



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC) MEETING

April 14, 2021

**Meeting held electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192 and
the current Order of the Provincial Health Officer - *Gatherings and Events***

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair, City Council Member
Véronique Boulanger	- Community Member
Garey Carlson	- HUB Representative
Alice Cavanagh	- Business Community Representative
Iain Lancaster	- SD 40 Representative
Reena Meijer-Drees	- Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group Representative
Elliot Roy	- Community Member
Peter Valbonesi	- Person with Lived Experience

MEMBER REGRETS:

Asifa Lalji	- Person with Lived Experience
Randi Poitras	- Community Member
Arshdeep Singh	- Alternate Chair/Community Member
Mike Smith-Cairns	- Community Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa Leblanc	- Manager, Transportation
Jennifer Miller	- Manager of Public Engagement
Mike Anderson	- Transportation Engineer
Christine Edward	- Transportation Planner
Antonia Reynolds	- Coordinator, Active Transportation
Nicole Ludwig	- Assistant City Clerk
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.0 ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee agenda of the April 14, 2021 meeting be adopted with the addition of Reports and Information Item 6.3: Pattullo Bridge Public Notice by Reena Meijer-Drees, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group Representative.

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 February 10, 2021

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting be adopted with the addition to paragraph four of Item 5.4: Signal Policy – Step 1 – “Ideal Intersection” Workshop, that Committee members also shared, during the workshop, what their ideal intersection would look like.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Signalized Intersection Policy – Step 2: Principles & Priorities

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, shared a presentation on the Signalized Intersections Policy for which Committee members provided feedback at the February 10, 2021 meeting where they outlined for staff what aspects of intersections they find uncomfortable as pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers, or motorists, as well as what their ideal intersection would look like. She advised that today’s discussion would be about the priorities and principles that the City will work toward, and noted that input received during the breakout sessions will be made into principles and included in the policy.

At this point in the meeting, Committee members broke into two groups to work on a prioritization exercise using the Eisenhower Matrix and answer the following questions:

- In looking at the “Do First” and “Schedule” boxes, are all of these things only about infrastructure, or do you think there is an operational or behavioural aspect to some of them?; and,
- Should we treat all intersections in the City the same all the time, or are some different or more special?

Once Committee members re-joined the meeting as a whole, the two groups shared their comments and suggestions with each other (Attachment 1).

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Rotary Crosstown Greenway and New Westminster Secondary School Connection Options – Engagement

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, advised that staff are seeking ideas from the Committee on how the City can best engage residents on the Rotary Crosstown Greenway and New West Secondary School connection options in order to get a balance of input.

Ms. Leblanc provided a presentation overview of options for both the Rotary Crosstown Greenway and the New Westminster Secondary School connections, which will have community engagement from mid May to June, prior to a recommendation going to Council in July 2021. She noted that an update will be provided to the Committee during the June 9, 2021 meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Committee members broke into three groups to discuss the Rotary Crosstown Greenway and New Westminster Secondary School connection options and to answer the following questions:

- Who do these improvements serve and who do they impact?;
- Are there other considerations that are important to you?;
- How should we engage with people to make sure that those being served and those being impacted are a part of the conversation?;
- What contextual information do you think community members will need?; and,
- Is the information presented here enough for those not familiar with the Uptown Streetscape vision?

In response to a question from a Committee member, Ms. Leblanc advised that it is anticipated that the selected route would be built in 2022 subject to budget approval and that, depending on which route is decided upon, interim measures may be put in place.

Once Committee members re-joined the meeting as a whole, the three groups shared their comments and suggestions with each other (Attachment 2).

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Walk30 Challenge

Reena Meijer-Drees, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group (Representative, announced that the Walk30 Challenge will take place from May 10, 2021 to June 13, 2021 and will be run by the non-profit organization *Better Environmentally Sound Transportation*. Those interested in participating in this friendly walking challenge between the City of New Westminster and the City of Burnaby can register through the Walkers' Caucus website.

6.2 Jane's Walks

Reena Meijer-Drees, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group Representative, announced that this year's Jane's Walk will take place from May 7, 2021 to May 9, 2021 and will consist of pandemic-appropriate self-guided walks during which participants can refer to downloadable annotated walking route maps that can be found on the Walkers' Caucus website.

6.3 Pattullo Bridge Public Notice

Reena Meijer-Drees, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Group Representative, advised that both the Walkers' Caucus and HUB Cycling have been in consultation with the Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp) with respect to the Pattullo Bridge replacement project. She noted that the proposed pedestrian/cyclist overpass required for the Central Valley Greenway (CVG) to cross the southbound bridge on-ramp would be 15 metres high relative to Columbia Street, comparable to a five-storey building. She noted that neither the Walkers' Caucus nor HUB Cycling is pleased with the proposed pedestrian/cyclist overpass height as it would not be appropriate for the CVG greenway route. Ms. Meijer-Drees stated that the two groups are encouraging people to write to their local Member of the Legislative Assembly to request that TI Corp provide a more suitable option for the overpass. Further, she advised that particulars about the pedestrian/cyclist overpass were not included in the project's information package; therefore, the extreme height of the proposed pedestrian/cyclist overpass was only recently understood by the Walkers' Caucus and HUB Cycling.

Councillor Johnstone shared that the City has asked TI Corp to continue engagement with City staff and the active transportation community in order to come up with a better option than what has been presented, and that discussions about this issue are ongoing.

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, referred to the Monday, April 12, 2021 staff report to Council and the presentation provided to Council by the TI Corp and stated that the project team has completed a significant amount of analysis in the area. She advised that TI Corp aware of the importance of the connection but are challenged with various constraints in the area such as the topography, railway, SkyTrain infrastructure, heritage trees, etc. Ms. Leblanc acknowledged that it would be helpful if the project team walked everyone through all the options that were previously considered, why they would not work, and how they arrived at the current design, and noted that the Ministry of Transportation guidelines for such things are different than municipal guidelines.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

June 9, 2021

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Certified correct,

Original Signed
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Chair

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Carilyn Cook
Committee Clerk