



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

Monday, May 3, 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, Manager of Transportation  
Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer  
Harji Varn, Chief Financial Officer & Director of Finance  
Denise Tambellini, Intergovernmental & Community Relations Manager  
Dean Gibson, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jennifer Miller, Manager of Public Engagement  
Emilie Adin, Director of Developmental Services  
Erika Mashig, Manager, Parks & Open Space Planning, Design & Construction

#### **REGRETS**

Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer

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

#### **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** **Urgent/time sensitive matters only**

#### **1. No Items**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2. No Items

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 3. **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Sustainable Transportation meeting of March 22, 2021, be adopted.*

**CARRIED.**

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

## PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

### 4. **STAC Feedback – Uptown Projects (cycling connection to NWSS, final design Seventh Ave., Sixth St. streetscape) – engagement timing and considerations**

Lisa Leblanc, Manager of Transportation, gave a presentation highlighting:

- Rotary Crosstown Greenway and NWSS connections options engagement
- Uptown project components
- Engagement feedback
- Project schedule

Discussion ensued on:

- Suggestion to include gender lens
- Rotary Crosstown Greenway segment potential impacts include parking availability for athletics teams participating in games at the park during the warmer months
- Businesses in Uptown to be included on list of impacted stakeholders
- Utilize Uptown BIA for engagement process
- Focus discussion on impact around cyclists and accessible cycling infrastructure as opposed to significance of impact on vehicle users
- Consideration of EV charging stations along greenway
- Potential strain on adjacent feeder routes, particularly 6<sup>th</sup> St. and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., and options to adjust turn restrictions

- Landscape beautification, environmental benefits, inclusion in biodiversity strategy, and emphasis on good urban design to ensure it is a good fit within an urban context
- Inclusion of emergency services to ensure feedback is received on potential impacts to emergency access needs
- Obtaining a good understanding of impacts to transit stops and transit users
- Potential to move bus stop that services student at NWSS to a more optimal location, outside the area where the separated bike lanes would be
- Further analysis of impacts on parking changes to businesses in Uptown
- Explore option to utilize lane behind businesses along 6<sup>th</sup> between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for business parking
- Place-making opportunity at NWSS campus
- Produce local events to promote awareness of the project within the community based on same principles as Jane's Walk
- Importance of managing expectations within the community from a financial perspective, and if there is little meaningful financial difference between options, to communicate that through the engagement
- Analyze data from engagement to understand what the primary interests are in each particular project
- Project to move ahead as quickly as possible, with construction during the summer months in 2022 when weather is more favourable

The presentation will be included as Attachment 1

## **5. STAC Feedback – Signalized Intersection Policy – workplan and priority issues**

Lisa Leblanc, Manager of Transportation, gave an update noting:

- Signalized Intersections Policy
- 4 interest areas
- Feedback from Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee

Discussion commenced on:

- Signal wait times for pedestrians:
  - Longer wait times for pedestrians in some municipalities due to prioritizing vehicles

- Do not shorten wait times by speeding up pedestrian crossing
- Barriers to paths of travel may include placement of poles and other infrastructure, damaged sidewalks, alignment of sidewalk and curb letdowns
- Intersection between issues and disability, including pedestrians with mobility aids and those who cannot cross quickly, to be considered in crossing times
- Pedestrian crossing times may include hesitation to ensure turning vehicles are aware of pedestrians in the intersection
- Opportunities for vehicle operator behaviour education and management
- An intersection safety study is conducted every five years and is due for an update in 2021, which analyzes data on crashes to identify high risk locations
- Prioritize infrastructure improvements to significant streets, linking to Great Streets and Greenways policy goals

The presentation will be included as Attachment 2

## 6. Agnes Greenway – project update

Mike Anderson, Transportation Engineer, gave a verbal update for the following:

- Urban Systems Consultants working on conceptual design for the Greenway, working within budget constraints, on priorities identified during March engagement activities
- Second phase of public engagement to take place in June, and will be similar to the first round, utilize the Be Heard platform, and seek input to refine the design
- Plans to re-establish transit route along Merivale St. and Royal Ave. in coming weeks
  - Some re-design of temporary Greenway activations to be completed to accommodate 2-way cycling on portions
- Re-engagement requests have been sent to staff at the Province to work towards a mutually agreeable solution on challenges with Lorne St. connection section
- Staff will respond to letter of concern from lawyer on Agnes St. that was addressed to Counselor McEvoy

Discussion included:

- Opportunity to widen the stairway connection to Lorne St. to accommodate larger bikes

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7. No Items**

**NEXT MEETING**

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

Date:		May 31, 2021
Time:		1:30pm
Location:		Zoom

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION**, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

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**MAYOR COTE**  
**CHAIR**

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**MEGAN JONES**  
**RECORDNG SECRETARY**