



## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**JANUARY 17, 2024**

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:34 pm, in Cascadia Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, City Hall, and by electronic means.

**PRESENT:**

Marlene Chow, Chair  
Jarred Anderson, Vice Chair  
Luke Bailey  
Zachary Bennet  
Caryn Duncan  
Michael Feaver  
Anthony Floyd  
Carmen Kwan  
Jen Lindenberg  
Stephanie Mak\*

**ABSENT**

Jamie Banks (Leave of Absence)  
Jennifer Siddon (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Councillor Carr  
Councillor Dominato, Council Liaison  
Councillor Kirby-Yung, Council Liaison  
Chris Darwent, Manager, Transportation Design,  
Staff Liaison  
Katherine Glowacz, Manager, Community  
Transportation, Staff Liaison  
Ted Townsend, Alternate Member

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:**

David Yim, Meeting Coordinator

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

### Welcome

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Anthony Floyd  
SECONDED by Zachary Bennett

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve Leave of Absence requests for Jamie Banks and Jennifer Siddon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Jen Lindenberg  
SECONDED by Caryn Duncan

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 22, 2023, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

### **1. Liaison Updates**

Councillors Carr and Kirby-Yung provided updates and responded to questions and comments.

Chris Darwent, Staff Liaison along with staff from Transportation department provided updates, and responded to questions and comments.

### **2. TransLink Presentation**

Staff from TransLink provided a presentation on Burrard Peninsula Area Transport Plan, and responded to questions.

### **3. Work Plan Adoption**

MOVED by Stephanie Mak  
SECONDED by Anthony Floyd

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee adopt the 2023-2024 Work Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **4. New Business**

MOVED by Michael Feaver  
SECONDED by Caryn Duncan

WHEREAS

1. The Gastown Public Spaces Plan proposes to:

- “Establish a vibrant, people-focused Gastown with enhanced gathering places, streets, and laneways to support a range of activities.”
  - “Pedestrianize Water Street, seasonally or year-round, starting with a pedestrian pilot in summer 2024”;
2. Council’s Climate Emergency Action Plan Big Move 2 is that by 2030, two thirds of trips in Vancouver will be by active transportation and transit;
  3. Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities includes Objective 1: Vibrant and Diverse, with specific direction under "A. Create vibrant public spaces" to invest in Gastown, bring Vancouver’s public space to life;
  4. Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities includes Objective 5: Safety and Security, with specific direction under "E. Enhance the safety of our transportation network" to incorporate zero traffic-related fatalities and to use a data-driven approach to make capital investment;
  5. The City's Transportation 2040 has a hierarchy of transportation modes that prioritizes walking, cycling and transit, with private auto as the lowest priority;
  6. The City's Transportation 2040 identifies an ultimate safety goal of eliminating all fatalities from the transportation system;
  7. Transportation 2040 identifies Water Street as a Potential Pedestrian-Priority Street; and
  8. Transportation 2040 includes a policy (W 2.1.1) to “expand special event and public space programs (such as VIVA Vancouver) to enable and encourage creative street uses, for example through pilots, competitions, and funding partnerships.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee (TRAC) urges the City to undertake a bold rethinking of Water Street. To that end, TRAC is supportive of a pilot project that includes a car-light people-focused Water Street with two car-free hubs at Maple Tree Square and the first block of Water Street at Cordova;
- B. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends ensuring that the space is permeable and safe for active transportation including by people walking, cycling and using other mobility devices;
- C. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee encourages the City to collect robust data during the duration of the 2024 pedestrian pilot program and requests that this data be shared with the Committee to inform next steps for the Gastown Public Spaces Plan.;
- D. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends that the pilot car-free street be designed to encourage people to visit and enjoy the space, including by considering adding patio space, public benches, and other street furniture and by programming the space through regular events to enliven the space.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

MOVED by Michael Feaver  
SECONDED by Jen Lindenberg

#### WHEREAS

1. The Transportation Advisory Committee has reviewed the ᑲᓄᓗᓄᓗ/ᑲᓄᓗᓄᓗ/Jericho Lands Policy Statement, particularly the chapter on Connections, Movement and Transportation and the associated Transportation Assessment and Management Study;
2. The Policy Statement closely aligns with the goals established in the City's Climate Emergency Action Plan; contains a forward-looking and inclusive approach to mobility with the proposed integrated network of sustainable and active mobility options for all ages and abilities, the close attention paid to creating a resilient, inclusive, and livable community with tight ties to transit, and the integration of the development into the surrounding neighbourhoods' transportation networks; and is consistent with and supports the Clean BC Complete Community concepts;
3. The car-light Policy is comprehensive, combining a parking strategy, transportation demand strategy, curbside management, traffic volumes & vehicle operations within the Jericho Lands to minimize vehicle visibility interactions with active transport;
4. The emphasis on creating a comprehensive mobility network that encourages walking, cycling, rolling, and transit for daily trips resonates with the City's commitment to promoting sustainable transportation choices;
5. The commitment to separated and protected active transportation lanes along the bordering roadways is a critical step towards enhancing safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists, and the proposed Jericho and Broadway Skytrain stations benefit adjacent neighborhoods, enhancing and expanding active and transit transportation networks to these areas;
6. The Jericho Lands Policy significantly increases traffic in adjacent neighbourhoods and connecting roadways. Currently West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a bike route with low traffic and the connecting roads between West 8<sup>th</sup> and West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues are effectively single lane traffic with residential parking. The Jericho Lands traffic plan utilizes these residential streets to connect traffic to West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the detriment of the liveability of the adjacent neighbourhoods;
7. The direction of traffic to West 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue would enhance the Jericho Lands traffic plan, would align with the City Traffic Management Program, and would be a proactive approach to traffic management in the neighbourhoods around the Jericho Lands;
8. As the Province's transit-oriented development and housing densification mandates promote increased population growth, traffic generated by this increased growth in the neighborhoods surrounding the Jericho Lands in combination with the Jericho Lands traffic will have an impact. Effective

management of traffic is paramount to ensuring the success of the transit-oriented development and the overall well-being of the communities including and beyond the Jericho Lands.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

- A. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee supports the concept of a car-light community that prioritizes safe and convenient active travel, with streets and connections that foster vibrant public life; and the thoughtful integration of the active and micromobility aspects of the traffic plan for the proposed development into the existing neighbourhoods' active transportation network;
- B. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee endorses the ʔəyalməxw/Iyálməxw/Jericho Lands Policy Statement, and recommends the following:
- Amending the traffic plan to eliminate arterial entrances and exits to West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Highbury Street, to improve integration of Jericho Lands to neighbouring communities, and reduce traffic through adjacent neighbourhoods;
  - Conducting additional traffic assessments, focused on volume between intersections (e.g. on West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Highbury Street), and projections for connecting streets.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(Zachary Bennett absent for the vote due to conflict of interest)

(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

The committee had a discussion on establishing sub-committees to address different interest areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Zachary Bennett

SECONDED by Jen Lindenberg

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Next Meeting:** March 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm

The Committee adjourned at 8:01 pm.

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