



## **REGULAR MEETING OF TASK FORCE ON SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION**

Monday, July 12, 2021

Regular Meeting of  
the Task Force on Sustainable Transportation  
which convenes at 9:00am

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

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT:**

Mayor Cote, Chair

Councillor Johnstone

Councillor McEvoy

Lisa Leblanc, Director of Engineering

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer

Lorraine Lyle, Manager of Financial Services

Denise Tambellini, Intergovernmental & Community Relations Manager

Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services

James Doan, Manager, Parks Operations & Services

Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer

Catalin Dobrescu, Utilities & Special Projects Engineer

Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning

Blair Fryer, Manager, Communications & Economic Development

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am.

#### **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 Task Force on Sustainable Transportation immediately following the Task Force's Regular Meeting today 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:*

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;*

**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.*

**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 May 31, 2021, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION**

### **7. Signalized Intersection Policy**

Lisa Leblanc, Director of Engineering, provided a presentation that updated the task force on:

- Steps taken since the last STTF meeting
- Comments from STAC on Emerging Principles
- Recommended principles
- Updated “Do First” items
- Updated “When Opportunities Arise” items
- Updated “Plan for completion over 10-15 years” items
- Questions for STTF
- Next steps

The group discussed:

- Impacts to bus speed and reliability
- Proposed agenda item for future STTF to address City of New Westminster’s partnership with TransLink with this work
- A meeting with staff and TransLink is planned for Fall to discuss a plan for bus speed and reliability to assist in prioritizing resources; locations with competing needs will be included in engagement.

A task force member requested clarification on item 5 of Recommended Principles in reference to improving convenience without enormous cost. Lisa Leblanc noted the context is in regards to signalized intersections that are not on designated cycling routes.

### **8. Streets for People – status of existing interventions and suggested next steps**

Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer, gave a presentation highlighting:

- Reiteration of the adopted resolutions
- Questions for the Task Force
- Esplanade

- Covid Responses
- 2020 Observations
- Going Forward
- Quayside Drive
- McInnes Overpass
- East Columbia St./Central Valley Greenway
- Traffic signals

Discussion commenced on:

- Support for allowing cycling, rolling and alternative mobility modes on the paved areas of the Esplanade as a permanent condition
- Installing signage around the Esplanade to remind rollers to ride slowly and be respectful of shared spaces with pedestrians
- Quayside Drive is not a comfortable area for cyclists to use and suggestions to mitigate includes removing parking from one side of the roadway
- Considering opportunity for similar approach to the Third Avenue Overpass on McInnes Overpass with improved signage and narrowed or closed lane to accommodate more spaces for alternate transportation modes
- Using TransLink's newly-acquired site on the Brunette River as an alternate route for the Central Valley Greenway to connect to Hume Park
- Bringing back discussion on safe spaces to move in the Uptown area
- Further discussion on option of accelerating capital on the McInnes Overpass
- Proposed changes to Begbie Street area will need to be mindful of accommodating service and delivery vehicles
- Consulting with Quayside Community Board on future changes, including signage
- Reverting back to closing McInnes Overpass lane through summer months after Bosa's current closure period of Begbie intersection based on City's mandate of prioritizing pedestrian and alternative modes of transportation
- Clarifying with Bosa on future closure schedule needs as project progresses
- Allowing bikes and other wheels on the Esplanade but only after signage is installed to encourage slow riding

## **9. Bold Step 7 and MTP Reporting – feedback from STAC**

Procedural Note: This item was tabled for discussion at the next Sustainable Transportation Task Force meeting

**10. Columbia Street – Metro Vancouver sewer works update on schedule and feedback from Downtown BIA**

Lisa Leblanc, Director of Engineering; Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning; Catalin Dobrescu, Utilities & Special Projects Engineer; and Blair Fryer, Manager, Communications & Economic Development, presented the following highlights:

- Project status
- Project schedule
- Business impact and mitigation

Discussion included:

- Importance of continued communication to the public and businesses is emphasized
- Friday's on Front plans have not been specified at this time with the Downtown BIA but discussion with Metro Vancouver included identifying accommodation of events
- Concerns that poor Autumn weather could impact the project timeline and emphasize with the contractor the importance of decreasing delays to completion

**NEW BUSINESS**

**11. No Items**

**NEXT MEETING**

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

Date: September 20, 2021  
Time: 9:00am  
Location: Zoom

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22am.

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**MAYOR COTE**  
**CHAIR**

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**MEGAN JONES**  
**RECORDING SECRETARY**