

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Guests:

Michel Touzard
David Walters
Grant S. Lee

Absent:**Staff Present:**

J. Boan, Transportation Manager
V. Lalonde, General Manager, Engineering
P. Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Mgr.
P. Lee, Rapid Transit & Strategic Projects Mgr.
J. Robertson, Manager, Area Planning &
Development – North Division
J. Rehal, Manager, By-laws & Licensing Services
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting to be adopted.

It was

Moved by Councillor Rasode
Seconded by Councillor Hunt

That the minutes of the Transportation
Committee meeting held on March 18, 2013 be received.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **Cathy McLay, Chief Financial Officer, TransLink**
File: 8670-01

In attendance before the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to provide an overview on TransLink financials for 2012.

A PowerPoint presentation included the results of cost containment initiatives for 2010-2013 and updates on the Funding Stabilization Plan, 2012 Moving Forward Plan and the 2013 Supplemental Plan.

The operational highlights for 2012 include a funding surplus of \$7 million and \$45 million favourable to budget, customer service satisfaction at an all-time high and an increase in ridership by over 9% in 2012 from 2010.

TransLink's actual revenue for 2012 totaled \$1,285.4 million.

The diverse revenue sources are presented as follows:

- Transit fares \$460.6 M
- Fuel Tax \$355.3 M
- Parking Tax \$53.2 M
- GEB Tolls \$38.9 M
- Parking Tax \$53.2 M
- Property Tax \$306.7 M
- Operating Contributions and Interest \$24.4 M
- Other \$66.4 M

TransLink is a leader in Corporate Sustainability and is the only transportation authority to receive a gold status award (Innovation Award) from the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA).

The following comments were made:

- The Committee noted that the demand is up but service level seemed decreasing. TransLink responded that it takes years to get the funding and planning to meet the demands.
- Staff questioned if there is still commitment from TransLink to look at service and not just boardings per hour. TransLink responded that it has to go find efficiencies as directed by the Commissioner, Board of Directors, etc.
- The Committee noted that transit hours per capita is something that rarely gets discussed by TransLink. During the morning rush hours, most buses on the west side of 152 Street consistently say "full". These are some of the transit challenges Surrey faces. Surrey has the lowest ridership compared to its population. Surrey is receiving only half of the regional average of 2 hours per capita.

The agenda was varied.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Bridgeview Truck Traffic Update

The Manager of Transportation Planning and Manager of By-Laws and Licensing Services provided an update on Bridgeview Truck Traffic.

A summary of information was provided at the last Transportation and Infrastructure meeting including a background of steps that was taken to control Truck Traffic in the Bridgeview area.

The following comments were made:

- Until the completion of the South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR), the approved point of access will not be available. Interim truck routes have been identified for relating to two current applications, 12310 – 114 Avenue which is at Third Reading (File: 7908-0212-00) and 11305 – 124 Street which is pre-Council (File: 7913-0021-00).

- As a result of concerns expressed by the residents who appeared before the Committee, staff met with the applicant of 12310 – 114 Avenue to discuss the non-conforming uses taking place on the property. Staff also informed the applicant of the outstanding requirements for final approval of the TUP.
- The Manager of By-Laws and Licensing Services informed the Committee that the questionable activities at 12310 – 114 Avenue are now being investigated jointly by the RCMP and the By-laws Department. It was also noted that the trailer located on the property at 12310 – 114 Avenue has been issued an order for immediate removal.
- The Committee questioned whether or not staff has conveyed to the applicant that the current use of the lot may not be acceptable. Staff responded that they met with applicant on April 12, 2013 and indicated the final TUP approval is outstanding.

After much discussion, the Committee agreed that unless there is immediate compliance that the application should be considered for closing and it was suggested that Planning staff issue a deadline for compliance.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Councillor Rasode
 Seconded by Councillor Steele
 That the Transportation and Infrastructure
 Committee recommends that Council directs Planning staff to inform the
 applicant that the non-compliance of by-laws is unacceptable and the site in
 question at 12310-114 Avenue must be brought into conformity within 30 days to
 avoid closure of the TUP Application, File No. 7908-0212-00.

