

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Present:

Chair - Councillor Gill
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Hunt
Seniors Liaison: Councillor Steele

Absent:**Staff Present:**

J. Boan, Transportation Manager
V. Lalonde, Engineer Manager
P. Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Mgr.
P. Lee, Rapid Transit & Strategic Projects Mgr.
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

Guests:

Michel Touzard, Surrey CiTI
David Walters
Steve Burke, Surrey CiTI
Marisa Espinosa, TransLink

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the January 21, 2012 meeting to be adopted.

It was

Moved by Councillor Steele

Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the minutes of the Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee meeting held on January 21, 2013 be received.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

The agenda was varied.

2. **Marisa Espinosa, TransLink**

In attendance to provide an update on transit items affecting Surrey:

**Highway 1 Port Mann Express Service (#555 and proposal for stop on
Highway 1):**

- Service design: Frequent, fast, reliable service targeting commuter market; 10 minute peak, 30 minute off-peak.
- Market: Servicing Carvolth Park and Ride to the Skytrain at Braid. Service will be extended to Lougheed when the infrastructure is in place.
- Infrastructure: provided by Transportation Infrastructure Corporation (TI Corp) through Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI)
- Service: Provided by TransLink through CMBC.
- Connection for #555 connecting Highway 1 at 156 Street was not part of the original Highway 1 service design.

- Safety and accessibility improvements are required to have a stop at the Highway 1 off ramp. TransLink is looking at options and at potential impacts to bus run times.
- The market demand for this location is uncertain.
- TransLink have been working with City staff on infrastructure improvements required to achieve a safe stop.
- If a connection proceeds, investments in full passenger amenities are recommended.
- Approval from TI Corp/MOTI is required before the stop can be implemented.
- Project funding needs to be determined.

Discussion ensued and the following comments were made:

- A pilot project approach could be undertaken to gauge the demand.
TransLink noted that they are looking at different levels of amenity but initially there does not appear to be a significant cost differential, between moderate and more accessible versions.
- Staff is working with TI Corp and TransLink to come up with a design that is very efficient. Drawings have been sent off to TransLink for review and will be brought to a future TIC meeting. The City has done as much as possible to advance this project.
- Staff identified that at this time, TransLink are not planning to contribute funding for the stop. TI Corp has also indicated that they have no funding for this stop.

156 Street / 104 Avenue: Overwaitea Development Proposal

- The proposed development at this site provides an opportunity to consider better integration of future transit service and facilities with supporting land uses.
- The key objective is to find a solution that serves the transportation needs and balances impacts on the development.
- Transit layover and pick up/drop off alternatives have been identified and are being evaluated in partnership with City staff.

Discussion ensued and the Committee made the following comments:

- The developer suggested that the requirements stated by TransLink are not viable. It was questioned what work has been done since this issue has been brought forward. TransLink noted that since the previous development application in 2007, there have been a number of changes to local services. TransLink has been able to significantly downscale the transit requirements which were acknowledged as being significant for the development. The bus layover number is now estimated to be six which is a significant reduction from the 15 in the previous review. A review of pick up and drop off will also be undertaken.
- Good work has been done in trying to find a balance between supporting transit services at this site plus the benefits that transit will have to the

development without overly encumbering the site and impacting development potential.

- The development of this smaller transit facility supports a model of developing a number of bus exchanges as is the case in downtown Vancouver.

1. Joe Lemaisurier

In attendance to provide a report on concerns re: Truck Traffic on 124 Street and 113 Avenue (Bridgeview area).

The delegation represented residents from different streets and roads in the Bridgeview area. A proposal for a truck permit at 12305 – 124 Street has been submitted to the City and the delegation requested that the City do not consider a truck park in that area. The delegation reported the following concerns:

The following comments were provided by the delegation:

- The trucks are damaging the roads and homes and are a danger to the children in the neighbourhood. There are many children on 113 Avenue and there are approximately 30 trucks per hour using these roads. Trucks have to back across 124 Street and back in to the lot which is a safety concern.
- The houses shake when the trucks pass by and the noise is a disturbance when trucks use the engine brake.
- There is a truck park off of 114th Avenue and the trucks utilizing that lot have been seen by residents dumping concrete on 112A Avenue and 124 Street.
- There are currently trailers on the proposed truck parking property (11305 – 124 Street). All the trees have been taken out without permits. Only stumps remain. Several fires have also been reported on the property.
- 4-5 containers are currently being stored on the property.
- A person was reported digging near a water line without a permit.
- The lot that is now permitted as a truck park for 30 trucks and trailers has posted signs on the front gate which indicate there are 3 businesses operating inside the gates. One of the businesses is an auto wrecker that buys salvaged vehicles.
- There are people on bicycles selling scrap metal at this lot. Since the building of the South Fraser Perimeter Road started, access to all the other streets has been cut-off. There is only one exit to Bridgeview Way.

Staff noted the following:

- Access to the SFPR is expected to be re-opened before the end of 2013.
- Staff undertook a site visit to assess the situation and on the day of the visit, the trucks must have received warning because they were re-routed off of 114th Avenue.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Surrey By-laws and Licencing Section needs to ensure that everyone in that area is licensed properly.
- A referral should be made to the Metal Theft Committee to address people purchasing salvaged metal on bicycles.

