



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JULY 5, 2017

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

PRESENT: Molly Millar, Acting Chair
Joan Andersen
Benjamin Bolliger
Brian Cade
Gene Chin
Michelle Lee-Hunt
Tanya Paz, Chair
Gabrielle Peters
Benjamin Wells
Lisa Slakov

ABSENT: Lisa Corriveau (Leave of Absence)
Paul Dragan (Leave of Absence)
Thea Franke (Leave of Absence)
Andy Hong (Leave of Absence)
Shan Parmar (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Council Liaison)
Janet Fraser, Special Representative
Lynn Guilbault, Project Manager, Stakeholder and Community Relations, Transportation Planning Branch, Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territory

Joan Andersen acknowledged that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Brian Cade
SECONDED by Benjamin Wells

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Lisa Corriveau, Paul Dragan, Thea Franke, Andy Hong, and Shan Parmar, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Joan Andersen
SECONDED by Gene Chin

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 7, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair and Subcommittee Updates

(a) Chair Update

Tanya Paz reported on current active transportation events and projects, including the Public Spaces Project and the opening of Bute and Robson as a car-free block.

Gabrielle Peters reported on wheelchair accessibility at beaches and noted the first accessibility project, at English Bay, has recently been approved by the Park Board.

(b) Policy Subcommittee

i. Millennium Line Broadway Extension

Lisa Slakov introduced a motion regarding the Millennium Line Broadway Extension. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Gabrielle Peters

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver and Translink are currently planning for the Millennium Line Broadway Extension;
2. Creating the Millennium Line Broadway Extension is the top priority in the City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 Plan;
3. The Transportation 2040 Plan sets out that at least 2/3 of all trips will be on foot, bike or transit by 2040; and
4. The Millennium Line Broadway Extension represents a rare opportunity to significantly impact multi-modal travel in Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the City of Vancouver, working with TransLink, ensure optimal multi-modal integration on the Millennium Line Broadway Extension, through efforts such as the following:

1. Ensure safe and seamless accessibility to stations, for people walking, wheeling and bicycling;
2. Ensure there will be well-designed carrying capacity, based on projected population increases and Transportation 2040 mode shift, for the projected numbers of people using wheelchairs and other mobility devices that will be carried on the trains. The trains should have space that is designed to hold the mobility devices comfortably and to allow for easy access and egress;
3. Ensure there will be well-designed carrying capacity, based on projected population increases and Transportation 2040 mode shift, for the projected numbers of bikes that will be carried on the trains. The trains should have space that is designed to hold bikes comfortably and to allow for easy access and egress, including at rush hour times. Including train cars dedicated for people on bikes and potentially for people using mobility devices, should be explored;
4. Provide adequate bike parking facilities, both secured and on street, for the projected numbers of bikes that will require parking at and around the stations;
5. Ensure seamless transitions from trains to buses, and to shopping and services, limiting the need to cross any arterial roads at surface level, and providing access to and from bus stops that are fully protected from the elements;
6. Ensure adequate capacity for people on wheels to access trains, whether in a wheelchair or mobility device or on a bike, recognizing that the numbers of people using wheels for multi-modal travel is growing quickly. Look to more than one elevator that runs more quickly, allowing people with bikes to use the escalators, and looking at features such as runnels on the stairways for bike wheels. In addition, the number of elevators required to access trains and exit from trains is a problem. Look to making it all-in-one elevator trip;
7. Provide open and easily accessible public washrooms at train stations; access to washrooms is a fundamental human need;
8. Provide wayfinding in multiple languages and/or with excellent graphics, paying particular attention to ensure the wayfinding is accessible for visually impaired and blind people;
9. Consider every opportunity to provide additional headhouses for more convenient and increased capacity access and egress;
10. Ensure there is no loss of accessibility and that there is excellent accommodation for people walking, wheeling and bicycling during the construction period. Recommend introducing traffic calming measures on neighbouring bike routes;

11. Reduce motor vehicle traffic on Broadway to allow for a complete street and great public space.
12. Ensure that the new train stations are connected to the existing active transportation network; and
13. Provide electric charging and air pump stations for people using wheelchairs, motorized mobility scooters, and bicycles.

FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the City of Vancouver forward the recommendations as set out above, to their partners at TransLink, for their information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) *Projects Subcommittee*

Projects Subcommittee members discussed various recent and upcoming activities.

2. Letter to TransLink - Car Capabilities

Following discussion, Benjamin Wells volunteered to draft a letter to TransLink regarding new train car capabilities, to be approved at the next Regular meeting.

3. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Deal expressed her appreciation for the Committee's work on the Next Top 10 Bike Route Project, and provided various updates. Discussion took place regarding improving conditions around motorized active transportation wheeled vehicles.

4. Park Board Liaison Update

None.

5. Staff Liaison Update

Lynn Guilbault, Staff Liaison, provided the following updates:

- A Public Open House for the 10th Avenue Bikeway Segment between Guelph and Quebec Streets was held last week with over 300 attendees;
- Arbutus Greenway opening event is scheduled for Saturday, July 8, 2017, next to William Mackie Park, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm;
- Update of active transportation-related summer events.

6. New Business

It was agreed to shift the September ATPC meetings to start a week later, as follows:

September 13, 2017 - Regular Meeting
September 20, 2017 - Policy Subcommittee
September 27, 2017 Projects Subcommittee

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, September 13, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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