



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 31, 2024

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 5:31 pm, in Business Center Boardroom, 2nd floor, City Hall, and by electronic means.

PRESENT: Marlene Chow, Chair
Jarred Anderson, Vice Chair
Luke Bailey
Jamie Banks
Zachary Bennett
Mike Feaver
Caryn Duncan
Anthony Floyd
Carmen Kwan*
Jen Lindenberg
Stephanie Mak* (Leave of Absence – 5:30 to 7:00 pm)
Jennifer Siddon

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Chris Darwent, Manager, Transportation Design,
Staff Liaison
Insp. Ken Athans, Vancouver Police Department 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 Tseil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michael Feaver
SECONDED by Jamie Banks

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve a Leave of Absence for Stephanie Mak on July 31, 2024, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Anthony Floyd
SECONDED by Jarred Anderson

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of May 22, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

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MOVED by Jarred Anderson
SECONDED by Michael Feaver

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee vary the agenda to hear liaison updates from Councillor Dominato next and proceed with the remainder of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

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Councillor Dominato provided updates on housing and the school active transportation program.

1. Broadway Plan Implementation Inquiry Session

Staff from Engineering Services and Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability provided a presentation and responded to questions.

2. Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan Inquiry Session

Staff from Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability responded to questions and comments.

3. Working Session Updates (June 19, 2024)

The Committee received updates on the Working Session of June 19, 2024.

4. Liaison Updates

The Liaisons provided updates and responded to questions.

5. Subcommittee Updates

The Subcommittee members provided updates on their work and responded to questions.

MOVED by Stephanie Mak

SECONDED by Anthony Floyd

WHEREAS

1. The existing School Active Travel Program aligns with the city's goals for sustainability and climate action by encouraging walking, biking, and other forms of non-motorized transportation to and from school; and
2. Safe and accessible active transportation options for all students are essential for promoting physical health, reducing traffic congestion, and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions; and
3. Staff have engaged the School Active Travel Program with 3 to 6 elementary and secondary schools annually to identify and address barriers to active school travel, to the ends of enhancing student safety, fostering community engagement, and creating more livable neighborhoods; and
4. Current response to accidents at intersections that result in injuries for pedestrians particularly children require significant resources from caregivers, volunteer Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) and school administration to advocate for safety measures, highlighting the need for a more proactive and systematic approach to improving student transportation safety.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee support the continued development and implementation of a School Active Travel Program, recognizing its potential to benefit students, families, and the broader community.
- B. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City prioritize additional funding and resources to increase the number of schools from 3 to 6 to a minimum of 6 elementary and secondary schools to be enrolled in the School Active Travel Program, particularly those near intersections with recent pedestrian-vehicle injuries and collisions.
- C. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City ensure an equitable approach to the School Active Travel Program delivery and long-term sustainability.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Carmen Kwan absent for the vote)

MOVED by Anthony Floyd
SECONDED by Michael Feaver

WHEREAS

1. The HUB Cycling Vancouver-UBC Local Committee has expressed deep concern regarding the recent increase in crashes involving people on bicycles on Clark Drive between Broadway and E 12th Avenue, including a fatal collision (see https://wiki.bikehub.ca/images/a/a2/2024-07-15_HUB_Cycling_Vancouver-UBC_Local_Committee_-_Clark_Drive.pdf);

2. These crashes highlight the urgent need for safety improvements on this stretch of road to protect all road users;
3. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TRAC) shares these concerns and recognizes the need for safety improvements in this area;
4. The HUB Cycling Vancouver-UBC Local Committee has proposed several practical and effective measures to enhance safety, including signal interconnection, red-light and speed cameras, reduced speed limits, and increased signage;
5. These proposed measures have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing the number and severity of collisions in other jurisdictions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee support measures to improve safety improvements on Clark Drive between Broadway and E 12th Avenue such as:

- Synchronizing the stoplight at 10th Avenue with the stoplight at Broadway and Clark Drive, changing the stoplight at 10th Avenue to timed operation.
- Installing red-light cameras at the E 10th Avenue and Clark Drive intersection that also function as speed cameras.
- Reducing the speed limit in these two blocks of Clark Drive to 30 km/h.
- Erecting large and visible signs and road stencils to inform motorists about the bicycle crossing and highlight the high crash location.
- A near-miss study to evaluate the risks to people crossing Clark Drive at East 10th Avenue.

FURTHER THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City receive a report back from staff on the consideration and planning of improved safety measures in this area within six months.

CARRIED
(Jennifer Siddon opposed)

6. New Business

Committee members discussed upcoming events and workshops for members to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Zachary Bennett
SECONDED by Anthony Floyd

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting: September 18, 2024 at 5:30 pm

The Committee adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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