

Grandview-Woodland Neighbourhood Transportation & Parking Stakeholder Advisory Group

Meeting Date: February 23, 2017, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Meeting Location: Britannia Community Centre

Meeting Notes

Attendance

- Andrew Tester, TransLink
- Brunella Gaudio, Italian Day on the Drive
- Cindy Brenneis, Grandview-Woodland Area Council
- Dexter McMillan, REACH Community Health Centre
- Ellie Lambert, HUB Cycling
- Laura Chow, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Laura McKenrot, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
- Ken Paquette, The Kettle Society
- Michael Feaver, Streets for Everyone
- Nick Pogor, Commercial Drive Business Society
- Shan Parmar, Active Transportation Policy Council
- Sinead Stinson, BEST
- City staff: Dale Bracewell, Stephanie McNeely, Andrew Pask, Hailey Steiger-Tang, David Rawsthorne, Kathleen Corey

General Meeting Topics Presented

- Introductions & General Updates
- Grandview-Woodland Project Updates
- Neighbourhood Transportation “101”
- Public Space & Public Life - Activity & Discussion

1. Introductions & General Updates

- New SAG members (Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, Italian Day on the Drive)
- Update on staff presentation to Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee regarding this group and capturing more Urban Aboriginal participation. Recommendations from the Committee included:
 - City needs to continually seek to build and strengthen relationships with the urban aboriginal community, in order to get the most valuable participation
 - Reach out more creatively at the time of future project engagement e.g. hosting separate events/sessions tailored to put participants more at ease, engage in youth and children activities, events held at Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre etc)
- New City website dedicated to the Grandview-Woodland SAG:
www.vancouver.ca/gw-transportation-advisory-group

- Includes presentations, meeting notes, general background, upcoming meeting dates etc for SAG members to easily forward on to respective organizations and contacts
- Feedback on website format from SAG members welcome

2. Grandview-Woodland Project Updates

- Commercial Drive Complete Street
- 10th Avenue Corridor - Commercial & Victoria
- Union-Adanac Corridor
- Millennium Line Broadway Extension
- False Creek Flats Local Area Plan

* No comments or questions

3. Neighbourhood Transportation

- Summary of how City assesses local transportation issues
- *Question:* How does City set speed limits, and what is difference between 50 km/hr versus 40km/hr speed limits in terms of safety?
 - City is governed by the Motor Vehicle Act, which sets speed limits at 50km/hr unless otherwise posted. Local street bikeways are signed at 30km/hr.
 - See **Appendix 1** for graphic illustrating impacts of vehicle speeds on safety
- *Question:* Queuing streets naturally result in traffic calming, however sometimes they lead to issues with back-ups
 - Narrower streets with on-street parking can provide a benefit of reduced speeds due to friction, however the main drawback is the longer time required for motorists to pull aside and let the other vehicle pass. Unless other issues are raised to the City (e.g. speeding, sightline issues) these are considered acceptable tradeoffs.
- *Question:* Curb bulges sometime reduce visibility
 - Citizens are recommended to connect via City's 3-1-1 or VanConnect app to report safety issues - the City may not know of these localized sightline/visibility concerns and will respond accordingly e.g. moving parking signs to create more visibility at intersections etc.

4. Public Spaces & Public Life

- Brief overview of some of the Community Plan directions on public space - including policies and investments in parks, plazas, shared spaces, and public realm features.
- In G-W some of the redevelopment projects that are expected to result in the provision of open space include Safeway, and the Kettle/Boffo site. Another plaza has also been identified for Hastings and Commercial.
- There is also the City-led renewal of Britannia Community Centre, which is an opportunity to renew and expand Napier Square (see **Appendix 2**)

The City is launching a VIVA Refresh in 2017 and will be engaging the public in a conversation on public space and the future of the program.

Group activity - identify your vision of a public space/place. Participants identified the following as being important to them:

- Regardless of the public space theme, ensuring public space that is accessible to those with mobility/visual challenges is critical (seating, art installations, washrooms, bus stops, surface materials, etc)
- Spaces that are flexible (not fixed)
- Use of colour
- Permeability, use of green/natural elements/plantings
- Whimsical/playful elements

Results, shown in **Appendix 3**, to also be included within the VIVA inventory of what residents identify liking for public spaces.

Question: What is the level of neighborhood involvement when a private developer constructs a public plaza i.e. Safeway site

- For processes where the GW Plan sets out rezoning policy, and identifies City expectations around the provision of plaza space, there will be multiple channels for public to share their views and ideas. The rezoning process involves open houses, as well as a public hearing in front of Council.
- City staff will share open house and public hearings schedules with the SAG group

Question: How can a site like the Safeway Site capitalize and align with other ongoing projects and ensure synergies with the surrounding properties? i.e. opportunities to make Commercial/Broadway a better gateway to Commercial Drive

- For a project involving a large site, like Safeway, there will be attention given to surrounding considerations - integration with the transit station and broader neighbourhood (including Broadway, Commercial Drive 10th Avenue, etc.).
- Through development processes (i.e. open houses, public hearings, etc) there are touchpoints to ensure more conversation and coordination between developers and adjacent stakeholders, and to better integrate developments with neighbourhood

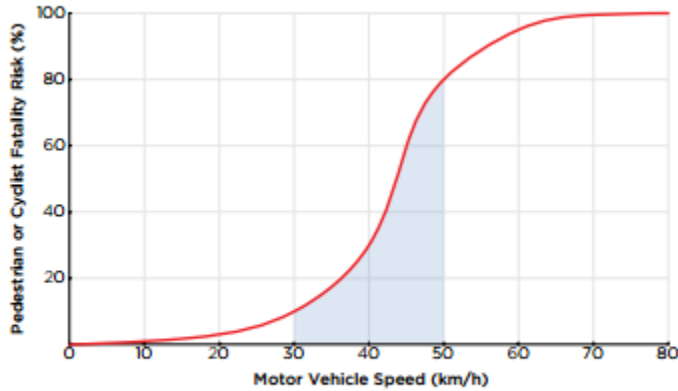
Question: Are there opportunities within the SAG to discuss design precedents from other cities i.e. parklets, bike lanes etc.

