

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE MINUTES

Monday, February 6, 2023

**Meeting held electronically and open to public attendance
Council Chamber, City Hall**

PRESENT:

Mayor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Daniel Fontaine
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa

STAFF:

Mike Anderson, Manager of Transportation
Lisa Leblanc, Director of Engineering Services
Jackie Teed, Acting Director of Climate Action, Planning and Development
Harji Varn, Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Erica Tiffany, Senior Transportation Planner
Michael Leong, Transportation Planning Engineer
Gavin Hermanson, Transportation Planner
Dean Gibson, Director of Parks & Recreation
Erika Mashig, Manager, Parks and Open Space Planning, Design and Construction

ABSENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Johnstone opened the meeting at 3:15 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

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 on July 25, 2022, be adopted.

Carried.

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Staff and guest reports and presentations for information, discussion, and/or action

5.1 **Zoning By-law Sustainable Transportation Amendments**

Erica Tiffany, Senior Transportation Planner, and Gavin Hermanson, Transportation Planner, gave a presentation highlighting:

- Work stages and what's been completed
- Objectives
- Approach
- Findings of data analysis
- Recommendations
- Next steps

Discussion continued on:

- Need to reconcile that the pattern of concentrating high-density uses primarily on major corridors with frequent transit has health implications for residents
- Conflicts in allocation of curb space from public to private space related to patios and parklets
- Clarification from staff on changes to TDM mandatory requirements for developers with proposed by-law amendments
- Clarification on interim steps for managing curb space in relation to next steps
- Incentivizing behaviour change through this by-law
- City's approach to curbside management and hierarchy of usage
- Future trends in public transit usage and automobile sales and how pandemic has affected/will affect those trends

- Opportunities to utilize data from other entities to help inform future reports

5.2 Queensborough Transportation Plan Update

Erica Tiffany, Senior Transportation Planner and Gavin Hermanson, Transportation Planner, provided a presentation that noted:

- Key policies and Directions
- Key Objectives
- Phases
- Areas of Focus
- Jurisdictional Contexts
- Transportation Plan Deliverables
- Community Survey & Existing Conditions – Key Findings
- Ultimate Outcomes
- Questions for STTF

Discussion commenced on:

- Opportunities to increase sample size and demographic data from public surveys
- Increased data points on internal trips between mainland and Queensborough
- Prioritizing access to NWSS
- Integrating the Q to Q ferry
- Coordination with staff from MOTI to address concerns with Highway 91A Interchange
- Address connecting sidewalk network in Queensborough
- Challenges with Census journey-to-work data
- Consider how to integrate Queensborough Transportation Plan with Hamilton (Richmond) and Annacis Island (Delta)

5.3 Bus Speed and Reliability Study

Michael Leong, Transportation Planning Engineer and Mike Anderson, Manager of Transportation presented the following:

- Bus Speed & Reliability Program Overview
- Potential Measures
- Bus Speed & Reliability Study
- Questions for STTF

The attendees discussed:

- Taking advantage of funding available from TransLink to produce future studies and reports
- Costs associated with conducting studies

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 4:52 p.m.

10. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Remaining scheduled meetings for 2023, which take place at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise noted:

- May 1