

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE MINUTES

**Monday, July 25, 2022
Meeting Held Electronically**

PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Cote, Chair
Councilor Patrick Johnstone
Councilor Jaimie McEvoy

STAFF:

Mike Anderson, Acting Manager of Transportation
Robert Boyd, Staff Sergeant, New Westminster Police Department
Gavin Hermanson, Transportation Planner 1, Engineering Services
Lisa Leblanc, Director of Engineering Services
Erika Mashig, Manager, Parks and Open Spaces Planning, Design and Construction
Denise Tambellini, Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Erica Tiffany, Senior Transportation Planner, Engineering Services
Harji Varn, Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Minute Taker: Mersiha Besic, Engineering Records Coordinator

GUESTS:

Brian Patterson, Active Transportation Lead, Urban Systems
Mitchell Reardon, Happy Cities

ABSENT:

Emilie Adin, Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Cote opened the meeting at 1:01 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. He acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. He recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Gavin Hermanson, Transportation Planner 1, Engineering Services

Mitchell Reardon, Happy Cities

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No Items.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Sustainable Transportation Task Force meeting held June 14, 2022 be adopted

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Belmont Plaza

Mike Anderson, Manager of Transportation, and Mitchell Reardon, Happy Cities, gave a presentation highlighting:

- Project Overview
- Project Timeline
- Project Risks
- Engagement and Stakeholders
- Public Life Study Findings
- Co-design Session 1

Discussion continued on:

- Delivery, loading and emergency access.
- Continual litter of cigarette butts and fast food packaging despite Engineering Operations daily cleanup and garbage/recycling receptacles.
- Design should be reflective of the Community – for example: indication that the space is welcoming and inclusive of all – accessibility, LGBTQ2, colorful for youth, caring for the space and encouraging others to do so.
- Option to move smoking area off of the sidewalk and addition of more ashtrays to enable a more accessible sidewalk.

- Options for use of the vacant lot across Belmont St from the Tim Horton's.
- Community engagement.
- Uptown Business Association is interested in using the area for programming space. Need to determine when and how.
- Freshening up the site – the Community wants and is using the site as a public realm space.

Direction/Action:

- Discussion with Emergency Services and owner of vacant property.
- Discussion with CAPD staff to determine whether restricted access would hinder the development of the empty lot.
- Short term actions:
 - work on the basics for social and private seating areas
 - shade options for extreme weather

5.2 City Wide Active Transportation Network Plan

Mike Anderson, Manager of Transportation and Brian Patterson, Urban Systems, gave a presentation highlighting:

- Study Update
- Feasibility Review and Recommendations
- Design Guidelines Overview
- Next Steps

Discussion continued on:

- How to ensure this becomes an action-oriented plan for implementation
- Bundling projects together based on priority or phasing to aid in future Council decision making

Action/Direction:

- Present draft plan to Council in the Fall of 2022

5.3 Master Transportation Plan Update

Gavin Hermanson, Transportation Planner 1, gave a presentation highlighting:

- Project Background
- Key Developments

- New Mobility Options
- Curbside Management

Action/Direction:

- Embed updates into the Master Transportation Plan
- Provide report to Council in Fall of 2022.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No Items.

7. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES

No Items.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No Items.

9. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 2:35pm.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Remaining scheduled meetings for 2022, which take place at 1:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted:

- December 5

MAYOR COTE
CHAIR

MERSIHA BESIC
RECORDING SECRETARY