboards and Other 4-wheeled Vehicles in Bike Lanes

Discussion ensued regarding skateboards and other active transportation modes in bike lanes.

(b) 10th Avenue Stakeholder Advisory Group

The Chair and staff provided an update.

(c) ATPC Priorities 2016-2017

To be dealt with under Item 5.

(d) Update on Vancouver Public Space Network

Adam Vasilevich an updated on a Vancouver Public Space Network project with the City of Vancouver to complete an inventory of public spaces in downtown Vancouver.

(e) Vancouver School Board Update

Peggy Harowitz advised she has met with Trustee Fraser for an initial discussion of VSB active transportation issues.

(f) Car-Free Days

Amelia Huang provided an update on preparations for 2016 West End, Main Street and Commercial Drive Car-Free Days.

(g) HUB Vancouver/UBC Local Committee

Lisa Slakov provided an update on HUB's Vancouver UBC Local Committee activities.

4. Park Board/School Board Liaison Updates

None. The Chair noted reports for February were previously circulated by both the Park Board and School Board Liaisons.

5. ATPC 2016-2017 Priorities Update

Following discussion on the recommendations set out in the minutes from the Active Transportation Priorities meeting that took place on February 24, 2016, it was

MOVED by Lisa Slakov

SECONDED by Amelia Huang

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approves the following as its Priorities List for 2016-17 (remainder of the term):

Improving Planning and Design

- Complete streets (*Policies Subcommittee*)
- Car-free spaces
- Parking (*Projects Subcommittee*)

Improving Safety

- Vision Zero (*Policies Subcommittee*)
- Lower speed limits (*Policies Subcommittee*)
- Transit hubs (*Projects Subcommittee*)

Improving Partnerships & Promotions

- Promotions and enabling
- Promoting active transportation through partnerships
- Civic engagement
- Make reporting on this theme a standing ATPC agenda item

FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council Subcommittees report back with details of potential ways to action these themes and projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Subcommittee Updates

(a) Projects Subcommittee Update

(i) *Parking Policy Recommendations*

It was agreed to postpone this matter to the next regular meeting.

(b) Policy Subcommittee Update

(i) Complete Streets Recommendations

Postponed to a future meeting.

(ii) 800 Robson Street

The Committee discussed the permanent closure of 800 Robson Street, including potential impacts on motor vehicle traffic.

Following discussion, it was

MOVED by Lisa Slakov

SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

WHEREAS

1. The Active Transportation Policy Council is in favour of car-free spaces to increase opportunities for active transportation.
2. The Active Transportation Policy Council passed a motion on November 21, 2012, supporting the permanent closure of 800 Robson Street to all motor vehicle traffic.
3. The Active Transportation Policy Council passed a motion on April 22, 2015, stating that the design of all car-free spaces should incorporate all active transportation modes, as much and as often as is feasible. The Robson Redux designs were part of a program that has discouraged active transportation even though active transportation was previously encouraged through that block.
4. Sections of Robson Street including the 800 block will be closed in 2016 for an extended period of construction.
5. It is often easier to make transportation changes after people have adapted to changes in traffic flow during an extended construction period.
6. The City is looking for opportunities to create great car-free spaces downtown.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council urges City Council to make the 800 block of Robson Street a permanent space for non-motorized transportation after the 2016 construction is complete.

FURTHER THAT the design and activation plan ensures that all modes of active transportation are encouraged to use the space as much and as often as is feasible.

AND FURTHER THAT the City work with TransLink to design the most direct alternative transit route between the West End and primary transit and shopping destinations in the downtown core, and to consider design options such as designated bus lanes on Georgia Street.

CARRIED

(John Calimente opposed)

(Paul Dragan and Adam Vasilevich absent for the vote)

8. Staff Liaison Update

Lynn Guilbault and the Staff Liaison provided updates on upcoming activities for the Active Transportation Branch, including public consultation and progress on the projects listed below. Discussion and questions on a variety of matters ensued.

- Public Bike Share program
- Stanley Park Causeway
- Bike To Work Week
- 10th Avenue Bikeway
- South False Creek Seawall
- Downtown Bike Network open house
- Plan to protect Cypress Street, West 7th Avenue and West 10th Avenue from shortcutting motor vehicle traffic
- Joyce Precinct review
- Pro Bike Pro Walk Pro Place convention

It was agreed to use the April working session meeting to work on the Committee's priority recommendations for new bike ways, which had been previously requested by the Council Liaison.

9. New Business

(a) Other Business - Compass Card

Following discussion on privacy issues regarding the Compass Card's "10-tap history", it was agreed to refer the matter to the next Policies Subcommittee meeting.

(b) Active Transportation in Construction Zones

Postponed to a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Veronika Bylicki

SECONDED by Molly Millar

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Paul Dragan and Adam Vasilevich absent for the vote)

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, May 4, 2016
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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