



Transportation Committee Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010
Time: 10:15 a.m.

Present:

Chair - Councillor Bose
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Rasode

Absent:

Mayor Watts
P. Bellefontaine, Transportation
Engineer

Staff Present:

J. Boan, Transportation Manager
V. Lalonde, General Manager, Engineering
S. Petrovic, Traffic Operations Manager
N. Dyrbye, Legislative Services

Guests:

Elizabeth Model, Downtown
Surrey BIA

Quorum was not established at the start of the meeting.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

No minutes to be adopted.

B. DELEGATIONS

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Review Median Road Projects

- (a) **96th Avenue: 152nd Street to 176th Street**
File No. 5400-80

The following comments were made:

- This is a large project that has cost a total of \$28.7 million with \$8 million coming from federal funding.
- Raised medians are being used on this corridor to improve safety, but features are being planned, where possible, to enable reasonable vehicular access for properties.
- A variety of pedestrian crossing measures will be implemented to facilitate walking including crosswalks, 'sheeps pen', and signals.
- Staff reviewed all of the key elements of the drawings, the Transportation Committee members indicated support for the direction staff was taking.

Councillor Rasode arrived at the meeting at 10:31 a.m. and quorum was established.

(b) **132nd Street: 62B Avenue to 64th Avenue**
File No. 5400-80

The following comments were made:

- The need for this project arose from the new high school that fronts this section of 132nd Street.
- In order to safely accommodate the left turn demands at the school and at 64th Avenue, raised median is required for the full length of the project. This unfortunately results in restricting a number of homes to right-in/right out to 132nd Street.
- The Committee acknowledged the issues and understood the need for the median to ensure safe operation of the street.

(c) **164th Street Alignment: 16th Avenue to 24th Avenue – Status Update**
File No.: 5400 - 80

The following comments were made:

- Staff have met with the developers and conducted additional studies and review of the area.
- The recommended alignment north of 20th Avenue will be fundamentally the same as in the NCP but with a slight adjustment to the west.
- South of 20th Avenue, the alignment would shift east to tie back into the existing 164th Street alignment.
- The alignment south of 18th Avenue is still under review but will be based on the necessary intersection spacing from the future 16th Avenue/Highway 99 interchange to allow the BC Hydro area to be incorporated into the development.

It was
items C.1(a) and C.1(b) for information.
Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rasode
That the Transportation Committee receive
Carried

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was
recommend that Council endorse the proposed realignment of 164th Street north of 18th Avenue.
Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the Transportation Committee
Carried

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Surrey Olympic Transportation Plan**

File No. 8630-01

The following comments were made:

- There are not going to be large events in Surrey like there will be in Richmond and Vancouver, but there will be a celebration site at Holland Park and there will be many users traveling through the City. It is hard to determine exactly what the impact to Surrey will be during this time.
- Approximately 25% of the ticket holders for events are people originating south of the Fraser.
- With respect to transportation, the primary Skytrain station will be the Scott Road Station. There will be various transit improvements including:
 - Additional Skytrain cars;
 - Extended Skytrain hours of operation on Expo Line to 2 a.m.;
 - Enhanced NightBus system;
 - Additional 'on demand' buses – 12 operating from City Centre; and
 - Additional TransLink staffing at stations with 'hosts' providing information and advice.
- Respecting parking, there will be additional parking provided during the Games at Scott Road Station, University Drive, Surrey Central Mall, Newton Town Centre and private off street parking in various locations.
- Parking enforcement will be 'fair and reasonable' but not a 'free for all'. There will be on-street signing of restrictions with safety and security of the utmost importance. A 'soft hand' approach will be used during this time.
- With respect to roadwork in the City, there will be restrictions as to the work hours to accommodate the increase in traffic congestion.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Suggestion was made to change the wording to Surrey 'need not' as opposed to 'cannot' adopt the same approach as Vancouver.
- Suggestion was made to try to coordinate with school busses in the area to see whether they can provide a shuttle service and whether the taxi companies can provide some assistance.

