

## Grandview-Woodland Neighbourhood Transportation & Parking Stakeholder Advisory Group

Meeting Date: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Meeting Location: Britannia Community Centre, Info Centre Boardroom

### Meeting Notes

#### Attendance

- Mathew Edwards, TransLink
- Betty Tronson, Local Resident
- Cindy Brenneis, Grandview-Woodland Area Council
- Craig Ollenberger, Grandview-Woodland Area Council
- Varun Banthia, Persons with Disabilities Committee
- Dexter McMillan, REACH Community Health Centre
- Kim Konnert, HUB Cycling
- David Ronnov, HUB Cycling
- Ken Paquette, The Kettle Society
- Laura Chow, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Shan Parmar, Active Transportation Policy Council
- Sinead Stinson, BEST
- Nick Pogor, CD Business Society
- City staff: Carol Kong and Cara Fisher

#### 1. Commercial-Broadway Station Upgrades Phase 2

Presentation on the Commercial-Broadway Station upgrades by TransLink.

- Phase 1 upgrades included:
  - Relocating the elevator closer to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - New station entrance on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue
  - New stairs and escalator for 10<sup>th</sup> Ave entrance
- Phase 2 upgrades include:
  - New inbound platform in Broadway Station
  - New overpass (passerelle) from Broadway to Commercial Station
  - New vertical circulation, escalators and stairs, to Broadway and ground level station concourse.
  - Expanding the overpass (passerelle) over the Grandview Cut
  - Additional amenity space: Bike parkade, Policing Hub
- Overall doubling of the capacity for Broadway Station, including vertical access with escalators and stairs.
- Increased capacity and improvements to circulation and improve pedestrian access, wayfinding and lighting.
- Construction schedule highlighted including closures along Broadway.
  - *Question: Will there be public washrooms?*
    - Plumbed for but not part of planned upgrades
  - *Question: How can we influence the washroom policy?*
    - Matt Edwards to follow up with individuals

- *Question: How will the future Safeway redevelopment interact with the Broadway Station?*
  - The Safeway development team has been in touch with TransLink. The two sites have a shared wall. The Safeway development team proposed a new location for the public plaza and this went to public consultation. (\*See item in Project Updates)
- *Question: Is TransLink increasing station capacity to cover future growth and changes to the B-Line?*
  - Upgrades will double capacity for the Expo Line. Increase station capacity has to come before increasing train frequency and service.
  - Commercial Station improvements will support the Millennium Line Broadway Expansion
- *Question: How will the bike parkade work? Will there be more on-street bike parking*
  - Similar to Main Street Station bike parkade access controlled by Compass Card
  - No additional on-street bike parking planned by TransLink
- *Question: Will there be improved weather protection with the upgrades for the B-Line service?*
  - A canopy or weather protection is planned for winter 2018. Installation separate to current station upgrades.

## 1. Project Updates

- 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor
  - Interim improvements for section between Commercial Drive and Victoria Drive anticipated for late 2018.
  - Minor refinements to design based on November 2016 public feedback
  - *Question: What kind of signal will go at Victoria Drive?*
    - A half signal also called a pedestrian/bicycle activated signal
- Union-Adanac Corridor Spot Improvements
  - *Question: Will the median or curb bulges at Victoria Dr be planted?*
    - The median will not be planted. Other examples with planting are not well maintained and cause sight line issues.
    - The SW corner is concrete so bike racks can be added for the WISE hall.
  - *Question: Will there be a signal at Victoria Drive?*
    - No signal planned at this time
- Public Space Activations in Grandview-Woodlands
  - VIVA Vancouver - the City's program that transforms road spaces into vibrant people spaces - funded a series of summer pop-up activations across the city. In the Grandview-Woodland neighbourhood 2 took place along Commercial Drive:

- Grandma's House - in the lane north of Napier Street - Vancouver Public Space Network created Grandma's House, with support from adjacent Miscellany thrift store. The lane had an old timey homey feel. People could enjoy some records and a cup of tea.
  - Public Disco Pop-Up Plaza - took place on a half block of McSpadden Avenue (between E 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>) - the Groundwerks & VIVA team transformed the street into a disco dance party and temporary public space.
  - *Comment: Members did not hear about this event*
- Commercial-Broadway Plaza Exploration
    - Grandview-Woodland Community Plan team approached by development team about redevelopment for Safeway site. The Community Plan set out requirements for a public plaza on the site and the development team proposed a new alternative plaza location.
      - Open house display boards  
<http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/grandview-woodland-plaza-discussion-information-displays.pdf>
      - Community Feedback on alternative plaza location  
<http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/safeway-plaza-consultation-community-feedback.pdf>
    - *Comment: There are issues with a lack of public space in the G-Woodland neighbourhood and Commercial Drive area. The Community Plan did not include new park space so there is a demand for more public spaces.*
    - *Question: Why should the collective ownership or stewardship fall to businesses and the BIA?*
      - Jim Deva Plaza example is that Downtown BIA and West End BIA are supporting the public space with maintenance and programming
- Millennium Line Broadway Extension
    - Public consultation events were held in the summer and TransLink will be back out in early 2018 to share what they heard and propose draft principles for station precinct planning and construction mitigation strategies.
  - Commercial Drive Complete Street
    - The focus of the summer and fall is on business engagement and door-to-door delivery of a Parking and Loading Update newsletter.
    - Check website for newsletter
  - Broadway Triangle Transportation Study
    - The study is complete and we are reviewing the analysis and options. We will provide more information at the next SAG meeting

- BC Hydro - Transmission Project
  - BC Hydro is building an additional transmission line between Coquitlam and Vancouver (Mt Pleasant Substation), by 2021
  - Proposed to cross the Cut at McLean Dr. via a new bridge with a proposed 6m wide walking and cycling deck
  - Hydro hosted pop-up open events in late August (Sat Aug 26<sup>th</sup> and Tue Aug 28<sup>th</sup> at N. Grandview Hwy and Woodland)
  - [https://www.bchydro.com/energy-in-bc/projects/mnt.html?WT.mc\\_id=rd\\_mnt](https://www.bchydro.com/energy-in-bc/projects/mnt.html?WT.mc_id=rd_mnt)
  
- Other topics:
  - Management of garbage and waste at Skytrain; bylaw enforcement budgets & plans
  - Viaducts update
  - Public realm and art plan for Commercial Broadway Station
  - Traffic volumes and speed on E3rd and E 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues

## 2. Upcoming Events

- Grandview-Woodland Plan Implementation
  - Sept 19 Public Hearing - Zoning bylaw amendments
  
- Britannia Renewal Events
  - Sept 21 ( Thursday) Non-profit housing discussion 6-9pm
  - Sept 23 (Saturday) Britannia site wide open house 12-4pm
  - Sept 26 (Tuesday) Community Consultation Tent
  
- GWAC All Candidates Forum
  - Monday Oct 2

## 3. Next Steps

- Meeting minutes circulated next week, materials online early October
- Next meeting planned for December 2017 (date TBD)