



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tanya Paz, Chair
Ben Bolliger
Gene Chin
Lisa Corriveau
Amelia Huang
Molly Millar
Shan Parmar
Lisa Slakov

ABSENT: Dean Alexander
Joan Anderson (Leave of Absence)
Veronika Bylicki (Leave of Absence)
Paul Dragan (Leave of Absence - Sick Leave)
Peggy Harowitz (Leave of Absence)
Adam Vasilevich (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Storer, Branch Manager, Transportation Design Branch,
Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)
Lynn Guilbault, Project Manager, Stakeholder & Community
Relations, Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Laura Kazakoff, Meeting Coordinator

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Joan Anderson, Veronika Bylicki, Paul Dragan (Sick Leave), Peggy Harowitz, and Adam Vasilevich for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Gene Chin
SECONDED by Molly Millar

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Introductions

Everyone in attendance provided a brief introduction to themselves, including several UBC civil engineering students, who were present to observe the meeting.

1. Subcommittee Updates

(a) Policy Subcommittee

Molly Millar provided an overview of the Policy Subcommittee meeting in January, where they discussed a motion regarding Promotion and Enabling.

(i) Snow/Ice Removal

The Chair introduced a motion regarding snow and ice removal. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Lisa Corriveau
SECONDED by Amelia Huang

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver's transportation hierarchy has walking first, then bicycling/skateboarding second, transit third, etc.;
2. Climate change can bring more extreme weather than historically expected and plans for adaption are needed;
3. For weeks in late 2016/early 2017 many sidewalks were thick with ice, treacherous, and kept many vulnerable residents trapped indoors;
4. For weeks in late 2016/early 2017 many major bicycle routes were thick with ice, treacherous, and kept many residents off their bicycles for much longer than expected.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the City of Vancouver:

1. Diligently enforce City by-laws when sidewalks and car-free plazas are not fully cleared in a timely manner - including encouraging TransLink to clear sidewalks on their properties;

2. Prioritize clearing of major active transportation routes, including bridges, the seawall, and other key connections as well as sidewalks around City parks, community centres, schools, and other City properties;
3. Clear snow and ice in marked and unmarked crosswalks, bike lanes, across bike crossings, and at bus stops;
4. Use resources such as community partnerships with HUB and others to assist with sand and salt distribution, bike lane clearing, and other snow angel activities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ii) Active Transportation Promotion and Enabling

Molly Millar introduced a motion on the above-noted topic. Following discussion regarding timing and proposed amendments, it was,

MOVED by Molly Millar
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

WHEREAS

1. The Active Transportation Promotion and Enabling Plan (ATPEP), under Healthy City Strategies, recommends doubling the Active Transportation Promotion and Enabling budget;
2. The ATPEP, under Healthy City Strategies, recommends allocating a FTE City of Vancouver staff member for Active Transportation Promotion and Enabling;
3. Table 1 in the ATPEP highlights that UK Cycle Towns and Cities show a more even allocation between infrastructure and promotions budget;
4. Within the ATPEP a best practice scan of municipalities across North America, Europe, Canada, and Australia shows that municipalities that are positioned as walk and cycle-friendly cities consistently employed both infrastructure improvement and promotion and enabling efforts;
5. The same scan described in 4 above shows that of 9 cities reviewed, Vancouver provided the second to least amount of their budget/capita toward Promotion and Enabling.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the City of Vancouver at least double the Active Transportation Promotion and Enabling budget, starting in 2017, and regularize an existing temporary FT position whose sole focus is the promotion and enabling of active transportation in the City of Vancouver;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the City of Vancouver and Vancouver School Board co-fund a position within the Vancouver School Board to oversee and develop active transportation education programming for students.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Projects Subcommittee Update

(i) 10th Avenue Project

Ben Bolliger introduced a motion regarding the 10th Avenue Project. Ensuing discussion included staff comments regarding the potential timing of this project going to Council.