Staff will prepare recommendations and provide the Committee with an update on the status of the application as it relates to the L-shaped lot.

Staff will follow-up with By-laws regarding the auto salvage, alleged wire theft activities and truck traffic enforcement.

Councillor Rasode exited the meeting at 3:13 pm

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

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

The Manager of Transportation noted that the final TransLink report on 32 Avenue had been received. Based on the report and conclusions reached, it is staff's opinion that 32 Avenue be removed as a standing item on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee agenda.

The Committee endorsed removal of 32 Avenue as a standing item.

2. **Pattullo Bridge Update**

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

The following comments were made:

- The review that started late last year is moving ahead.
- The public consultation scheduled for March, 2013 has been deferred to June as per New Westminster's suggestion.
- The technical work will continue with the list of 29 alternatives being reduced to a short list for public consultation.

3. **Rapid Transit Update** File No. 8630-01

The Manager of Rapid Transit & Strategic Projects provided an update on Rapid Transit.

The following comments were made:

- A public relations firm has been engaged to develop a comprehensive communications strategy to support the City's advancement of rapid transit.
- Staff are waiting for publication of findings for Phase 2.

4. 16 Avenue Interchange

The Manager of Rapid Transit & Strategic Projects provided an update on the 16 Avenue Interchange.

The following comments were made:

- The first stage of construction will be demolition of the existing overpass and replacement with a 6 lane structure.
- Full closure of 16 Avenue will be required for this work and is scheduled between April and August 2013.
- Phase 2 construction works will be focussed on the on and off highway ramps and other environmental work.
- Completion of the interchange is scheduled for the Fall of 2014.
- The ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for March 1, 2013 at 9:00 am

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cycling and Greenways Project Update

The Manager of Transportation provided an update on the Cycling and Greenways Project. The Fleetwood Greenway and 20 Avenue projects were both brought to the TIC in the past.

Fleetwood Greenway:

- A number of sections have been built through the park and school and along 168 Street to the east.
- This corridor is narrower than typical corridors which can result in additional impact to neighbouring properties.
- An open house was held in November with presentations by the RCMP, Engineering and Parks, Recreation and Culture.
- An independent facilitator worked with residents to identify key concerns to enable staff to move forward with the project. There were 100+ attendees. Some attendees spoke in favour of the project and others had concerns of safety and impact.
- The open house was successful and clearly identified the issues and concerns. These have been summarized and provided on the City website with detailed responses and explanations.
- In addition, detailed responses to specific issues were sent by email to those who attended the open house.

- Fortis BC confirmed that they support the project. The necessary work has been done and the project can move forward. A report will be taken to a future Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee.

The following comments were made:

- There may be opportunities to implement the section of the greenway between 164 Street to 168 Street this year.
The existing informal trail is used as a safe route by children going to school.

20 Avenue: 140 Street to 152 Street

- The original proposal was to widen the road 1 m to 2 m to create on street bicycle lanes and a new sidewalk.
- Residents along that street raised concerns in particular, the loss of parking and the widening of the pavement.
- The cycling community, Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society (SAHS) and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee were in support of the original proposal.
- Further analysis and design work has been done and the proposal modified as follows:
 - A bike lane on the south side of 20 Avenue and a multi-use path (MUP) on the north side (adjacent to forest) – this had the advantage of accommodating all cyclist skill levels and pedestrians
 - Reduced pavement widening
 - The proposed MUP results in increased tree impact within the City road allowance and loss of some undergrowth
 - Design mitigation – meandered pathway, reduced width pathway to 3 m (as low as 1.5 m in proximity to trees) to avoid some significant trees plus narrowing of the boulevard. Staff noted that while the SAHS still had some concerns regarding the project, they were very appreciative of the efforts made by the City to reduce impact on the forest and were willing to support it and continue to work on mitigation efforts with staff.

Next steps:

- The project needs to be complete by December, 2013 to ensure TransLink funding is not lost.
- Staff will continue to liaise with the SAHS and look at mitigation options as the project moves forward.
- New letters will be mailed out with the modified proposal to the affected residents on the north side from 140 Street to the western edge of forest.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS**H. OTHER BUSINESS****1. TREO HOV Discount**

There are problems with Surrey residents utilizing the HOV discount offered for the Port Mann Bridge. Residents who wish to benefit from the HOV discount have to use 156 Street entrance. People using 152 Street are not getting the rebate because those drivers are unable to get into the HOV lanes in the middle of the Highway. Staff will undertake further investigation on the issue.

I. NEXT MEETING

A number of transit issues were identified as being beneficial for TransLink to provide updates on for future meetings of the committee. A list of issues will be forwarded to TransLink accordingly.

- Highway 1 Rapid Bus route to city centre
- King George B-line bus
- Fraser Highway Express Bus
- Overwaitea Site (156 St/104 Ave Exchange)
- Surrey RT Study; finalizing phase 2
- Regional Strategic Plan (timeline and delivery)
- Sustainable and equitable funding for TransLink, including road pricing
- Bus exchange planning – e.g. Guildford, Overwaitea, Semiahmoo.
- MRN Funding

The next Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will be held on **Monday, March 18, 2013** in the Executive Boardroom.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Steele
That the Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee do now adjourn.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chair