



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 22, 2024

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:33 pm by electronic means.

- PRESENT:** Marlene Chow, Chair
Luke Bailey
Zachary Bennett
Mike Feaver
Caryn Duncan
Anthony Floyd
Carmen Kwan*
Jen Lindenberg
Stephanie Mak
Jennifer Siddon
- ABSENT** Jarred Anderson, Vice Chair (Leave of Absence)
Jamie Banks
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Commissioner Laura Christensen, Park Board
Commissioner 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 Zachary Bennett
SECONDED by Luke Bailey

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve a Leave of Absence for Jarred Anderson.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Carmen Kwan absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Anthony Floyd
SECONDED by Jen Lindenberg

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of March 6, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Carmen Kwan absent for the vote)

1. School Active Travel Program Inquiry Session

Staff from Engineering Services responded to questions and comments.

2. East Park Program Inquiry Session

Staff from Park Development and Engineering Services responded to questions and comments.

3. Working Session Updates (April 17, 2024)

The Committee discussed the working session of April 17, 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 Zachary Bennett
SECONDED by Caryn Duncan

WHEREAS

1. The City is seeking public feedback on preliminary concept designs for East Park, a new park between 1st Avenue and False Creek, east of Ontario Street;
2. There is an existing and continuous path for walking, cycling and other active travel modes that connects downtown Vancouver, Stanley Park, English Bay, False Creek, and parks in Fairview, Kitsilano and West Point Grey as far west as Spanish Banks Beach;
3. Olympic Village and the Southeast False Creek neighbourhood are a dense and active area of the city with numerous onward transportation connections;
4. Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities include Objective 6: Climate Emergency, with specific direction under "D. Reduce Vancouver's GHG emissions from transportation"

- to build out Vancouver's micro mobility network and expand Vancouver's greenway;
and
5. 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City consider the potential of the proposed activities that reduce collisions, and prioritize the "Breathe" approach at the seawall, so that the seawall path is as direct as possible and to discourage overlapping and conflicting uses crossing the seawall route.
- B. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City work with Vancouver Bike Share to install a bike sharing dock in a convenient location to both seawall and Ontario cyclists as shown in the presentation materials.
- C. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee support the changes proposed to Ontario Street between Athletes Way and 2nd Avenue in creating a fully separated 2-way cycling lane and in limiting vehicular movements.
- D. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee support the proposal to close Ontario to general vehicle traffic between Athletes Way and Walter Hardwick Ave.
- E. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City produce data on the expected number of left turns from Ontario onto 1st Ave and consider whether a separate left turn phase is warranted.
- F. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City provide more information on the integration of the East Park Plan with the existing Park toward Science World, and ensure that continuous and seamless separated walking and cycling connections are maintained.
- G. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the future location of the False Creek Farmers Market be carefully considered, so that cycling facilities are located at a sufficient distance to prevent conflict and collisions or temporary interruption to the continuity of cycling facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Jennifer Sidon abstained from the vote)

MOVED by Zachary Bennett
SECONDED by Michael Feaver

WHEREAS

1. The Broadway Plan includes direction to "strengthen the Creative District as a vibrant, pedestrian- and bike-friendly mixed use area" and identifies East 1st Avenue as a future greenway;
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4. The City's Transportation 2040 Plan has a hierarchy of transportation modes that prioritizes walking, cycling and transit, with private auto as the lowest priority and identifies an ultimate safety goal of eliminating all fatalities from the transportation system;
5. Onni Group is considering [a revised development](#) at 399 East 1st Avenue including four mixed-use buildings up to 35 storeys; and
6. PCI Developments and Low Tide Properties are [considering a development](#) at 485 Great Northern Way including three mixed-use buildings up to 35 storeys.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT in the event of new rezoning or development applications in the Creative District, the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that City Council and staff incorporate the following advice into their review and recommendations of any such applications:
 - i. That sufficiently wide and separated walking and all ages and abilities cycling facilities be provided such that these facilities are prioritized over motor vehicle traffic, with seamless and direct connections to and from the Great Northern Way SkyTrain station;
 - ii. That any walking and cycling facilities incorporate clear wayfinding signs and markings;
 - iii. That any roads, driveways, and parkade entrances are designed to minimize the potential for conflict between motor vehicles and vulnerable road users, in particular through minimization of road and driveway crossings.
- B. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that safety, directness, and the overall experience of people on bicycles , pedestrians and other active travel users on the Central Valley Greenway be improved by implementing clear wayfinding; designs that minimize the potential for conflict between all users, in particular any potential conflicts with vehicles through road design, minimization or elimination of driveway crossings, and encouraging the visual and acoustic separation of users and vehicles.
- C. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City provide significant opportunities for shared micromobility infrastructure, such as Vancouver Bike Share, Mobi or similar systems, within Creative District developments.
- D. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that the City incorporate a bike mobility hub providing safe, secure bike parking with end of trip facilities, as identified in the Broadway Plan, within a Creative District development proximate to the Great Northern Way SkyTrain station and/or the Emily Carr campus.
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facilities. Additional design guidance can be found in the [“Design Guide for Bus Stops Adjacent to Cycling Infrastructure.”](#)

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Zachary Bennett
SECONDED by Stephanie Mak

THAT in A (i), the words “and between 1st Avenue and Great Northern Way” be added to the end.

amended

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Michael Feaver
SECONDED by Zachary Bennett

THAT in A (i), the words “and between 1st Avenue and Great Northern Way” be struck and replaced with the words “and across the site in a relatively direct path”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Jennifer Siddon abstained from the vote)

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the amended amendment was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jennifer Siddon abstaining from the vote. The motion as amended was then put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Jennifer Siddon abstaining from the vote.

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

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MOVED by Anthony Floyd
SECONDED by Zachary Bennett

- A. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee supports the zero traffic related fatalities ("vision zero") goals of the City.
- B. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee affirms the value of safety measures such as Leading Pedestrian Intervals, curb bulges, flashing beacons, and other pedestrian-forward measures such as these.

- C. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee supports the motion by Councillor Dominato and Councillor Zhou entitled "Allocating Additional Funds to Accelerate Pedestrian Safety Measures".
- D. THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to engage with the Transportation Advisory Committee on actions to be taken with respect to this Council motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

Committee members highlighted the importance of in person meeting and securing adequate meeting space at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Anthony Floyd
SECONDED by Jennifer Siddon

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting: July 31, 2024 at 5:30 pm

The Committee adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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