Carried

4. Taxis Update

The Manager of Transportation and Manager of By-Laws and Licensing Services provided an update on the following Taxi community concerns:

1. Vehicle Licensing (Chauffeur Permits)

In January 2002, Council approved a two year renewal system based on a "good behavior record" which requires a minimum of five years experience and in past five years:

- No more than two traffic violations
- No administrative driving prohibitions or penalties;
- No criminal record; and
- No conviction for traffic related offences'

Non-compliance to any of the above, default to a yearly renewal process, or a non-issuance of permit.

2. Vehicles Year of Service

Commercial Vehicles Enforcement (CVE) deemed the existing 7 year policy with a possible 8th year appropriate. (By-laws allow an additional 8th year at the discretion of the by-law inspector).

3. Complaints of New Westminster taxis "picking-up in Surrey"

Complaints against Royal City Taxis Ltd. "picking-up" passengers in Surrey is resolved. In the last three months there have been zero complaints. It has been confirmed that Royal City taxis do not enter the queue on Scott Road and when the taxis are waiting for contracted CN Rail passengers, the lights on top of the cab are off.

4. RCMP processing of video after "No Pay" incidents

The RCMP is unable to process videos after "No Pay" incidents. Some challenges are the high demands from other high priority needs and drivers are not willing to attend court for low monetary value issues. Also, the Crown will not pursue a single isolated low value case.

5. Taxi Parking at City Centre

The "No Stopping" signs on 102 Avenue by Blenz Coffee have been converted to "No Parking" which allows taxi waiting. The existing taxi parking on City Parkway will be re-located south to one hour parking area when the new B-Line service is introduced in late 2013.

6. Request for more parking in Newton

Two options are being reviewed: 1. formal management of parking lot to include designated taxi stalls and 2. Investigate opportunities to re-designate some of 72 Avenue pay-parking to additional taxi stalls.

The new Parking Services Manager will review this parking issue further.

7. Request to use TransLink/CMBC Washroom Facilities

The request for taxi drivers to use TransLink/CMBC washroom facilities was discussed with TransLink. Due to safety and potential operational impact concerns, TransLink was unable to support the idea of co-sharing the washroom facilities.

The agenda was varied.

B. DELEGATIONS

2. Daryl Dela Cruz, Campaign Director, Better Surrey Rapid Transit File no: 8740-01

Presented a report on "Rapid transit and Surrey's needs – Examining the modal shift in TransLink's Surrey Rapid Transit Study alternatives".

- The increase of car use is a problem for Surrey and Metro Vancouver. The vehicle registration growth rate has increased and outpaces population increases. A more significant shift to transit, walking and cycling is needed.
- A background of the Surrey Rapid Transit Study was provided and the Final Four alternatives were listed: BRT 1, LRT 1, LRT5A and RR1A. An analysis of the Surrey Rapid Alternatives Analysis, Phase 2 Evaluation was completed by the delegation. The impacts of the Surrey Rapid Transit alternatives vs. what rapid transit has done in Vancouver were presented to the Committee in 5 comparisons.
- The presentation noted that the City of Surrey Mayor/Council want to see LRT on Surrey's three corridors and the mode-share goal of 50% would not be reached with the full LRT network.
- The delegation presented "What Surrey really needs" for transportation and specified that SkyTrain is the better transit choice for Surrey. The preference for Skytrain was based on higher reliability, higher speed and capacity expansion potential, and better off-peak operating frequencies. More significantly, SkyTrain will attract more riders.

The Committee thanked the delegation for their passion and continued social media efforts.

The Committee noted that in addition to operating speed and capacity one of the most important criteria in choose a rapid transit technology is the ability to shape community and to enhance place-making. It was noted that LRT with its at-grade operation will better support Surrey's vision of sustainable development and connecting pedestrian and transit friendly neighbourhoods.

