

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Present:Councillor Gill – Chairperson
Councillor Rasode**Absent:**Councillor Hunt
Councillor Steele**Staff Present:**V. Lalonde, General Manager, Engineering
J. Boan, Transportation Manager, Engineering
P. Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Manager, Engineering
P. Lee, Rapid Transit & Strategic Projects Manager, Engineering
O. Croy, Parks Division Manager
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services**Guests:**Alex Stuart
Steve Paul
Surinder S. Jabal
Baldev S. Kalsi**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the April 16, 2012 meeting to be adopted.

It was

Moved by Councillor Rasode

Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the minutes of the Transportation

Committee meeting held on April 16, 2012 be received.

Carried**B. DELEGATIONS**

1. **My Safe Ride Home – Alex Stuart**

Alex Stuart provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee regarding the "My Safe Ride Home" program.

The delegation is seeking endorsement of the My Safe Home Program in-principle, to be piloted in the City of Surrey with a range of stakeholder groups.

The delegation made the following additional comments:

- A presentation was provided to the Province to initiate a Public Private Partnership (PPP). A PPP would conduct evidence based studies to be overseen by the BC Centre for safe school and communities, the BC Centres for Social Responsibility and community Stakeholder groups, including the City of Surrey and SD#36.

The Committee made the following comments:

- If a \$20.00 card is purchased and a person takes a \$5.00 trip, then the remaining \$15.00 is lost. The delegation noted that the remaining money goes back "into the pot" and is available for use on programs identified by the City.
- It was questioned how the model works, where the money goes, and how the balance or utilization is divided up. The delegation noted that 15% is

administrative costs and an example is, the University of Fraser Valley, the money that was generated by students was held in trust for a year.

- The card is valid for one year. If it expires and the card has not been used, the unspent money would be available to the city to invest in programs. Everything is completely transparent.
- The committee asked how drivers are trained in risk management. The delegation commented that the educating side is crucial, from certification of a cab, to the drivers and dispatchers.
- The delegation noted that if the program is used as designed, it enables people to arrive home safely. The program provides a ride and gets a person out of a potential dangerous situation. It is about risk prevention.
- 609 students used the card at the University of Fraser Valley. It is unknown how the cards were used due to privacy reasons.
- There are different applications of the card; however, it is built in such a way that a person can be picked up in a timely fashion.
- The Committee noted that they had some concerns with the proposal but would discuss it further with staff.

2. 140 Street at 8300 Block – Mr. Kalsi/Mr. Kumar

Mr. Kalsi and Mr. Kumar made a presentation to the Committee outlining various concerns; lack of parking, left turn access in and out of the Sikh Gurdwara and Mandir Hindu Temple on 140 Street and bus shelters for bus stops on 140 Street.

The delegation requested that:

1. the Committee recommend that the land underneath the hydro transmission lines between the temple and Gurdwara, be developed to accommodate a 250 space parking lot. The delegation noted that there is an increased need for parking and the proposed land is ideal due to the hydro lines overhead which limit the use of the land. The delegation proposed a 50/50 cost share between the City and two organizations with the City providing the land, the societies developing the lot and both cost sharing the maintenance.
2. the Committee recommend the City review two options for a left turn in and out of the two facilities. The first option is a left turn in and out from the parking lot on 140 Street. The second option would be to extend the existing 84 Avenue a few hundred feet to give the access for the proposed parking lot via 84 Avenue.
3. bus shelters be installed on both sides of 140 Street to accommodate transit users during winter and in the rain.

Staff provided the following comments:

- There is a potential alternative access behind the Gurdwara and Church connecting at 84 Avenue and 140 Street.
- The temple requested a crosswalk on 140 Street. Assessments were completed at the time periods advised by the temple and it was determined that a crosswalk was not warranted. A new pedestrian crossing will be provided in

conjunction with a Greenway Project scheduled for construction in the Fall 2012 or early 2013.

- Staff supports a relocated left turn access to the temple with the continued expectation that the temple funds 100% of costs. Staff advised the Committee that the park land directly to the west of the Gurdwara had been suggested for potential parking use; however, the land was previously expropriated by the City from former owners for park purposes only.
- Council has previously given approval to construct a maximum 100 space parking lot on land beneath the hydro lines.
- As the City and Park have no need for additional parking, staff felt the parking expansion could be supported, but only if it is based on:
 - a market lease rate
 - construction and maintenance of parking facility, and
 - an understanding that no further parking expansion would be supported.

Narinda Joyal (resident at 14028 82nd Avenue) made a presentation to the Committee requesting that the medians on 140 Street be removed to allow left turns into and out of 82 Avenue.

- Residents of the 82 Avenue cul-de-sac have vocalized their issues and have submitted a petition to the City for access to a left turn on to 82 Avenue. Some residents are prepared to share some of the costs for a left turn. Staff noted there are 16 houses on 82 Avenue and the petition incorporates 7 households. It is not yet determined if all 16 houses are supportive of funding the left turn access. Historically, the City could not support the request due to the approval of a left turn to the temple on the west side of 140 Street. 82 Avenue was developed after the temple and median was constructed.

Staff provided the following comments:

- It was recommended that the left turn access into 82 Avenue would be appropriate to have undertaken through the Local Area Service (LAS) program with residents covering 100% of the cost.
- Staff raised concern about the left out from 82 Avenue on the basis of safety.

Next Steps:

- The Committee supported staff recommendations and asked that staff work with the delegations to achieve the left turn lanes and parking on that basis.
- Staff will bring back an update to the Committee at a future meeting.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. 32 Avenue Update File No. 5400-80-03200

The Manager of Transportation provided an update on 32 Avenue to the Committee.

