



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council was held on Wednesday, February, 7, 2018, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:**
- Tanya Paz, Chair
 - Joan Andersen
 - Brian Cade
 - Gene Chin
 - Lisa Corriveau
 - Paul Dragan
 - Andy Hong
 - Michelle Lee-Hunt
 - Molly Millar, Vice-Chair
 - Shan Parmar
 - Lisa Slakov
 - Benjamin Wells
- ABSENT:**
- Benjamin Bolliger (Leave of Absence)
 - Gabrielle Peters (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:**
- Councillor Heather Deal (Council Liaison)
 - Paul Storer, Manager, Transportation Design, Engineering Services (Staff Liaison)
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territory

The Chair, acknowledged that we are on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Lisa Corriveau
SECONDED by Molly Millar

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve leaves of absence for Benjamin Bolliger and Gabrielle Peters for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Paul Dragan

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 8, 2017, and the special meeting held on January 10, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Chair and Subcommittee Updates

(a) Chair Update

Tanya Paz provided updates on a number of active transportation- related matters.

She noted a first pedestrian fatality has occurred in 2018. Discussion ensued regarding safety and potentially using data from City's the 3-1-1 department to identify unsafe intersections and other hot spots. "

Other updates included Northeast False Creek report to Council, the Jane's Walk event and Kits Beach bike route which will be considered by the Park Board at their meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018. Ms. Paz also noted that the ATPC working session scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018, will be used for a session with the Park Board.

(b) Policy Subcommittee

i. Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act

The Committee reviewed a letter requesting that the Province modernize the Motor Vehicle Act. Following discussion, it was,

MOVED by Shan Parmar
SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the letter dated February 7, 2018, to be sent to the Province, which expresses the Policy Council's support for Province's initiative regarding "Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act to Improve Safety".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. Raised Crossings

Following review and discussion on a motion regarding raised sidewalk crossings, it was,

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Andy Hong

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has a stated goal of Moving Towards Zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries;
2. The priority transportation modes for the City of Vancouver are for people walking and wheeling;
3. Vancouver's Pedestrian Safety Study showed that approximately 75% of all pedestrian collisions were located at intersections;
4. Vancouver's Cycling Safety Study showed that intersections accounted for 50.5% of all reported cycling collisions between 2007 and 2012; and
5. According to UBC professor, Dr. Kay Teschke, there is strong evidence that raised crossings can have significant safety impacts; research shows evidence of an approximate halving of the crossing risk for vulnerable road users. They also reduce driving speeds, a measure that reduces crashes for all road users.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council recommends to City Council that the City of Vancouver standardize the use of raised crosswalks at intersections, in new developments, and in retrofits, particularly at intersections leading off arterials and onto local streets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. Renewed Pedestrian and Bicycling Safety Studies

Following review and discussion on a motion regarding renewed pedestrian and bicycling studies, it was,

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Lisa Corriveau

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has a stated goal of Moving Towards Zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries;
2. The priority transportation modes for the City of Vancouver are for people walking and wheeling;

3. The first ever City of Vancouver pedestrian and cycling safety studies were released in 2012 and 2015 respectively; and
4. The City has benefited from action on the safety studies' recommendations, including having completed 68 of 69 priority actions from the Pedestrian Safety Study and implementing findings from the Cycling Safety Study in new bikeway designs.

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

1. Conduct new pedestrian and cycling safety studies to update the information gleaned from the original studies, evaluate what actions were taken and their effectiveness, based on recommendations from the studies, and to provide new action recommendations based on the current situation; and
2. Conduct regularly scheduled pedestrian and cycling safety studies, at least every five years, in order to have up-to-date, evidence-based recommendations for actions to help achieve the Moving Towards Zero goals for vulnerable road users.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv. Right Turns on Red Lights

Following review and discussion on a motion regarding right turns on red lights, it was,

MOVED by Joan Andersen
SECONDED by Shan Parmar

WHEREAS

1. Walking and cycling are top priority modes of transportation in the Transportation 2040 Plan;
2. The City of Vancouver has adopted a policy of Moving Towards Zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries;
3. Safe conditions encourage walking and cycling;
4. While there are a number of strategies for improving safety at intersections such as traffic signal phasing, the installation of roundabouts, and raised crosswalks, a quick, initial, low-cost improvement would be to reduce the number of intersections where right turns on red lights are allowed for motor vehicles;

5. Data shows that allowing vehicles to turn right on red lights increased accidents in the jurisdictions studied;
6. Right turns on red lights are not allowed in many countries in the world and several cities in North America have been reducing the number of intersections where right turns on red lights are allowed; and
7. The City of Vancouver has already removed right turns on red lights at intersections identified in the Cycling and Pedestrian Safety Studies.

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

1. Continues to increase the number of intersections where no right turns on red lights for vehicles are allowed;
2. Establishes benchmarks, based on best practices, for pedestrian and cycling volumes at intersections that would necessitate no right turns on red lights;
3. Reviews traffic volume and crash data as well as safety concerns at least annually, to identify intersections with high volumes of people walking, cycling and driving, and ban right turns on red lights at those priority intersections;
4. The default design does not allow right turns on red lights for vehicles when reconfiguring intersections or designing new ones where there is heavy pedestrian or cycling traffic;
5. Prohibits right turns on red lights at intersections in the downtown core, where there are bike boxes;
6. Prohibits right turns on red lights at intersections outside the downtown core where there are bike boxes and where vehicular and bicycle traffic is significant; and
7. Wherever right turns on red lights are banned, bicycles and other active transportation modes be exempt from the ban.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note: A review of Right Turns on Red Lights for vehicles was prepared for the City of Vancouver's Active Transportation Policy Council through its Policies Subcommittee. The report and is available on file in the City Clerk's Office.

(c) *Projects Subcommittee*

i. *Review of last meeting - including Millennium Line Broadway Extension presentation*

The Chair provided an updates on various topics. Following discussion it was agreed Tanya Paz and Benjamin Wells will draft a letter to TransLink requesting public washrooms be included in any new SkyTrain stations.

3. Council Liaison Update

Councillor Deal provided updates on various active transportation matters.

4. Staff Liaison Update

Paul Storer, Staff Liaison, provided updates and responded to questions on several topics, including the paving of Smythe Street from Beatty to Richards Streets, testing of a three second head start for pedestrians before cars are allowed to turn to help make pedestrians more visible.

5. New Business

Gene Chin raised the issue of the washroom at Charleston Park, noting it needs to be accessible. He also noted the location of the washroom is not final.

Adjournment

MOVED by Shan Parmer
SECONDED by Brian Cade

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, April 4, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Council adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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