

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Present:

Councillor Gill, Chair
Councillor Rasode
Councillor Steele

Guests:

M. Lay - Coast Mountain Bus Company
S. Samujh- TransLink
B. Kaila - UTA
H. Shergill - UTA
J. Murchie - MTC
E. Brawne - MTC
E. Model - Surrey BIA

Staff Present:

J. Boan, Transportation Manager
P. Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Manager
P. Lee, Rapid Transit & Strategic Project Manager
R. Sidhu, Truck Parking Coordinator
D. Luymes, Manager, Community Planning Division
T. Mueller, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting to be adopted.

It was Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Rasode
That the minutes of the Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee meeting held on January 20, 2014 be received.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **HandyDART Update - M. Lay, Director, Transit Services, Coast Mountain Bus Company with S. Samujh, Senior Advisor Stakeholder Relations, TransLink**
File No. 8310-01

The following comments were made:

- The delegation advised the Committee that TransLink is consulting the public on designing a better process for HandyDART services.
- HandyDART held three rounds of meetings with advocates for and individuals with disabilities in the spring. The next steps are to go back out to the public to try and understand user needs and create efficiencies from there.
- The Committee noted that the City has collected data from residents (seniors, service groups, etc.) and would like to work in partnership with TransLink in conducting public consultations. It was discussed that consultation should be conducted at a local level involving Fraser Health and that there would be local interest to participate in the discussion of a delivery model.

- TransLink has undertaken a pilot for taxi service to evaluate the cost and service level versus HandyDART. They expect the study results will be released in 2014.

2. United Truckers Association of BC (UTA)

File No. 5400-01

Manny Dosange and Harmen Shergill, UTA, were in attendance before the Committee to discuss trucking concerns within the City.

The following comments were made:

- Due to the interim arrangement at Elevator Road and at Tannery Road on Highway 17, trucks are experiencing access constraints. The early completion of the onsite circulation on the Port lands would alleviate these difficulties.
- A dual reservation system at Surrey Fraser Docks would be beneficial so drivers can drop off one load and pick up another at the same site.
- More truck parking would be convenient for drivers.

Committee members made the following comments:

- The Province is still working with Port Metro Vancouver to create full vehicular movement to Tannery Road. The terminals are responsible for their reservation system so the issue is best discussed with the Port. The Chair referred the delegation to speak with Richie Sidhu, Truck Parking Coordinator for assistance with truck parking issues.

3. Mono-Rail Initiative

File No. 8610-01

John Murchie, representing Murch-Tech Consulting Corp., presented a Powerpoint slide show on the 'PlaneTrain' mono-rail system. The Committee requested staff to prepare a report to assess the technology and its application in Surrey.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Pattullo Bridge Update

File No. 5400-05

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

The following comments were made:

- Although the Review Team have achieved consensus to move forward with a new 4 lane bridge and a new 6 lane bridge, New Westminster has requested that the rehabilitated 4-lane option and the new Surrey-Coquitlam link with rehabilitated bridge be further considered.
- Going forward, another round of public consultation will be held to shortlist alternatives for detailed analysis in Phase 3 of the Review.
- A draft letter from the Committee Chair to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure was tabled for Committee consideration.

Committee members made the following comments:

- The Chair requested that the draft letter be modified to emphasize the importance of moving the initiative forward and that the Committee is concerned with New Westminster's continued delaying over a significant priority to Surrey.
- The Chair requested to hold more consultation meetings at City Centre to make them more accessible to residents.

2. **Rapid Transit Update - Road Pricing**

File No. 8630-01

The Manager of Rapid Transit and Strategic Projects presented on road pricing as a potential revenue option for funding transit.

The following comments were made:

- There was a Joint Technical Review prepared for the Mayors' Council in 2012 that identified road pricing as the most accepted new funding mechanism for new TransLink revenue.
- The Mayors' Council has made its preference on road pricing as one of the long term funding options for TransLink.
- The recent Oregon initiative on road usage charge was reviewed. The initiative is comparable to full network pricing based on miles traveled.

Committee members made the following comments:

- Administrative costs can be quite low for full network pricing. It will be more expensive than the fuel tax. However, the challenge is ensuring alternatives to driving are available for residents.

4. **Rail Safety/Whistle Cessation Update**

File No. 8710-01

This item was deferred

5. Truck Parking Update

File No. 5480-01

The Truck Parking Coordinator provided an update on truck parking compliance throughout the City and research on truck parking policies and approaches in neighbouring municipalities.

The following comments were made:

- All City and ALR properties have been visited. Compliance varies across the City. Staff contacted the BC Transportation Finance Authority regarding the Canadian National Rail Company (CN) properties but has yet to receive a response.
- Langley and Delta do not currently have truck parking policies. Richmond allows trucks to park on current and rezoned industrial lands.

Committee members made the following comments:

- The Chair requested staff provide a report regarding this matter as an information item for an upcoming Investment & Innovation Committee meeting agenda.

6. Parking Update

File No. 5480-01

The Manager of Parking Services provided an update on parking issues adjacent to New City Hall (NCH) and recommendations.

The following comments were made:

- Areas to the North and West of New City Hall have not previously been regulated, but recent development activity has made on-street regulations necessary to deal with safety and access issues. Staff recommended a phased overlay of regulations, combining 2 hr limits in some areas with pay parking in areas of peak demand.
- Pay parking would be limited to weekdays. The affected areas would still be available to residential and other parking on a free basis all day weekends and holidays and during the evening each weekday.
- The proposed new regulation areas will close a gap between existing on-street pay parking in the Gateway and Central City areas.

Committee members made the following comments:

- It is important to ensure the public is aware of these recommendations. The Committee asked staff to conduct an engagement process with retailers, residents, and social service agencies in the area to ensure the recommendations are communicated.

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Closed Transportation Committee Meeting

The Chair requested the Closed Meeting be deferred.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is scheduled for **Monday, March 17 @ 2:30 pm** in 2E Community Room A.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Committee do now adjourn.

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chair