Staff made the following comments:

- TransLink is moving forward with their review of the request to remove 32nd Avenue as a truck route.
- Stakeholder consultations have been undertaken by TransLink with City staff in attendance. A further stakeholder meeting is planned and staff will continue to provide further updates.
- The desire of local residents is to not have 32 Avenue widened to 4 lanes. While the TransLink review is underway, the planned widening project has been put on hold. It is noted by staff that the pavement conditions are deteriorating. It had been planned to repave 32 Avenue in conjunction with the road widening. But in the interim, until such time a decision has been reached on the widening of 32 Avenue, a regime of crack sealing and patching will be undertaken.
- If 32 Avenue were widened, staff would look at special pavement to reduce noise and manholes would be built very level with the pavement.

2. Pattullo Bridge Update

The Manager of Rapid Transit and Strategic Projects provided an update on the Pattullo Bridge project to the Committee.

Staff made the following comments:

- On May 3, the City of New Westminster held a public open house at the Justice Institute. The majority of the residents in attendance opposed the project and the project is now on hold.
- The Surrey Board of Trade, in partnership with the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce, held a meeting on May 24 to obtain the input of local businesses on the Pattullo Bridge project. At this point, staff and/or Councillors will be attending.
- Council questioned if it had been presented clearly that the bridge is actually at a point of being unsafe. Staff noted that it has been characterized that the bridge is deteriorating and there are safety concerns.
- TransLink is still considering tolling for the bridge which is a significant issue for Surrey. Surrey will continue to press for an equitable regional tolling strategy.
- Staff will conduct before and after studies on the effect of tolling of the new Port Mann Bridge, scheduled to be open in December 2012, on the local street system in Surrey.

3. Rapid Transit Update

File No. 8630-01

The Manager of Rapid Transit and Strategic Projects provided an update to the Committee on Rapid Transit in Surrey.

Staff made the following comments:

- Staff is in the process of working with TransLink to conclude Phase 2 of the Surrey Rapid Transit Study. Surrey remains consistent with the position that the long term goal of having LRT on all three of the South of Fraser rapid transit corridors

- Staff noted it is a critical juncture in wrapping up Phase 2 and embarking in a timely manner onto Phase 3 of the study where preliminary design and implementation plans can be prepared.
- Further dialogue with TransLink will be in order if Phase 2 findings preclude LRT on any of the three rapid transit corridors.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2011 Report on Transportation in Surrey

The Transportation Manager provided a presentation to the Committee on the 2011 Report on Transportation in Surrey.

This is the second Report on Transportation with another successful program of projects and initiatives promoted to plan for future needs and challenges, manage and improve the efficiency and safety of transportation, build infrastructure and educate inform and engage the public. Collectively these contribute to the success of the City.

- With the growing maturity of the City, the amount and complexity of transportation demands are growing – an accompanying increase in resources has been and will continue to be necessary.
- Completion of major infrastructure projects and implementation of other projects.
- Staff continuing to undertake review of needs, costs and organizational changes to better advise on future transportation funding needs and maintain high quality service delivery.

The “Report Card” on Transportation in Surrey is planned to be presented to Council in July. It will include:

- Updates on progress on "Actions for Change" identified within the Transportation Strategic Plan.
- Reports on the delivery of other programs, projects and initiatives
- Introductions to some of the next steps and new initiatives for future years

Future progress and success will be communicated to Mayor and Council, other stakeholders and citizens by:

- Further Report Cards
- New forms of promotion of Transportation/City achievements using web-based media and the local press

2. Transportation Engagement

The Manager of Transportation Planning provided a report to the Committee on Transportation Engagement & Raising the City Profile.

Staff made the following comments:

- There have been significant changes in how the City engages with the public and other stakeholders. New tools and approaches for engagement and promotion are being used.

Engagement

- There is on-going engagement with stakeholders/community communication consisting of:
 - Traditional consultation approaches such as open houses, committee meetings and so on. Staff is continuously looking at new way to engage and communicate with citizens and stakeholders.
 - In the last two years, Surrey has developed a much stronger relationship with Surrey City Board of Trade and the BIA
 - The City's website is constantly being improved with a new dedicated transit page as well as "live" pages (intersection cameras and real time traffic volume data)

City Profile

- Surrey staff took the opportunity to actively participate in the Walk 21 conference held in Vancouver in October, 2011. The "walkshop" of City Centre included a SkyTrain trip and presentation on the Safe & Active Schools Program.
- Surrey presented the Cycling Plan at the Association of Commuter Transportation conference and had a special session with an expert on TDM from the UK.

City Recognition

- VACC – recognized the Library project as Surrey's most bike-able building (current City Hall a runner-up project)
- HASTE – The Toronto based organization has been showcasing Surrey across Canada as a successful model for school travel planning
- ITE – requested to present Surrey's Walking Plan at the Greater Vancouver Section meeting
- A Surrey staff member was awarded "Outstanding Professional of the Year"

Future Initiatives include:

- June - VeloCity Conference (Surrey will providing presentation and hosting a cycling tour)
- Focus Groups on key transportation issues Telephone Surveys
- Updates to information on Transportation website to public ease of understanding of important documents and maps
- Use of social media

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Letter to TransLink re: B-line buses

The Mayor sent a letter to TransLink re: delay on the B-line bus. The Committee will write a similar letter cc'ing a copy to the MLA

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Transportation Committee will be held on **Monday, June 18, 2012** in the Executive Boardroom.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The Transportation Committee meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill Chair