2. **Proposed joint SFU/City of Surrey Transportation Course**

File No. 8630-01

The following comments were made:

- Surrey is looking to partner with SFU to provide a Transportation Lecture Program that will be offered starting September, 2010.
- The purpose and background behind bringing this program to Surrey is that:

- Transportation is a key issue with the public;
 - Component of overall strategy to better inform and engage the public;
 - Reduce 'single issue' debates in front of Council;
 - Stimulate public interest, improve understanding and engage in 'smart' dialogue;
 - Engage community and stakeholders – educate and inform;
 - Broaden public understanding of Transportation challenges, strategies and opportunities;
 - Challenge and change perceptions;
 - Create informed advocates for smart or sustainable transportation and planning; and
 - Improve profile/status for CoS.
- There are a lot of community groups that are interested in transportation and staff feels that there is a latent demand for people who want to be actively involved in transportation issues.
 - This course is based on the 'Portland Model' and will cost approximately \$5,000 - \$10,000. There will be keynote speakers on various topics including staff from the City.

The Committee made the following comments:

- It would be nice to see the local press set up a means to make contributions to this partnership.
- Suggestion was made that the City put some money into ensuring that we can get top notch speakers on various topics available for this course.

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Bose

That the Transportation Committee

endorses the proposed City of Surrey/SFU Transportation Lecture Program.

Carried

3. **Traffic Control Center Presentation and Tour of Facility**

File No. 8630-01

The following comments were made:

- Surrey is fast becoming a leader in British Columbia with respect to our new ITS initiatives. We currently have a small Traffic Control Centre (TCC), but are working on plans for a full TCC for the new City Hall. This will allow staff to fully manage the signal system in real time thereby optimizing the usage of our street network.

Councillor Bose left the meeting at 11:19 a.m. and quorum was lost. Councillor Hunt took over as Chairperson.

- The technologies being used consist primarily of signal coordination, automated traffic counts, CCTV cameras and full detection signals with radio communication to the TCC.

Councillor Bose returned to the meeting at 11:21 a.m. and quorum was once again established. Councillor Bose resumed the role of Chairperson.

- There is potential for the planned TCC to accommodate the Fire Department, Ambulance and RCMP to coordinate emergency response and special event management by sharing one integrated centre.

Councillor Hunt left the meeting at 11:27 a.m. and quorum was lost.

- The five year vision for the Traffic Control Centre includes:
 - Expansion for new City Hall which will require additional and enhanced equipment fully monitored by staff;
 - Monitoring and managing traffic signals on the major road network from 06:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs; and
 - Staged approach to implementation.
- The future ITS investment plan includes:
 - 15 – 20 new CCTV cameras annually. Minimum 100 critical locations/intersections planned;
 - Upgrading signal system to enable automatic traffic counts at all signalized intersections;
 - Additional funding necessary to develop and operate ITS and improve road network performance:
 - Capital - \$1.5 million field equipment; \$1 million TCC; and
 - Operating - \$0.25 million per year – 3 new positions and \$0.50 million per year – maintain/replace equipment.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Friends of Bear Creek Park
File No. 5400-80

Email requesting to reappear as Delegates concerning the Bear Creek Park road allowance.

The following comments were made:

- This issue is still premature to deal with being that staff still needs to re-look at all the options once the impacts and benefits of the Highway 1 and SFPR are known and have a public consultation on the matter following this.
- The Friends of Bear Creek Park should be encouraged to participate in the process and could be invited back to the Committee once the process has progressed further.

Councillor Bose requested staff to draft a letter to the Friends of Bear Creek Park for his signature.

2. Pattullo Bridge

The following comments were made:

- Staff have met with the representatives for the Pattullo Bridge project recently. They are looking to move forward quite quickly with the project with the reference concept going to procurement as soon as one year from now.
- The group inquired as to whether the Transportation Committee would be interested in a presentation prior to the project going forward to Council.

The Committee made the following comments:

- The Committee would be interested in having a presentation from the group concerning the Pattullo Bridge project at the March, 2010 meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Executive Boardroom.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Bose, Chair
Transportation Committee