



SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

**Meeting held electronically and in Committee Room 2
City Hall**

PRESENT

Mayor Patrick Johnstone	Chair
Alice Cavanagh	Representative, Business Community
Matthew Chan	Person with Professional or Technical Expertise
Spencer Gillis*	Community Member
Vic Leach	Representative, Local Pedestrian Advocacy Organization
Randi Poitras*	Representative, Indigenous Community

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

*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.