



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRANSIT,
BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS (ACTBiPed)**

Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Véronique Boulanger	- Committee Member
Brad Cavanagh	- Committee Member
Roland Guasparini	- Committee Member
Charlie Hunter	- Committee Member
Reena Meijer Drees	- Committee Member
Robert Wong	- Committee Member
Finn Leahy	- Student Representative
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Representative
Steven Beasley	- Committee Member

MEMBER REGRETS:

Nadine Nakagawa	- Committee Member
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STAFF:

Stephen Blore	- Senior Transportation Planner
Tabitha Guichon	- Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Mary Wilson	- Community Member
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The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda of September 19, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on September 19, 2018 be received and adopted with the following additions: Item 4.6: Sub Committee Meeting (Stephen Blore), Item

4.7: Meeting Spaces (Reena Meijer Drees), Item 4.8: 22nd Street Bus Loop (Véronique Boulanger) and Item 4.9: Motion to UBCM (Patrick Johnstone).

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 20, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Advisory Committee for Transit, Bicycles and Pedestrians meeting held on June 20, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 No items

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 2018 Pedestrian Crossing Program – Royal Ave & Eleventh St

Stephen Blore summarized the report, dated September 19, 2018 that was provided with the agenda material and provided the following information:

- Proposed pedestrian signal in the proximity of Royal Avenue & Eleventh Street is being focussed on as the key pedestrian crossing measure for this year.
- Cost shared by TransLink, which required some additional road safety analysis.

In response to questions from the Committee, Stephen Blore, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the following information:

- The fenced medians are required as safety and compliance measures. The fence will run along the Royal Avenue median preventing pedestrians from crossing in different areas along Royal Avenue (between Stewardson Way and new signal). The fencing will be designed to maintain turn movements in/out of the Columbia Square Plaza and adjacent businesses.
- The vacant lot adjacent to 11th Street is owned by Metro Vancouver and will be used to build a major water main.

- The disused bus stop on Royal Avenue will be factored into the design stage of the project.

The committee provided the following suggestions:

- Invest in improvements to the aesthetics of the fence.
- Work with the mall and adjacent property owners to make pedestrians aware of where to go when they exit the mall.
- Consider a low cost paint treatment for the mall driveway area.
- Ensure the new pedestrian signal timing does not take a long time to change cycle when activated.

4.2 2018 Bus Shelter Program – Stephen Blore

Stephen Blore summarized the report that was provided with the agenda material and provided the following information:

- 4 new bus shelters are being installed in 2018 in partnership with Pattison Outdoor Advertising.
- Reminded the committee that the bus shelter program will be an agenda item at the October 24th Sub-committee meeting to refine the process and criteria for achieving the MTP goals.

4.3 Tripp funding update – Stephen Blore

This is a Coast Mountain Bus Company initiative where they work with the city to provide accessibility improvements to TransLink stops throughout the region, with the projects requiring completion within the calendar year. Stephen Blore provided the following information:

- By the end of 2018, 94% of bus stops will be accessible, with the ultimate goal of 98%. The remaining 2% being unachievable because of the City's topography.

In response to questions from the Committee, Stephen Blore provided the following information:

- A wheelchair accessible bus stop is achieved by having landing pads, curb ramps approaching the bus stop, sufficient space behind the platforms so that those can navigate around it getting on and off the bus stop.

The Committee provided the following suggestion:

- Consider a press release to share this success.

4.4 Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway Spot Improvements – Stephen Blore

Stephen Blore summarized the report that was provided with the agenda material and provided the following information:

- The City saw the opportunity to work with Metro Vancouver to improve some wayfinding, signage and line marking in the Braid Industrial Area.
- In late August Metro Vancouver opened the connection between Spruce Street and Cumberland Street, which was scheduled to be repaved in September. The city installed a new streetlight at Spruce Street, a new pedestrian crossing on Spruce Street, along with new wayfinding and line markings between Spruce Street and Braid Street.

In response to questions from the Committee, Stephen Blore provided the following information:

- The new greenway connection is currently open at the foot of Cumberland Street and Spruce Street. Once the new Metro Vancouver pump station is complete, an additional greenway connection and parallel bridge over the Brunette River will open.

4.5 Stewardson Way Pedestrian Bridge – Stephen Blore

Stephen Blore summarized the report that was provided with the agenda material and provided the following information:

- Working with MOTI on their designs for the new pedestrian and cyclist overpass at Stewardson Way.
- Due to the timing and turnaround that the Ministry has given, this did not allow for the detailed design to be brought to the committee for discussion.
- City Engineers have reviewed the drawing to ensure that it meets the needs of all users. Improvements were made to the lighting, the ramp configurations, and surface treatments.
- The City also intends on undertaking some spot improvements to enhance the approaches to the bridge.
- The project goes out for tender in the fall with completion required by March 2019.

In response to questions from the Committee, Stephen Blore provided the following information:

- Staff reviewed the plans and provided feedback to MOTI to ensure that the radii of the turns are adequate for accessible users as well as cyclists.

The Committee discussed the following concerns in relation to the Stewardson Way bike path:

- Between Fifth Avenue & Fourteenth Street, there was a desire line created that SRY Railway owns that was used by most pedestrians and many cyclists. SRY recently put a fence up to prevent people from using that route. They have expressed concerns of liability. The City and TransLink are currently in discussions with SRY to reach an agreement.
- It was suggested to bring this to council so there is more leverage and to put more pressure and resources into whatever the next steps may be.

The following motion was passed:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the ActBiPed recommend that Council take whatever action necessary to expeditiously secure a safe multi-modal right of way along Stewardson Way Between 5th Avenue & 14th Street.

CARRIED

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

WHEREAS Stewardson Way pedestrian overpass is being built

WHEREAS the recent action to restrict access to the right of way South of the skytrain pillars and,

WHEREAS the sidewalk in this section of Stewardson Way is narrow and exposes active transportation users to high speed heavy traffic

4.6 Subcommittee Meeting – Stephen Blore

This meeting is scheduled for October 24 at 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Items that will be discussed are the Agnes Street Greenway & the Bus Shelters process & criteria review.

4.7 Meeting Spaces – Reena Meijer Drees

With the recent renovations of the library and closure of the buy low foods, there is no available free committee space for any activist groups. The suggestion is to get free city space for community groups. If anyone is a member of a group that can't meet anywhere, please contact Reena.

4.8 22nd Street Bus Loop - Véronique Boulanger

The project delivery manager at Translink has advised that this has gone out to Tender and due to some complexity and additional scope with the project, work is planned to start later in the year or early 2019. Staff is meeting with TransLink on September 20th, 2018 and is proposing that TransLink report back to the committee with the project plans.

4.9 Motion to UBCM – Patrick Johnstone

Earlier in 2018, the ActBiPed committee and Council passed a motion that was sent to UBCM relating to Modernizing the Motor Vehicle Act. At the annual UBCM meeting, the motion was passed by UBCM.

5.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- 5.1 2018 Pedestrian Crossing Program – Royal Ave & Eleventh St (see item 5.1)**
- 5.2 2018 Bus Shelter Program (see item 5.2)**
- 5.3 Tripp funding update (see item 5.3)**
- 5.4 Brunette Fraser Regional Greenway Spot Improvements (see item 5.4)**
- 5.5 Stewardson Way Pedestrian Bridge (see item 5.5)**

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 No items**

9.0 NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Certified correct,

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PATRICK JOHNSTONE
CHAIR

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TABITHA GUICHON
RECORDING SECRETARY