



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 17, 2013

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council (ATPC) was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 5:35 pm, in City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Tanya Paz, Chair
Dean Alexander
Joan Andersen
Graham Anderson
Eugene Chin
Jacob Hunter, Vice-Chair
Tom Lancaster*
Liliana Quintero
Lisa Slakov
Adam Vasilevich
Meghan Winters

ABSENT: John Whistler (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Heather Deal
Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation (Staff Liaison)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Lori Isfeld, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

It was agreed that Jacob Hunter, Vice-Chair act as Chair until the Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2013 term were elected later in the meeting.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Tanya Paz
SECONDED by Lisa Slakov

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve a leave of absence for John Whistler for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tom Lancaster absent for the vote)

It was noted that since the last meeting Rhiannon Chernencoff had resigned from the Policy Council.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Joan Anderson
SECONDED by Tanya Paz

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council approve the minutes of meeting on February 20, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tom Lancaster absent for the vote)

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following due process, Tanya Paz was elected as Chair, and Jacob Hunter was re-elected as Vice-Chair, for the remainder of the 2013 term.

Ms. Paz assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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The Policy Council agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with Item 3 next. The minutes are recorded in chronological order for clarity.

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3. Update - Parking Operations & Enforcement

Cathy Palmer, John-John Ng and Jacquie Joly, Parking Operations and Enforcement, responded to questions from Policy Council members regarding parking issues for cyclists. Matters discussed included vehicles blocking bike lanes and management of construction site detours.

Following questions and discussion, Parking Operations & Enforcement thanked the Policy Council for the feedback received at this meeting.

The Staff Liaison advised City departments are provided with brown bag talks as a proactive approach to reducing traffic and parking issues.

2. Richards Street Repaving Opportunity

The Staff Liaison and Mike Anderson, Senior Transportation Engineer, Active Transportation, provided an update and received feedback from the Policy Council on how the repaving of Richards Street might provide opportunities for alignment with Transportation 2040 initiatives.

4. Update - Traffic & Data Management

The Staff Liaison, along with Steve Brown, Project Manager, Transportation Plan, and Paul Krueger, Planner, Transportation Plan, provided an update and responded to questions regarding traffic and data management issues, including challenges with construction detours and in obtaining compliance by contractors. It was noted staff will be holding a workshop with contractors in May or June to review best practices.

Staff requested that Policy Council members continue to send in case studies. It was agreed to revisit traffic and data management issues at the next meeting.

5. Update - Transportation 2040 Implementation

The Staff Liaison, along with Steve Brown, Project Manager, Transportation Plan, and Paul Krueger, Planner, Transportation Plan, provided an update and responded to questions regarding Transportation 2040 implementation dates. It was noted staff will be seeking ATPC's participation in an implementation mapping session, tentatively slated for June.

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During discussion on Item 5, the Policy Council agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to deal with Liaison Reports next. The minutes are recorded in chronological order for clarity.

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7. Liaison Reports

(a) Council Liaison Report

Councillor Deal provided an update on transportation matters including proposed safety improvements to Burrard Bridge approaches. She also advised permanent bike lanes may be included in the next Capital Plan.

The Staff Liaison advised a presentation regarding False Creek Bridges with additional information on proposed Burrard Bridge improvements will be taking place at the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment meeting on April 24, 2013.

(b) Park Board Liaison Report

None.

(c) School Board Liaison Report

Tom Lancaster advised the School Board Bicycle Advisory Committee extended an invitation to ATPC to be attend their meetings. The Policy Council agreed to consider its involvement and re-visit at the next meeting.

6. Subcommittee Reports

(a) Projects Subcommittee Report

Graham Anderson provided an update on the Subcommittee's recent activities and reviewed highlights of the West End Community Plan.

(b) Partnerships & Promotion Subcommittee Report

Joan Andersen provided an update on the Subcommittee's recent activities. The minutes from the meeting on April 10, 2013, refer (*on file*).

8. Staff Liaison Report

The Staff Liaison provided updates on Canada Line Bridge connections, Union and Adanac bikeway upgrades, Point Grey-Cornwall corridor and the Comox-Helmcken Greenway.

Mr. Bracewell noted staff are preparing for upcoming open houses in May, including Point Grey-Cornwall. Members agreed to do a walk or ride-through the proposed Phase 1 Point Grey/Cornwall route in preparation to put forward recommendations at the June meeting.

9. ATPC Membership

The Policy Council discussed membership requirements with regard to filling the three existing vacancies.

10. Other Business

(a) Iron Workers Memorial Bridge Sidewalk and Access Improvements

The Policy Council discussed the recently announced Iron Workers Memorial Bridge safety improvements and the access improvements recommended by HUB (letter dated March 26, 2013 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and memorandum from HUB/BCCC refer - *on file*).

MOVED by Lisa Slakov
SECONDED by Dean Alexander

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council urges City Council to express its support for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in its decision to widen the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge sidewalks, a much needed safety and comfort improvement for active transportation across the bridge, as set out in the Ministry's letter dated March 26, 2013, entitled "12448 Iron Workers Memorial Bridge Improvements - Safety Fence and Sidewalk Widening";

FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council urges Council to express its support for the HUB: Your Cycling Connection, and the British Columbia Cycling Coalition (BCCC) call for work to be done, as set out in the HUB/BCCC memorandum entitled "Ironworkers Memorial Second narrows Crossing: Recommendations for Improved Access

for Cyclists and Pedestrians”, ideally concurrently with the above-noted work of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, to ensure much needed access improvements that will leverage work being done by the City of Vancouver and District of North Vancouver to encourage greater cyclist mode share across the bridge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Tom Lancaster absent for the vote)

(b) Public Bike Share

The Policy Council discussed updates on the Public Bike Share project.

11. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Jacob Hunter
SECONDED by Meghan Winters

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Regular Meeting

DATE: June 19, 2013
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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