

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**NOTES****Wednesday, March 1, 2023****Meeting held electronically and in Committee Room 2
City Hall****PRESENT**

Mayor Patrick Johnstone
Alice Cavanagh
Matthew Chan
Spencer Gillis*
Vic Leach

Chair
Representative, Business Community
Person with Professional or Technical Expertise
Community Member
Representative, Local Pedestrian Advocacy
Organization
Representative, Indigenous Community

Randi Poitras*

REGRETS

Dan Hawke

Person who Walks, Uses Transit, or Cycles as Part of
their Daily Mode of Transportation

Asifa Lalji

Person with Lived Experience of Navigating the City's
Transportation Network with Physical or Cognitive
Barriers

Iain Lancaster

Representative, School District 40 or DPAC

Tanushree Pillai

Person who Walks, Uses Transit, or Cycles as Part of
their Daily Mode of Transportation

Arshdeep Singh

Community Member

Peter Valbonesi

Person with Lived Experience of Navigating the City's
Transportation Network with Physical or Cognitive
Barriers

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Anderson

Manager of Transportation

Michael Leong

Transportation Planning Engineer

Erica Tiffany

Senior Transportation Planner

Katie Stobbart

Committee Clerk

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*Denotes electronic attendance

Procedural Note: As Matthew Chan declared a conflict of interest for item 5.1, he did not constitute part of quorum nor did he vote on any items at this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Patrick Johnstone opened the meeting at 5:40 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.

Procedural Note: As there was no quorum, the meeting proceeded for information only.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ICEBREAKERS

The Committee proceeded with a round of introductions, responding in turn to the icebreaker question, "What is your favourite city space (any city)?"

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of July 6, 2022

As there was no quorum, the minutes were not adopted.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Bus Speed and Reliability Study

Matthew Chan, Project Manager, Parsons, provided a presentation titled "Bus Speed & Reliability Study."

In response to questions from the Committee, Michael Leong, Transportation Planning Engineer, and Mr. Chan advised:

- There is much information from Translink to tell how delays are measured, using uncongested periods as a baseline;
- There are spaces that buses should not move through quickly, e.g. pedestrian-priority areas. There will be a workshop with City staff to ensure the areas identified make sense to improve bus speed and reliability; and
- The distance between bus stops depends on the grade, what rest areas are available in between, and other criteria also found in Translink's Bus Infrastructure Design Guidelines.

The Committee had the following comments:

- Specific areas that should be identified for improved bus speed and reliability include Queensborough / Queensborough Bridge, Sixth Street in Uptown;
- Bus stop balancing (removing and/or relocating stops) can affect accessibility, particularly with the hills in New West;
- On the Sixth Street corridor with the high school, would like to look at impacts of the high school on bus reliability.

5.2 Queensborough Transportation Plan

Erica Tiffany, Senior Transportation Planner, provided a presentation titled "Queensborough Transportation Plan."

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Tiffany advised:

- The round 1 engagement summary findings and comments have been provided to the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure;
- Aside from collision data, staff are not aware of any regional measurements of the downstream effect of those collisions, i.e. pressure on the remaining bridges when one is closed;
- Staff are currently trying to assess how many NWSS students live in Queensborough, which would be a step toward finding out how many car trips would be eliminated if there was reliable transit from there to school; and
- Phase 2 of the study will present options and opportunities to improve sustainable transportation within Queensborough, as well as access from Queensborough to the mainland.

In discussion, the Committee noted that currently people choose to drive further and to other cities to visit some amenities because it is less convenient to go to Queensborough.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There were no items.

7. **STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES**

There were no items.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items.

9. **END OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 6:49 p.m.

10. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The next meeting is to be determined.