The agenda was varied.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

2. Pattullo Bridge Update

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

The following comments were made:

- Staff reported that the public consultations planned for May have been deferred to June. A Saturday public meeting is planned for both Surrey and New Westminster along with two other public meetings. The details will be confirmed on May 13.
- Staff informed that the long list of 25 alternatives is being shortened to a manageable size for detailed analysis. The project webpage launched jointly by Surrey, New Westminster and TransLink has been quiet; however activity is expected to increase leading to and following public consultation.
- Staff noted that New Westminster withdrew from the original consultation for a 6-lane bridge replacement. Discussions have centred on the protection of neighbourhoods in New Westminster and the role of the bridge as a potential local facility.
- Staff suggested that the Committee recommend to Council that the Pattullo Bridge issue be brought forth to the Metro Vancouver Transportation Committee.

Staff will provide an update at the next Committee meeting.

3. Rapid Transit Update
File No. 8630-01

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

The following comments were made:

- Staff reminded the Committee that the City of Surrey and TransLink had exchanged correspondence and views on the study outcome. TransLink has now taken the position that it will roll the rapid transit study outcome into its long range planning process and the outcomes will not be known until early 2014.
- Staff attended the first meeting of the local coalition advocating for LRT. The broad based group has various business and community members such as Fleetwood Community Association, Surrey Board of Trade and Simon Fraser University. There will be more meetings forthcoming and staff will continue to support the group and report back to the Committee.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Surrey Road Classification Map (R-91) and Road Allowance Map Updates

The Manager of Transportation provided a presentation on Surrey Road Classification Map (R-91) and Road Allowance Map Updates.

The presentation included a description of the R-91 and the Major Road Allowance Map.

Road Classifications were made based on the following categories of activities:

1. NCP and other land use plan designations
2. Major regional projects, e.g. SFPR, Roberts Bank Rail Corridor
3. Housekeeping reflecting minor adjustments

Road allowance changes were made to reflect the new road classifications, and to accommodate new offset road centerlines resulted from development applications and unique cross-sections such as the case with Millar Road. As well, changes were made resulting from the relaxation of road allowance requirements where achieving new road standards through the development process was deemed unrealistic.

Staff requested endorsement from the Committee on the updates to the Maps. Upon the Committee's endorsement, a Corporate Report will go to Council seeking approval of the amendments to the Maps.

It was Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rasode
That the Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee endorse the updates to the Surrey Road Classification Map (R-91) and
Road Allowance Map as presented by staff.
Carried

2. **72 Avenue Parking in East Clayton**

The Manager of Area Planning & Development - North Division provided a report on 72 Avenue Parking in East Clayton.

The following comments were made:

- Staff noted that 72 Avenue is an arterial road with interim 90 degree parking on the gravel shoulders. 72 Avenue has been identified as a road that is planned to be widened in the next few years. The ultimate design of 72 Avenue will consist of 4 travel lanes with bike lanes and an additional parallel parking lane in short sections on the south side where property is available (identified within the East Clayton NCP).
- With the 192 Street widening project there was an increased use of garages by residents. The same is expected to occur with the widening of 72 Avenue. There is also parking capacity available on adjacent roads of up to 120 stalls.
- Future opportunities were described with future development at Aloha Estates (application of 20 m local road parking on both sides) and the potential for on-street parking in conjunction with Metro Vancouver reservoir upgrade and Clayton Park improvements.
- City staff have been working on amendments to address parking and yard size concerns. The two operations are a 9.7 m x 30 m and a 9m x 36 m lot. Both these options would protect a yard area and provide a minimum of 3 parking spaces. A potential developer of the Aloha Estates has proposed going to a 9.7 m x 36 m lot which staff will be reviewing further.

The changes to RF-9 Zone will be brought to the DAC in April and revisions will be forwarded to Council in late June with final adoption anticipated before summer break.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Watts joined the meeting at 4:04 pm.

1. Cost of Implementing Tolling Operation

The Committee discussed the costs to tolling including capital and operating, and the function of the TREO building. Staff noted the administrative cost to tolling operation can vary widely from less than 10% to nearly 40% of the operating costs.

Staff is to gather information and provide the Committee a breakdown of the costs to toll the Port Mann Bridge including the staffing and function of the TREO building.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is scheduled for May 13, 2013 @ 2:00 pm in the Executive Boardroom.

J. ADJOURNMENT:

It was
Moved by Councillor Hunt
Seconded by Councillor Rasode
That the Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee meeting do now adjourn.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chair