

Grandview-Woodland Neighbourhood Transportation & Parking Stakeholder Advisory Group

Meeting Date: May 11, 2017, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Meeting Location: Britannia Community Centre, Info Centre Boardroom

Meeting Notes

Attendance

- Andrew Tester, TransLink
- Betty Tronson, Local Resident
- Cindy Brenneis, Grandview-Woodland Area Council
- Clemencia Gomez, Seniors' Advisory Committee
- Dexter McMillan, REACH Community Health Centre
- Jeff Leigh, HUB Cycling
- Ken Paquette, The Kettle Society
- Laura Chow, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Monica Camporese, Seniors' Advisory Committee
- Sarah FioRito, Streets for Everyone
- Shan Parmar, Active Transportation Policy Council
- Sinead Stinson, BEST
- City staff: Dale Bracewell, Hailey Steiger-Tang, Liliana Quintero, Carol Kong

1. Project Updates

- Update on the city-wide Congestion Management Strategy and Complete Street policy framework going to council week of May 16
 - Congestion Management - May 16 Council Presentation
<http://council.vancouver.ca/20170516/documents/rr3presentation.pdf>
 - Complete Street Presentation - May 17 Council Presentation
<http://council.vancouver.ca/20170517/documents/cfsc6-Presentation.pdf>
 - *Comment: Examples from best practices in congestion management have emerged internationally from cities which are championing Vision Zero and congestion management*
 - Recent SFU webinar on Sweden (by Daniel Firth) "Congestion and Challenge: How Cities Can Effectively Respond to Transportation Demands" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giuCRjBjyrU> OR also available at <https://www.sfu.ca/continuing-studies/programs-and-courses/area-of-study/community-building/transportation/next-generation-transportation-webinar-series.html> (scroll down to "past webinars")
 - *Comment: Has there been consideration by the City to lower the speed limits?*
 - Arterials currently set at 50km/hr and speed limits are regulated provincially. Posted 30 km/hr on local streets (i.e. adjacent to

parks, schools, bikeways, etc). Examples have been seen in other cities of lowering speed limits to 40 km/hr.

- 10th Avenue Corridor and Union-Adanac Corridor
 - Adjustments being made to Union-Adanac design based on feedback received, with upcoming updates to be distributed to residents at Victoria Drive & Nanaimo soon.
 - *Question: When can Adanac improvements be anticipated for construction?*
 - Constructed anticipated likely Summer 2018
 - 10th Avenue Corridor project underwent minor refinements, with construction interim improvements anticipated Late 2017 or 2018. Health Precinct section of 10th Avenue Project is going to Council May 16 (www.vancouver.ca/10thavenue)
- First Avenue - FortisBC Work (January to September 2018)
 - Boundary to Nanaimo St: Closure of eastbound lanes on E 1st Avenue, one-lane two-way traffic within westbound lanes
 - Full closure - Nanaimo to Clark (July/August 2018)
 - FortisBC conducted public engagement to identify best period of full closure, and will continue to engage Summer 2017. FortisBC is available to meet with any groups if requested
 - *Comment:* First Avenue was fully closed several years ago for construction work, and resulted in positive interactions between neighbours living on opposite sides of First Ave
- TransLink 10 Year Vision Update
 - Bus service, transit and infrastructure improvements ongoing or planned as part of Phase 1. In Grandview-Woodland, this includes bus route improvements to Hastings B-Line, 99 B-Line, the N20, 84 VCC. Also new rail cars expected for Expo and Millennium Line. New B-Line on 41st Avenue to UBC is seeking to reduce congestion on 99 B Line.
 - *Question/Comment:* More information needed on how to phone in complaints and concerns to TransLink re: bus service
 - Online links to telephone numbers for different TransLink areas (HandyDart, General Enquiries etc): <http://www.translink.ca/en/Customer-Service/General-Contact-Information.aspx>
 - Direct link to feedback form (note while there is no specific box to tick to request a call back, if you do want a callback include your phone number and specifically request it in the box): <https://feedback.translink.ca/>
 - Phone number for transit information and customer feedback 604.953.3333

- *Additional Comments for TransLink:*
 - *Route #20 needs service & capacity improvements in the future*
 - *There needs to be more bike carrying capacity on busses*
 - *Some users experience barriers to using compass cards i.e. when transitioning between bus and Skytrain without a compass card*
 - *General interest in having a Commercial-Broadway Station presentation by TransLink at a future meeting*

2. False Creek Flats & E-W Arterial Update

- Plan going to council May 17, 2017 - has been a 2-year process with a lot of public engagement and jointly with the Vancouver Economic Commission
- *Question: As for the proposed FCF active transportation network, how aspirational versus realistic are certain route improvements (i.e. Central Valley Greenway, rail overpasses etc)*
 - The FCF plan will need to be opportunistic and take advantage of development opportunities as they arise. The public benefit strategy includes major projects as part of 10-year strategy
- *Question: What is emphasis on residential development in the Flats? In context of more clean /quiet industries, how can more vibrancy/activity be enhanced in the area (i.e. after hours)?*
 - Industrial land is protected by Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy, and the plan is focused on increasing jobs with some residential along the edges to transition to adjacent neighbourhoods. Industrial spaces without residential can be activated in different ways.
- *Question: Is there more information available on what's going on with new St. Pauls Hospital?*
 - <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/new-st-pauls.aspx>

3. Moving Toward Zero Program

- Presentation to Council on May 16, 2017, available online <http://council.vancouver.ca/20170516/documents/rr1presentation-consolidated.pdf> (slides 11-27)
- December 2016 Moving Towards Zero Council presentation includes more background on the City's Safety Action Plan <http://council.vancouver.ca/20161214/documents/cfsc3presentation.pdf>

- *Question: Can rapid flashing beacons be used on local street bikeway crossings? How do Lead Pedestrian Intervals work?*
 - Currently, due to the Motor Vehicle Act, cyclists are considered vehicles and rapid flashing beacons cannot apply to them. This technicality prevents the City from exploring further the use of RFBs for bikeway crossings.
 - Lead pedestrian intervals give pedestrians an advanced walk signal, allowing them to clearly establish their right of way in the crossing before vehicles are given a green light.

4. Upcoming Events

- Grandview-Woodland Plan Implementation - Two family (Duplex) Zones
 - May 13 (Saturday) 12-3pm @ Wise Hall
 - May 17 (Wednesday) 5-8pm @ Wise Hall
- Britannia Renewal Events
 - May 23 (Tuesday) Designing Safe Places, 6:30-8:00pm
 - June 4 (Sunday) Physical Wellbeing & Community Wellbeing - 12-2pm
- New St. Pauls \ Health Campus - Draft Policy Open Houses
 - May 13 (Saturday) 3 - 6pm @ Creekside Community Centre
 - May 15 (Monday) 5-8pm @ Strathcona Community Centre

5. Next Steps

- Meeting minutes circulated next week, materials online mid-May
- Next meeting planned for September 2017 (date TBD)