



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2017

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

PRESENT: Tanya Paz, Chair
Joan Andersen
Benjamin Bolliger
Brian Cade
Lisa Corriveau
Paul Dragan
Thea Franke
Molly Millar, Vice-Chair
Shan Parmar
Lisa Slakov

ABSENT: Tiago de Souza Jensen
Andy Hong
Gabrielle Peters (Leave of Absence)
Denise Reimer (Leave of Absence)
Benjamin Wells (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Storer, Branch Manager, Transportation Design Branch,
Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)
Dale Bracewell, Branch Manager, Transportation Planning,
Engineering Services

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Introductions

The meeting began with roundtable introductions.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Joan Andersen
SECONDED by Paul Dragan

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Gabrielle Peters, Denise Reimer and Benjamin Wells, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Paul Dragan
SECONDED by Ben Bolliger

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 1, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Election of Chair/Co-Chairs/Vice-Chair

Tanya Paz was elected as Chair and Molly Millar as Vice-Chair, both by acclamation.

1. Presentations

(a) Complete Streets Overview

Dale Bracewell, Manager Transportation Planning, Engineering Services, provided a presentation regarding Complete Streets, and along with other Transportation Division staff, responded to questions. He noted an update to City Council regarding Complete Streets is slated for the Regular Council meeting on May 16, 2017.

(b) Transportation Items Going to City Council May 16, 2017

Mr. Bracewell provided an update regarding other transportation items slated for Regular Council on May 16, 2017, which has transportation as its theme.

2. Subcommittee Updates

(a) *Policy Subcommittee*

(i) 2017 Priorities and Next Steps

Subcommittee members provided updates on 2017 projects.

(ii) Next Meeting Topics

Mr. Bracewell provided an update on his trip to Stockholm and some of the transportation initiatives taking place there.

(b) *Projects Subcommittee*

(i) Arbutus Greenway Motion

The Chair introduced a motion regarding Arbutus Greenway. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Tanya Paz
SECONDED by Ben Bolliger

WHEREAS

1. The City has purchased the land for the Arbutus Greenway specifically for use as a transportation corridor for active transportation now, and possible future street car use;
2. The City has recently paved most of the Arbutus Greenway as a temporary measure to provide smooth and inclusive active transportation facilities as soon as possible;
3. The City is currently providing public consultation opportunities to provide general, creative ideas on what the Arbutus Greenway could be used for and could look like.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The recommendations below are in addition to the recommendations approved at the Active Transportation Policy Council meeting on September 28, 2016, regarding Arbutus Greenway Temporary Path (<http://vancouver.ca/docs/council/atpc20160928min.pdf> - Page 3).
2. Safe, fun, and well-lit active transportation and placemaking include room for All Ages and Abilities (AAA) on the greenway. This includes smooth surfaces wider than 1.5m in each direction for pedestrians. It needs to be wide enough for a person in a wheelchair rolling beside a friend or a blind person with a seeing eye dog walking beside another person, in each direction.
3. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends City Council direct staff to:
 - a. Consult with local First Nations and incorporate desired design elements.
 - b. Consider the railway heritage of the greenway such as keeping the train signal lights.
 - c. Add more trees and other greenery.
 - d. Ensure the greenway integrates community contributions such as community gardens.
 - e. Ensures different neighbourhoods of the greenway are reflected in different visions of placemaking.
 - f. Consider the East Boulevard and West 6th Avenue as space for future street car tracks to keep the active transportation sections of the greenway as wide as possible.

- g. Include skateboarding amenities such as skate dots and benches nearby.
- h. Include garbage and recycling facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(ii) Union - Adanac Corridor Improvements Motion

The Chair introduced a motion regarding Union - Adanac Corridor Improvements. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Molly Millar
SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

WHEREAS the City plans to make minimal improvements to the Union-Adanac Corridor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The City move forward with these plans which will somewhat improve a very busy active transportation corridor.
2. The City improve the visibility of traffic calming diversions.
3. The City ensure there are good sight lines for all modes, especially at angled crosswalks in the Vernon Drive car-free area.
4. The City consider the car-free area on Vernon Drive an opportunity for one or more skateboarding amenities such as skate dots and benches nearby.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(iii) Pearson Lands Motion

Ben Bolliger introduced a motion regarding Pearson Lands. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Ben Bolliger
SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

WHEREAS

1. The redevelopment of the George Pearson Lands is an opportunity to advance green design principles, promote active transportation and community health which will enable a healthy, vibrant community in the heart of the city;
2. The City of Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy contains 13 principles which link urban planning and public health to improvements to the health and well-being for all citizens;
3. The City of Vancouver's Greenest City Action Plan makes the development of green transportation facilities a priority for achieving its objectives;

4. The Pearson Lands development includes the redevelopment of the Pearson assisted living hospital currently housing 125 residents, the relocation of the YMCA and daycare from West 49th Avenue, and a community healthcare facility, thereby potentially increasing the demand of All Ages and Abilities (AAA) pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure;
5. The current development application of the Pearson Lands will be largely residential, include a 2.5 acre park, an urban farm, mixed use pedestrian priority pathways, and bike routes shared with vehicle traffic;
6. The applicant's proposal is for bicyclists to dismount, with signs posted to that effect, as bicyclists, especially those moving at a fast speed, are seen as being incompatible with the vulnerable populations who live on the site or for whom the site is proposed for use on a daily basis.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends the City be guided by the recommendations in the Pedestrian Safety Study and Cycling Safety Study which favour AAA facilities, that is, protected bike lanes over shared bike lanes when there is also vehicle traffic.
2. The City have no multi-use paths and instead have separate paths for pedestrian and bicycling.
3. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends an increase in the number of bike parking spots to 1 per bedroom (in lieu of 1 per unit) and decreasing the number of vehicle parking spots on the Pearson Lands to the minimum required by the City.
4. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that given the populations accessing the community health clinic, YMCA day care, and assisted living care facilities, the City provide special consideration for the needs of vulnerable pedestrians and bicyclists.
5. There is an understanding that the first transportation priority is for pedestrians including people in wheelchairs, and that the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends including engineered treatments such as extending crosswalk times, additional lighting to improve visibility, protected bicycle lanes, traffic calming measures such as reducing the travel lane width to 2.4m from 2.7m, raised cross walks, extending cross walk times, maximum 30 mph speed limits throughout the site, improved way finding, and Hospital Zone or Health Zone signage compatible with changes to Medical Precinct on West 10th Avenue.
6. The City make the development of the Canada Line Station at West 57th Avenue a top priority when evaluating the development application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: Due to time constraints the update items set out below were tabled.

3. Council Liaison Update
4. Chair and Member Updates
5. Park Board Liaison Updates
6. Staff Liaison Update
7. New Business

None.

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, June 7, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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