MOVED by Ben Bolliger

SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

WHEREAS

1. Transportation 2040 is a comprehensive framework for a progressive, green transportation strategy that includes a plan to upgrade the 10th Avenue Corridor to be safer for people of all ages and abilities and all modes of active transportation;
2. In the City of Vancouver's 2015 Cycling Safety Study, 10th Avenue is cited several times as a hot zone for bicycling injuries;
3. The majority of injuries to pedestrians and cyclists are as a result of collision with a motor vehicle, are preventable, and can be avoided through engineered improvements to roadways and the development of active transportation infrastructure;
4. The City of Vancouver has undertaken considerable consultations with the public and stakeholder groups and incorporated many of the suggestions in the proposed designs;
5. The proposed designs include engineered treatments which have been documented to be highly effective at improving pedestrian and cycling safety, (See the City of Vancouver Pedestrian Safety Study, Table ES.1, page E.10) including: additional lighting to improve visibility, separated unidirectional bike lanes, traffic calming measures such as raised intersections, an additional pedestrian signal (at Ash St), improved way finding, and Hospital Zone messaging;
6. The City of Vancouver has committed to a living lab along the 10th Avenue Corridor to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed improvements and strive for the safety of all modes of active transportation;

7. The City of Vancouver's designs are likely to ensure enhanced safe and convenient access to health services by all modes of active transportation, and those accessing services by HandyDART, by adding sheltered, well-lit waiting areas, repurposing 14 street parking spots to accommodate drop off/pick up and HandyDART loading and unloading space, providing separated lanes for people travelling by bike, and traffic calming for all;
8. The City of Vancouver's designs are likely to ensure continued safe and convenient access for emergency vehicles by studying the ambulance traffic patterns in the area, engineering the south side bike lane to be large enough to accommodate emergency vehicles if required, and only raising east side of the (northbound) Laurel Street and West 10th Avenue intersection to ensure smooth travel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that City Council proceed with the improvements to the 10th Avenue Project as proposed by City staff in Phase 3 public engagement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ii) Arbutus Greenway Motion

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

(iii) Union - Adanac Corridor Improvements Motion

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

(iv) Main Street Corridor Big Projects, Big Picture

The Chair provided an overview of a proposed motion regarding the Main Street Corridor. Following discussion, and comments by Committee members, it was,

MOVED by Tanya Paz

SECONDED by Amelia Huang

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has a number of projects of various sizes that overlap in and around the Main St area - some of which will affect our transportation for the next 50-100 years - such as Northeast False Creek Area Plan which includes the removal of both viaducts, False Creek Flats, Union-Adanac Corridor Improvements, plans for a new St. Paul's Hospital, and plans for the Digital District;
2. It is not clear that the planning and engineering departments have similar visions about the City's plans which include Transportation 2040, Renewable Energy 2050, and Greenest City Action Plan;

3. The Active Transportation Policy Council therefore has a useful concern about these projects working well together toward common goals about active transportation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, given the importance of the Main Street area as an active transportation corridor, the Active Transportation Policy Council request that City staff present a cohesive strategy for linking the projects in this area, as they relate to the future development of the Main Street corridor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(v) **Active Transportation Criteria for New Routes - Task Group Update**

No report.

4. **Council Liaison Update**

No report.

5. **Chair and Member Updates**

(a) *Thank Outgoing ATPC Members*

The Chair noted this was the last meeting of the term, and thanked all members both present and absent for their contributions to the Committee. Paul Storer and Lynn Guilbault, staff liaisons, also thanked the Committee for its hard work.

(b) *HUB Update*

The HUB Bike Awards are February 28, 2017. HUB is hiring a Special Events Manager; request members spread the word among their contacts.

6. **Park Board/VSB/VPD Liaison Updates**

Park Board liaison report circulated.

7. **Staff Liaison Update**

Paul Storer, Staff Liaison, provided updates on the following projects:

- 10th Avenue Project
- Union-Adanac Improvements
- Southside False Creek Seawall - first nature piece
- Point Grey Road pedestrian improvements
- Burrard Bridge construction.

8. New Business

(a) New Member Orientation

Lisa Slakov suggested putting together a brief orientation for new members, perhaps to be presented immediately before the March 8th Working Session. Following discussion it was agreed to consider this matter further at the Policies Subcommittee the following week.

Adjournment

MOVED by Shan Parmar
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 7:40 pm

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