



REGULAR MEETING OF TASK FORCE ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

Monday, January 25, 2021

Regular Meeting of
the Task Force on Sustainable Transportation
which convenes at 9:00 a.m

Meeting Held Electronically under Ministerial Order No. M192/2020 and
Order of the Public Health Officer – *Gatherings and Events February 5, 2021*

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Coté

Councillor Patrick Johnstone

Councillor Jamie McEvoy

Lisa Leblanc, Manager of Transportation

Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer

Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services

Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer & Director of Finance

Erika Mashig, Manager of Parks & open Space Planning

Denise Tambellini, Intergovernmental & Community Relations Manager

Dean Gibson, Director of Parks & Recreation

Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer

Antonia Reynolds, Coordinator, Active Transportation

GUESTS:

Mitchell Reardon, The Happy City

Navdeep Chhina, HUB Cycling

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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 Mayor's Task Force on Sustainable Transportation immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Sustainable Transportation on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1)[k] and 90(2)[b] of the Community Charter:

90(1)

(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 10:04 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 Sustainable Transportation meeting of November 2, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED.

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

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

7. **Agnes Street Greenway Update**

Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer, gave a presentation highlighting:

- An overview of the Agnes Street Greenway map
- Transit re-routing
- Motor vehicle circulation
- Lorne Street Design
- Project timeline

Discussion ensued on:

- Concerns regarding changes to transit stops and potential conflict between cyclists and pedestrians waiting for the bus at stop extensions, as well as accessibility challenges at stops along Agnes St.

- Analysis of transit ridership at bus stops at Agnes Street and 1st Street, and Agnes St. and 4th Street
- Working with TransLink to improve signage at transit stops that indicate changes to service
- Potential for adding reflectors and visual cues on the new traffic control features to make them more visible to vehicles
- Options at the termination of the bike route at Agnes Street and 1st Street to help clarify section for users
- Further discussion around section at Lorne Street
 - Concerns that Lorne is not the best option
 - Look at alternatives to connect the Agnes Street Greenway to Victoria Street including revising route down 6th Street to Carnarvon Street
- Future discussion around conflict at route section near Provincial Courthouse
- Future community engagement activities
- Additional signage and educational pieces to inform the community about improved connections to park space for pedestrians and cyclists

In response to a question from a task force member, Mr. Anderson clarified that the temporary treatments and future planning for permanent features are within the project budget. Additionally, the City is seeking funding through FCM for the interim treatments. Further, Mr. Anderson noted that the City is aiming to complete the permanent structure prior to the Pattullo Bridge replacement project commencement and this is reflected in timing procurement for the summer. Consideration will be made for tender later in summer to early fall.

Responding to a question from a task force member, Mr. Anderson advised that senior staff of the courthouse noted the conflict with the bike lane is in a section required for off-loading of accused persons attending court in a secure manner.

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 1

8. Streets for People in 2020 and 2021

Mitchell Reardon of The Happy City and Navdeep Chhina of HUB Cycling gave an update that noted:

- Streets for People in 2020 activities
- Streets for People in 2020: interventions
- Activations and engagement

- Promoting Streets for People events
- Streets for People Survey responses
- Focused engagement and survey analysis
- Public life study and outcomes
- Recommendations

Discussion ensued on:

- Concerns around impacts on transit and McInnis Overpass, specifically to community shuttle

Lisa Leblanc, Manager of Transportation presented an update that included:

- Agnes Street Greenway
- Rotary Crosstown Greenway
- Community involvement
- Continued implementation of measures identified in Streets for People in 2020 Plan
- Refining measures implemented in 2020
 - Central Valley Greenway at Lower Hume Park
 - Uptown
 - Quayside Drive/3rd Avenue Overpass
- School area traffic control improvements

Discussion commenced on:

- Temporary closure of Front Street in summer 2021, and a request for a report to Council on options for this summer
- McInnis Overpass future sidewalk widening
- Opportunities to activate area around 3rd Avenue Overpass

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 2

9. Seniors on the Move – Summary of Webinar

Christine Edward, Transportation Planner, presented an update which noted:

- Webinar highlights
- Workshop takeaways
 - Strategies
 - Sustainable transportation key direction
 - Programs and initiatives

Discussion ensued on:

- Addressing the implications to the lifestyles, independence and patterns of seniors and persons with disabilities when changes are made to transportation and transit access
- Future changes to be consistent with age-friendly City and equity goals
- It would be helpful to have an update on this to Council

A copy of the presentation will be included as Attachment 3

NEW BUSINESS

8. No Items

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Task Force on Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Realm will occur on:

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| Date: | February 22, 2021 |
| Time: | 9:00 a.m. |
| Location: | Via Zoom |

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Original Signed

MAYOR JONATHAN COTE
CHAIR

Original Signed

MEGAN JONES
RECORDING SECRETARY