



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL

MINUTES

June 20, 2012

A meeting of the Active Transportation Policy Council was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at 5:30 pm, in City Hall Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

PRESENT: Rhiannon Chernencoff, Chair
Graham Anderson
Dean Alexander
Joan Andersen*
Adrian Bell
Eugene Chin
Keltie Craig
Jacob Hunter, Vice-Chair
Liliana Quintero
Lisa Slakov
Adam Vasilevich
John Whistler
Meghan Winters

ABSENT: Tom Lancaster
Tanya Paz

ALSO PRESENT: Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, Staff Liaison
Pat Allen, Vancouver Police Department Liaison
Marnie McGregor, Active Transportation
David Rawsthorne, Active Transportation

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Wendy Jao, Meeting Assistant

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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The Policy Council agreed to add a new item to the agenda as New Business. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

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Leave of Absence Requests

There were no requests for Leave of Absence.

The Chair, Rhiannon Chernencoff introduced Pat Allen, Vancouver Police Department Liaison.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on May 16, 2012, were approved.

1. Pedestrian Wayfinding

Adrian Bell provided a brief verbal update and responded to questions on Pedestrian Wayfinding, noting the launch will happen next week.

2. Transportation 2040 Plan

Steve Brown, Project Manager, Transportation Plan, provided a brief presentation and responded to questions on the Transportation 2040 Plan. Some of the Council's subsequent discussion included:

- Awareness of the business community's needs with regards to bike corridors and upgrades;
- The transportation plan has to work with various land use plans and the need for a city-wide plan after the transportation plan;
- The cycling and walking growth as it relates to population growth;
- The spectrum of public space such as underused road space and plaza space carved out of developments;
- Recreational activities specifics; and
- Chicago has set their benchmark of a zero tolerance for traffic fatalities.

MOVED by Jacob Hunter

SECONDED by Rhiannon Chernencoff

THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council agrees in principle with the Transportation 2040 June 2012 Draft Directions as it relates to Active Transportation, noting the following:

- The Active Transportation Policy Council supports the hierarchy of modes with walking and cycling at the top;
- There be a stronger emphasis on advocacy for legislative changes to support the aims of the plan;
- There be a stronger focus on safety, such as a zero fatality target for road users, lower speed limits, and enforcement for the protection of vulnerable road users;
- There be greater emphasis on promotion, marketing and education;
- There be more details around broader types of active transportation (for example, bikes, skateboards);
- Accessibility and equity be highlighted throughout the plan; and
- The International Charter for Walking be embedded in the plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Liaison Reports

a) Council Liaison Report

None.

b) Park Board Liaison Report

None.

c) School Board Liaison Report

None.

d) Staff Liaison Report

Marnie McGregor, Active Transportation, provided an updated on the Transportation 2040 Phase 2 Consultation: Directions & Discussions. Ms. McGregor has received 650 survey responses to date.

Dale Bracewell, Manager, Active Transportation, provided an update regarding the North Arm Trail and suggested the Active Transportation Policy Council draft a letter of support for provincial funding.

Mr. Bracewell requested feedback regarding the Council of Councils meeting held on May 30, 2012. The feedback from the Policy Council was positive and it was suggested that in the future, there would be less presentation and more opportunity to interact with other Advisory Committee Members.

Mr. Bracewell also noted that a team culture assessment and team building activities are valuable to any group.

4. Subcommittee Reports

a) Promotion & Partnerships Subcommittee

Adrian Bell provided a verbal update and responded to questions on the subcommittee meeting held on May 31, 2012. The focus was on promoting cycling among women in specific geographic or ethnic areas. The next meeting will be held on July 11, 2012.

b) Projects Subcommittee

Graham Anderson provided a verbal update and responded to questions on the subcommittee meeting held June 6, 2012. The focus was on the viaducts, Powell Street Overpass, downtown separated bike lanes and Children and Women's Hospital re-zoning. The next meeting will be held on July 4, 2012.

5. New Business

a) Viaducts Study

Kirsten Robinson, Central Area Planning and Devan Fitch, Strategic Transportation Branch, provided a brief presentation on the viaducts study and responded to questions.

MOVED by Graham Anderson
SECONDED by Jacob Hunter

WHEREAS

1. The Active Transportation Policy Council supports the 'Viaducts Removal Concept Plan' generated in the viaducts study in principle and encourages Council to move forward on this opportunity promptly;
2. The Active Transportation Policy Council emphasizes the importance of improving safety and comfort of pedestrians and cyclists and maintaining connectivity for those crossing or using the new Pacific Boulevard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Active Transportation Policy supports:
 - i. The maintenance of separated bike lanes connecting Dunsmuir Street and Union Street routes, as well as new separated lanes on Expo Boulevard and Pacific Boulevard;
 - ii. The new 'bike ramp' connection between Dunsmuir Street and Carrall Street routes;
 - iii. The creation of a new car free street on Carrall Street (between Keefer and False Creek); and
 - iv. Improvements to the pedestrian realm such as the Georgia steps to False Creek.
- B. FURTHER THAT the Active Transportation Policy Council encourages the maintenance of full separation of the Union Street and Dunsmuir Street complementary improvements and connections to nearby cycling and walking routes, such as Science World and the Seawall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) ATPC Social

The Policy Council forwarded ideas regarding an ATPC social gathering to be held July 18, 2012.

Next Meeting:

DATE: September 19, 2012
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1

The Policy Council adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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