- Can be incorporated into future meetings, in discussions about project updates etc

Appendix 1- Vehicle Speeds and Chance of Pedestrian Survival in a Collision

Figure 1

Lower Speeds Reduce Risk



Source: Based on data from VicRoads, Australia. Found in Victorian Auditor-General's Office, "Road Safety Camera Program," 2011, <http://www.audit.vic.gov.au/publications/20110831-Road-Safety-Cameras/20110831-Road-Safety-Cameras.html>

Source: City of Vancouver *Transportation 2040*
<http://vancouver.ca/files/cov/transportation-2040-plan.pdf>

Figure 2

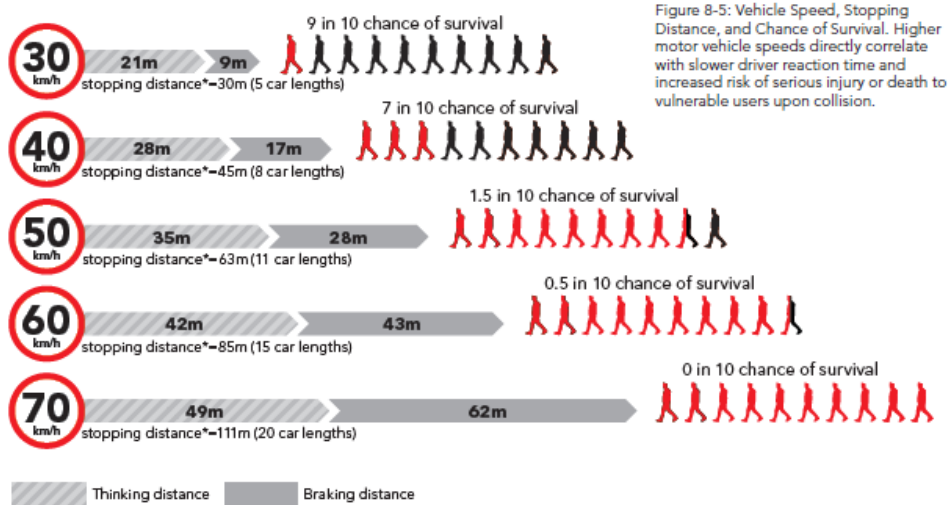


Figure 8-5: Vehicle Speed, Stopping Distance, and Chance of Survival. Higher motor vehicle speeds directly correlate with slower driver reaction time and increased risk of serious injury or death to vulnerable users upon collision.

*Stopping distances during wet conditions. Single car length=5.6m. Based on a 2.5s reaction time, representing 90th percentile of drivers.

source: Adapted from World Health Organization, 2008. Speed management: a road safety manual for decision-makers and practitioners. Transportation Association of Canada, 2011. Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads Part 1. 1.2.5.2 - 1.2.5.4.

Source: City of Toronto, *Complete Street Guidelines*
<http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20of%20Toronto/Policy,%20Planning,%20Finance%20&%20Administration/Public%20Consultation%20Unit/Studies/Transportation/Complete%20Streets/Toronto%20Complete%20Streets%20Guidelines%2016Dec2016.pdf>

Britannia

RENEWAL

Sent on behalf of the Britannia Renewal team:

Britannia Renewal - Open House + Ideas Fair - Saturday, March 4, 12-4pm

The City of Vancouver and Partners—Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver Park Board, Britannia Community Services Centre—are working together on a project to renew and revitalize Britannia Community Services Centre and the larger Britannia site.

This community-guided project will result in a plan for the evolution of the site and its facilities for the next 30 years. When completed in March 2018, the Britannia Renewal will include:

A community vision guiding Britannia Renewal

Facilities requirements identifying the types, sizes and relationships of recreational and community spaces required to meet future needs at Britannia

A master plan with phasing, outlining which components and features will be developed where and when over the Renewal Plan's 30- year planning horizon

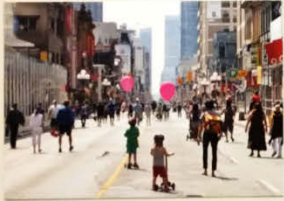
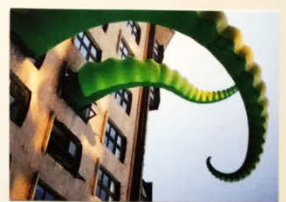
The Britannia Community Centre Renewal process kicks off this Saturday, March 4, 12-4pm, with an Open House and Ideas Fair.

- Come and learn about the Britannia Renewal project.
- Visit the B-LAB! (Britannia Renewal LAB), our project living room and info centre.
- Provide your ideas and feedback about what you LOVE about Britannia today, and what you would like to SEE and DO at Britannia in the future.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

More information - vancouver.ca/Britannia-renewal

Appendix 3 - Selected Cards from Public Space Activity



- accessibility getting to and through
- enough walkable (public) area around certain features
- accessible via transit
- covered transit stops + enough space for shared chairs
- non-slip surfaces, no cobblestones
- appropriate lighting for visually impaired + aging residents
- accessible seating - some be too low, some be armrests, some with no armrests, with footrests

