



## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:**

- Tanya Paz, Chair
- Joan Andersen
- Benjamin Bolliger
- Brian Cade
- Gene Chin
- Lisa Corriveau
- Paul Dragan
- Thea Franke
- Andy Hong
- Michelle Lee-Hunt
- Molly Millar, Vice-Chair
- Shan Parmar
- Gabrielle Peters
- Benjamin Wells
- Lisa Slakov

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

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

#### **Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territory**

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

#### **Leave of Absence Requests**

None.

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Lisa Corriveau  
SECONDED by Joan Andersen

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 5, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1. Presentation - McLean/BC Hydro Bridge

Mike Zipf, Senior Active Transportation Engineering Assistant, provided a presentation regarding the McLean/BC Hydro Bridge Project, and responded to questions. Discussion ensued and Committee members provided feedback and suggestions.

### 2. Chair and Subcommittee Updates

#### (a) Chair Update

Tanya Paz reported on current active transportation events and projects. She noted a motion for consideration regarding Northeast False Creek will be brought forward this fall.

#### i. City Council and Staff Support Motion

Following discussion, this matter was postponed to a future meeting.

#### ii. Other Updates and Next Meeting Topics

The Chair provided updates on current and upcoming active transportation matters, which was followed by discussion on active transportation and accessibility.

#### (b) Policy Subcommittee

#### i. Motor Vehicle Act Review

Molly Millar introduced a motion recommending a review of the Motor Vehicle Act. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Molly Millar  
SECONDED by Shan Parmar

#### WHEREAS

1. The BC Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) was originally passed in 1957, written with motorists in mind;
2. The number of motor vehicles on our roads has increase 1,400% since the writing of the MVA;

3. Cycling has increased 300% since the writing of the MVA;
4. The overarching issue of the MVA law reform is not about pitting one group of road users versus another group of road users, but is about protecting all British Columbians in the moment that they are vulnerable road users, whether on foot, bicycle or mobility device;
5. Pedestrian and cycling fatalities have not improved much over the past ten years in BC, signaling room for improvement; and
6. Pedestrian and cycling fatalities are significantly higher in BC as compared to Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands, signaling room for improvement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends City Council support a review and modernization of the Motor Vehicle Act by the Provincial Government, specifically giving municipalities the ability to reduce speed limits.

FURTHER THAT the aims of the reform include clarifying the rights and duties of road users to improve understanding and reduce conflict; acknowledging fundamental differences between road user groups' capabilities; aligning the law with best practices for safer road use; reducing the likelihood of a collision involving a vulnerable road user; and prioritizing the enforcement of laws that target activities most likely to result in collisions, injuries and fatalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*ii. Other Updates and Next Meeting Topics*

Updates and next meeting topics were discussed.

*(c) Projects Subcommittee*

*i. Configuring SkyTrain Cars to Encourage Active Transportation - Letter to TransLink*

Benjamin Bolliger introduced a motion recommending improvements to SkyTrain Cars to encourage active transportation. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Benjamin Bolliger  
SECONDED by Benjamin Wells

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver and TransLink are actively increasing capacity and expanding the light rail network in the Lower Mainland;
2. TransLink has signed an agreement with Bombardier to acquire 28 increased capacity SkyTrain cars for the Expo and Millennium Lines, entering service between 2018 and 2019;

3. Providing seamless connectivity for all modes of active transportation to transit improves the overall appeal of using transit and supports TransLink's long-term transportation strategy set out in Transport 2040;
4. Transport 2040 sets a clear goal that most trips in Metro Vancouver will be made by transit, walking or cycling; and
5. Other municipalities, such as San Francisco, have invested considerably in meaningful consultation with disabilities advocates and active transportation users to ensure new purchases of light rail cars can safely accommodate a variety of user types and needs.

THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED THAT

1. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that TransLink review and implement best practices system-wide for SkyTrain cars that accommodate active transportation users;
2. In addition to consulting with the Access Transit Users' Advisory Committee (UAC) and TransLink, the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends consulting with members of the various civic advisory groups, including the Active Transportation Policy Council, on how to best configure the new SkyTrain cars to accommodate a variety of user types and needs;
3. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the new SkyTrain cars are configured to safely accommodate wheelchair users, those traveling with mobility aids, strollers, luggage and bikes, at all times of the day;
4. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that every car be configured with dedicated space able to accommodate more than one wheelchair user, and bike racks to avoid conflicts and improve safety; and
5. As the new high capacity SkyTrain cars enter service, the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that TransLink end the practice of restricting bikes on trains during peak times.

amended

MOVED by Joan Andersen  
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the following be added as the 6<sup>th</sup> recommendation:

6. As stations are renovated or added, that safe and easy access and egress to SkyTrains be provided for wheelchair users and those travelling with mobility aids, strollers, luggage and bikes, at all times of the day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

#### FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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*ii. Other Updates and Next Meeting Topics*

Updates and next meeting topics were discussed.

**3. Council Liaison Update**

None.

**4. Park Board Liaison Update**

None.

**5. Staff Liaison Update**

Paul Storer, Staff Liaison provided updates on current and upcoming active transportation matters.

**6. New Business**

**(a) Seaside Greenway - Letter to Vancouver Park Board**

Lisa Slakov reviewed a motion regarding Seaside Greenway. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Lisa Slakov

SECONDED by Paul Dragan

WHEREAS

1. The Active Transportation Policy Council understands that the Vancouver Park Board is currently considering improvements to the Seaside Greenway path between the Burrard Bridge and Balsam Street, in terms of much needed safety and comfort upgrades required in that area.
2. The Active Transportation Policy Council has already adopted motions requesting action in this area, in April 2014 and June 2016.
3. The Active Transportation Policy Council considers improvements to the Seaside Greenway to be a priority Park Board issue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council urges the Park Board to present proposed designs to the Committee for feedback, and to make the necessary improvements as soon as possible, so that the Seaside Greenway path between Burrard

Bridge and Balsam Street will be safe and comfortable for people using active transportation.

FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends the Seaside Greenway improvements between Burrard Bridge and Balsam Street be completed before the start of 2018 busy active transportation season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Improving Access to Low Income Residents to the Mobi Bike Share Program - Letter to Vancouver Park Board**

Benjamin Bolliger introduced a motion recommending reduced rates for the Mobi Bike Share Program, for low income residents.

MOVED by Benjamin Bolliger

SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

WHEREAS

1. Active transportation should be encouraged as participation is tied to improved health, a sustainable environment and connection to community;
2. Achieving the goals as established in the Greenest City plan are contingent on increasing the mode share of Active Transportation in Vancouver;
3. Mobi is the official City of Vancouver bike share program, providing residents with increased transportation choice;
4. The City of Vancouver and Vancouver Park Board have established the Leisure Access Program (LAP) to provide low-income Vancouver residents with access to basic recreation programs and services at Park Board facilities at a reduced cost;
5. There are currently corporate Mobi memberships but no low income passes for Vancouver residents;
6. Low-income Vancouver residents have the least access to transportation choices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the City of Vancouver evaluate and pursue ways of making active transportation more accessible to low-income Vancouver residents; and

2. The Active Transportation Policy Council recommends that the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Parks Board look at including the Mobi Bike Share Program as part of the Leisure Access Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Adjournment

MOVED by Lisa Slakov  
SECONDED by Brian Cade

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

The Council adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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