



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 14, 2025

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:34 pm, in the Cascadia Room, third floor, City Hall, and by electronic means.

PRESENT: Marlene Chow, Chair
Luke Bailey
Zachary Bennett
Caryn Duncan
Anthony Floyd, Co-Chair
Stephanie Mak*
Jessie Rehwald
Jennifer Siddon

ABSENT: Jamie Banks (Leave of Absence)
Kareem Hassib (Leave of Absence)
Karthi Karunakaran (Leave of Absence)
Jarred Anderson

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung, Council Liaison
Commissioner Angela Haer, Park Board Liaison
Chris Darwent, Associate Director, Transportation Design;
Staff Liaison
Hannah Clark, Alternate Member
Katherine Hosford, Alternate Member

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Taimiya Khalid, Coordinator, Planning Committees

* 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 Luke Bailey

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Jamie Banks, Kareem Hassib, and Karthi Karunakaran for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Zachary Bennett

SECONDED by Caryn Duncan

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of March 5, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Granville Street Transit Improvements Inquiry Session

Staff from Engineering Services and TransLink provided a brief overview and responded to questions.

2. Working Session Updates (April 9, 2025)

The Chair provided an update on the working session held April 9, 2025. Following the discussion, it was

MOVED by Anthony Floyd

SECONDED by Zachary Bennett

WHEREAS:

1. Granville Street is a vital link in Vancouver's transportation network, serving as a key corridor for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and businesses;
2. The upcoming completion of the Granville Street Bridge Connector project will further enhance Granville Street's role as a major hub for active transportation, increasing pedestrian, cycling, and rolling access to downtown from South Granville, Kitsilano, Fairview, Shaughnessy, and surrounding communities;
3. Pedestrianization of Granville Street presents an opportunity to create a more vibrant, people-centered public space that supports local businesses, cultural activities, and sustainable mobility;
4. The lack of safe and secure bicycle parking, along with concerns about bicycle theft, discourages many individuals from using active transportation to access the downtown core for shopping and events;
5. The shortage of clean and accessible public restrooms in downtown Vancouver poses challenges for all residents and visitors, disproportionately affecting seniors, children, and individuals with disabilities;
6. Prioritizing pedestrians and active transportation in this area aligns with the City's goals for sustainability, accessibility, and climate resilience;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that Council support the proposed directions for the Granville Street Plan with the following considerations:

- i. The installation of an attended indoor bike parkade to provide safe and secure bicycle parking, thereby reducing bicycle traffic along the pedestrianized corridor, minimizing the risk of bike theft, and encouraging visitors to the revitalized area to use active transportation.
- ii. The inclusion of safe and secure public toilets to address the severe shortage of public toilet facilities downtown, ensuring equitable access for all pedestrians, particularly seniors, children, and individuals with disabilities.
- iii. A comprehensive impact assessment of relocating transit services off Granville Street, with a focus on the needs of seniors and individuals with mobility challenges, to ensure continued accessibility and ease of travel.

FURTHER THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recognize the immense potential of a pedestrian-focused Granville Street and urge Council to support staff's vision for a renewed and revitalized corridor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

MOVED by Zachary Bennett
SECONDED by Anthony Floyd

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is undertaking planning for a significant area of the city, centered around the Rupert and Renfrew Millennium Line SkyTrain stations;
2. The City of Vancouver released a draft Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan in summer 2024 and a subsequent updated draft plan in February 2025 that envisions significant increases in density, jobs and population in the plan area;
3. Transportation 2040 includes a goal of eliminating all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries and a target that at least two-thirds of all trips be made by foot, bike, or transit;
4. 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; and
5. The Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously approved a motion on the draft Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan on September 18, 2024.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee re-affirm the direction contained in the [motion unanimously approved on September 18, 2024](#), related to the draft Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan; with specific emphasis to staff and Council to:

- i. Prioritize the rapid implementation of safe, functional, and inviting active transportation corridors in the plan area using quick-build methods supported by City capital funding and available regional and provincial cost-sharing programs in advance of and in coordination with redevelopment; and
- ii. Coordinate with TransLink to identify and rapidly implement bus priority measures and improved facilities for bus passengers within the plan area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

MOVED by Zachary Bennett
SECONDED by Luke Bailey

WHEREAS

1. Learning to ride a bicycle as a child is shown to lead to improvements in motor skills, coordination, balance, social skills, cardiovascular fitness, musculoskeletal strength, and self-esteem and confidence;
2. There are no safe designated places in Vancouver for children to learn how to ride or practice riding a bike, though bike and traffic playgrounds have existed as places of play, learning, and skill-building for decades in places like the Netherlands and Denmark;
3. Engagement and education in cycling proficiency can support shifting travel towards active transportation, in turn supporting the Council-adopted goals of moving two-thirds of trips in Vancouver will be by active transportation and transit by 2030 and eliminating all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries; and
4. The City has a School Active Travel Program to encourage and promote walking, biking and rolling to school, including supporting "Ride the Road" active travel education offered by HUB Cycling to students in Vancouver public schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee recommend that Council and Park Board direct staff to develop at least one permanent Active Transportation Playground (eg. Bicycles, scooters and other micromobility devices), including:

- i. Review of bike and traffic playgrounds in other global cities to understand common features, maintenance requirements, capital costs, siting and space criteria, and any other attributes or data critical to ensuring successful Active Transportation Playgrounds;
- ii. Inventory potential upcoming street closures, Pavement-to-Plaza locations, and parks or other open spaces that are slated for improvements for the purpose of identifying a list of suitable candidate sites for the City's Active Transportation Playgrounds; and

- iii. That staff report back to Council and Park Board with findings from the above recommendations within one year of receiving initial Council and Park Board's direction.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Mak absent for the vote)

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Absence of Quorum

At 6:47 pm, prior to the start of Item 3 – Liaison Updates, the Committee lost quorum. The Coordinator, Planning Committees referred to Section 15.7 of the Procedure By-law as follows:

“A majority of the persons appointed to an advisory committee are to constitute a quorum.”

The meeting was adjourned due to absence of quorum.

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Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, June 11, 2025
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Microsoft Teams Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:47 pm.

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