



REGULAR MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

June 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Via Conference Call

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Jamie McEvoy
Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer
Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering
Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation
Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services
Denise Tambellini, Intergovernmental & Community Relations Manager
Lorraine Lyle, Acting Director, Financial Services

STAFF:

Erika Mashig, Manager, Horticulture Services & Parks & Open Space
Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer
Stephen Blore, Transportation Planner
Jennifer Miller, Manager of Public Engagement
Roger Emanuels, Manager, Design and Construction
Stacey Neves, Engineering Technologist

GUESTS:

Wendy Itagawa, Executive Project Director, Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project
Lauran Matthias, Associate Project Director, Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project
Abhi Soni, Segment Manager, Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project
Joost Meyboom, Technical Lead, Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Procedural Note: At 10:33 a.m., a Motion introduced under Section 90 of the Charter to adjourn to Closed session was Moved and Seconded. The Regular meeting reconvened at 11:19 a.m., in order to deal with the remaining discussion on agenda item number 7.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of the Sustainable Transportation Task Force immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Sustainable Transportation Task Force on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)[k] of the Community Charter and 90(2)) [b]:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

90(2)

(b) the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the municipality and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party;

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

2. MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Task Force on Sustainable Transportation in Open Session be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING

3. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regular Mayor's Task Force on Sustainable Transportation be reconvened at 9:36 a.m.

CARRIED.

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Urgent/time sensitive matters only

4. **No items.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. **No Items**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

6. **MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Task Force on Sustainable Transportation of Monday, May 25, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

All members of the Task Force present voted in favour of the motion.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

7. **Uptown Streetscape Vision – Stakeholder engagement, proposed big moves, next steps**

Lisa Leblanc, Manager of Transportation, gave a presentation that highlighted the following:

- The Uptown Streetscape Vision mandate
- Assumptions on:
 - Transit speed and reliability measures
 - Rotary Crosstown Greenway ultimate design
 - General purpose vehicles being ‘visitors’ to the area
 - The Vision being primarily implemented through property redevelopment
- Principles and objectives of the Vision
- Overview and typologies

- Great Street standard
- Big Ideas for Uptown, including:
 - Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue Pedestrian Scramble
 - Belmont Half-Street Park
 - Bike Connection Between NWSS and RCG
 - Re-allocate Road Space to Pedestrian Space
- Next steps.

Discussion ensued on:

- Providing clear and transparent communication with the public on how and when projects are done
- Concerns about separate modes of transportation sharing space in the core block of Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue with potential for conflict
- Concerns over in-lane transit boarding and potential conflicts such as accessibility
- Using Sixth Street as a pilot project
- Opportunities and challenges with full closures to streets such as Belmont
- Pedestrian scramble-style crossings and safety and accessibility implications
- How and when to move forward on “quick win” projects
- Including underground infrastructure and associated challenges in discussion and future presentations
- Visions of 6th Street as more pedestrian and transit friendly
- Opportunities for bus reroute, particularly on 106 bus, to facilitate more pedestrian space and any associated challenges with respect to access and mobility issues for customers
- Temporary 6th Street closures during the Summer
- Discussions with the Uptown Business Association on various temporary measures such as:
 - Parklettes
 - Maintenance and upkeep
 - Programming
 - Putting onus on the UBA to pilot the 6th Street closure
- Opportunities on 12th Street and challenges associated with the Business Association
- Front Street closure
 - Railway crossing concerns and management
 - Cost of closure for traffic management

A copy of the presentation is included as Attachment 1

8. Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project

Wendy Itagawa, Executive Project Director, Pattullo Bridge Replacement Project, gave a presentation that noted the following:

- Project Overview
- Connections in New Westminster
- Urban Integration
- Pedestrian and Cycling Connections
- Next Steps.

Discussion ensued on:

- Concerns regarding differences between the renderings that were released to the public in 2016 versus the current renderings
- Concerns about grade challenges in constructing pedestrian and cycling pathways while maintaining focus on safety

A copy of the presentation ins included as Attachment 2

NEW BUSINESS

9. No items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Task Force on Sustainable Transportation will occur on:

Date:	September 21, 2020
Time:	3:00 p.m
Location:	Conference Call

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Original Signed	Original Signed
MAYOR COTE CHAIR	MEGAN JONES RECORDING SECRETARY