

Moving what matters: Connectivity, transit and transportation

Feedback, Issues & Ideas



#### June 16, 2015 - 5.30 PM - 8.00 PM





# WORKSHOP OUTLINE

- 1. Introductions & Presentation
- 2. Key Issue Sticky Notes Exercise
- 3. Facilitator Report Back Key Issues
- 4. Break (Facilitators sort issues into major themes at tables)
- 5. Opportunities, Challenges & Ideas
- 6. Facilitator Report Back
- 7. Conclude Thank You

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National Works Yard 701 National Avenue Vancouver





# THEFLATS







### **KEY ISSUES**

After a brief presentation, workshop participants were asked to discuss and document what they felt were the key issues that the False Creek Flats planning process needed to address, related to the workshops topic (Working in the Flats: Inner-City Industrial and Employment Intensification). The key issues were collected and organized into major themes, and these themes were used to arrange focused discussions on opportunities, challenges and ideas during the final part of the workshop.

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Sticky-Note Feedback: Key Issues

S	Pedestrian/Bikes	Arterial/Road Network	Long Term Rail	N/S Connections	Others
	Cycling connections, bike lanes	Connect Flats areas to each other and the surrounding residential communities	Rocky Mountain passenger train operational seasonal	N/S rapid transit connections	Main St community gardens
	Cycle track next to rail	transition towards surrounding residential neighbourhoods	Rail safety	N/S connection over rail	Manufacturing infrastructure to support innovative businesses
	Conflict b/w modes of transport	Smaller spaces for innovative start-ups	Emergence of personal rail transport in the future	E/W transportation corridor?	"Flats as good neighbour - no pollution - no extra traffic - routes between GNW, Strathcona, Mt. Pleasant, and Seawall"
	Would be great to see some pedestrian cycling connectivity N/S if possible	Reduce congestion along bounding arterials	Crossing obstacles of rail yards, friendly for all modes (tunnel, bridge, elevator)	Break up major E/W blocks to improve accessibility for everyone	Clusters of use/industry = Hospital/ Health Camp
	"Great cycling and walking connections for all ages and ability (sic) through the Flats and to destination on the Flats - passenger rail - hub for bike originated (sic) businesses and groups"	Terminal and Main traffic congestion	Rail needs long term plan	It is critical whatever improvements to the network prioritizes support of industrial use first and foremost, versus being built for bike connections.	Produce grow long term future
	Improve this intersection for pedestrians and bikes	What is being moved through the rail?	Consider rail consolidation, reconfiguration	Overcome rail barrier	Uncovering building codes and barriers to creating 'living buildings' a la Bullitt Centre in Seattle
	N/S vehicle/cycling and pedestrian across the rail yards	E/W connector	(high speed?) passenger rail (bullet train)	N/S connections	Transportation efficiency in the future
	Connect existing cycle routes	Public transportation connectivity through the site	Need for space for future high speed rail. Connect to Waterfront rather than Pacific Central.	N/S pedestrian/cyclist pass-through	Loss of employment land in context o loss of industrial lands in Strathcona and DTES area
	Disconnected bike routes	Look at synergy between transit, housing, mobility, livability, and workability	High speed passenger rail	N/S transportation	Potential loss/impact on Cottonwood and Strathcona community gardens
		Impact of viaduct removal on Malkin ave traffic? Already very congested	Issue - rail bisects (sic) study area	N/S connection for transport	Soil is difficult to build on
		Engagement with Malkin wholesalers in planning process?	Issue - rail footprint dictates what can be done		Urban agriculture
		Terminal Ave cuts the Flats in half and impedes connectivity between the S/N side of the Flats. Need pedestrian/cycle connectivity.	Opportunity - provide better connections/grade separation rail/cyclists		Facintate (sic) prototyping spaces from digital/education to industrial scale production
		Traffic pattern changes with St. Paul's relocation and viaduct removal	Less rail, more than enough rail already exists in the Flats. Try to remove non- essential rail already existing		"Separation of industrial uses from - residential - education"
		Achieving a connected road network (post viaducts)	Protect rail capacity, provide for increased rail movements, identify ways to improve all movements to mitigate (sic) the congestion		
		Remove the viaducts	Balance B/W rail vs. land use		
		New E/W connection into DT/Hospital		-	
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		Permeability			
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