

## **Mayor's Task Force on Transportation**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Mandate:**

The Mayor's Task Force on Transportation will provide recommendations and strategic advice to City Council on regional transportation matters and establish a plan of action to implement the City's Master Transportation Plan (MTP). Within the context of the Metro Vancouver Regional Growth Strategy, the City's Official Community Plan and Sustainability Framework "Envision 2032", the Task Force will establish an implementation plan that identifies and prioritizes short and long-term objectives with measurable results and outcomes that can be monitored over time.

The Task Force will:

1. Examine other municipal, regional, provincial and federal transportation plans and initiatives that may impact the City i.e., TransLink's Regional Goods Movement Strategy, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation's Vision and 10-Year Investment Plan, the Provincial BC On the Move Plan and the Federal Asia Pacific Gateway program;
2. Review the implementation strategy identified within the Master Transportation Plan in order to prioritize the stated goals, objectives and actions, ensuring that sufficient resources and sustainable funding exists for their successful implementation;
3. Establish a clear strategy for engaging external agencies, local and senior levels of government and stakeholder organizations in achieving the short and long-term truck route network identified in the MTP;
4. Identify the potential impacts on the City of the proposed rehabilitation and planned replacement of the Pattullo Bridge, and establish an appropriate mitigation strategy;
5. Identify the potential impacts on the City of the proposed replacement and reconfiguration of the Brunette Interchange on Highway 1;
6. Research best practices for mobility pricing that are supportive of sustainable transportation practices that can be applied within the Metro Vancouver region;
7. Examine best practices for traffic enforcement and road safety, and advise on their applicability to the City;
8. Examine best practices for intelligent systems for traffic management in conjunction with the City's intelligent cities initiative.

## **Background:**

The City's Master Transportation Plan, adopted by City Council on September 21, 2014, established the following vision:

*New Westminster's **multi-modal** transportation system will support the development of a **compact, sustainable and resilient** community maintaining the City's role as an important historic centre and economic hub within the region, while ensuring that New Westminster's diverse neighbourhoods are **healthy, active, livable and vibrant**.*

Six goals have been identified in support of achieving this vision:

1. **Mobility and Access** – Provide residents, employees and visitors with convenient access to their needs;
2. **Health and Safety** – Promote and support a healthy and safe community;
3. **Social Diversity** – Support the diverse social needs of the community;
4. **Sense of Place and Social Cohesion** – Create high quality streets and places that provide a strong sense of place and strengthen social connections;
5. **Land Use and Transportation Integration** – Direct density and growth to compact, attractive, neighbourhoods, with a mixture of housing types and commercial areas that support transit, walking and cycling; and
6. **Sustainable Transportation System** - Manage the impacts of the transportation system.

In addition to the vision and six strategic goals, there are four targets identified in the Master Transportation Plan. These targets provide an effective way to measure progress over time towards achieving the goals and vision. The four targets are:

1. **Increase Sustainable Transportation** – Achieve 50% mode share for sustainable modes (walking, cycling and transit) by 2031, and 60% by 2041;
2. **No Additional Increase in Regional Through Traffic** – Limit growth in car and truck trips without an origin or destination within the City;
3. **Reduce Distances Driven** – Reduce average car trip lengths by one-third from about 10 km to 6.5 km per person per day by 2041; and
4. **Increase Safety** – no traffic related fatalities in any given year.

## **Task Force Members:**

The Task Force will be comprised of the following:

- Mayor;
- Two Members of Council;
- Director of Engineering Services;

- Director of Development Services;
- Manager of Infrastructure Planning;
- Manager of Strategic Priorities and Sustainability;
- Transportation Engineer;
- Representative from NW Police Service;

The Task Force will be supported by staff from the Engineering Department, Development Services Department, the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, and the New Westminster Police Service. The Director of Engineering Services will be the primary staff contact.

It is anticipated that direct liaison will be required with Metro Vancouver, TransLink, BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Transport Canada, Port Metro Vancouver, and other local governments as well as with other key regional transportation stakeholders.

Input may also be sought from other Advisory Committees to City Council including the Active Transportation, Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee, Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee, Access Ability Advisory Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, and the Intelligent City Advisory Committee.

The Task Force may retain the services of specialist consultants where necessary and may conduct public surveys or engage in public consultation in carrying out its work.

### **Timeline:**

The Task Force will meet monthly and provide semi-annual reports to City Council. It is anticipated that the Task Force will establish a minimum 24 month work plan which will be included in the first semi-annual report. Subsequent reports will be based on the adopted work plan or dictated by the need for specific action or intervention as required.

### **Budget:**

The Task Force will identify budgetary resources required to conduct its work plan and to carry out its recommended implementation plan.