

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minutes

2E - Committee Room B
City Hall
13450 -104 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Present:

Chair - Councillor Gill
Councillor Rasode
Seniors Liaison: Councillor Steele
A. Jain (YR)

Absent:

C. Davidson (YR)

Staff Present:

F. Smith, General Manager, Engineering
J. Boan, Manager, Transportation , Engineering
P.Lee, Rapid Transit & Strategic Projects Manager,
Engineering
P. Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Manager,
Engineering
J. Robertson, Manager Area Planning and
Development North, Planning & Development
S. Petrovic, Traffic Operations Manager, Engineering
P. Ng, Engineering Assistant, Engineering
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The Committee was requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of September 10, 2014.

It was

Moved by Councillor Rasode

Seconded by Councillor Gill

That the minutes of the Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee meeting held on September 15, 2014 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **TransLink**
File No. 8310-01

Adrian Bell, Manager, Customer Programs and Implementation, TransLink provided a brief update on the TravelSmart Program.

The following comments were made:

- TransLink and Surrey have worked together with the TravelSmart program since 2004. The TravelSmart program aligns with Surrey's Transportation Strategic Plan and encourages sustainable transportation choices for people.
- A significant amount of outreach work has been completed to date, including supporting the City's School Travel Planning Program, workshops at businesses and attending various community events such as the Surrey Tree Lighting Festival and Bike to Work Week Celebration Station.

- Examples of achievements of the program in 2014 include, outreach work with new immigrants and service change campaigns for the 96-B line and #503 Surrey Central routes.
- Future events that will take place in the region include a Transit Referendum in 2015, Compass Cards upgrade and a Roundtable discussion with other local municipalities on November 26.

The agenda was varied.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Pattullo Bridge Update

File No. 5400-05

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

The following comments were made:

- On September 29, Bob Paddon of TransLink provided an update to Council in Committee on the Pattullo Bridge replacement project. It was re-enforced that replacement of the bridge has been approved and supported by the Mayor's Council. The decision is to build a new 4-lane bridge with capability of expanding to a 6-lane bridge in the future.
- Council was reminded that reconstruction of the bridge deck had been estimated to cost \$300 million.
- TransLink felt if approval for the replacement bridge could be achieved by 2015, that \$200 million dollars in expenditures could be saved.

2. Transit Update

File No. 8310-01

The Rapid Transit & Strategic Projects Manager provided the following updates:

P3 Canada Application:

- In November 2013, Council directed staff to apply for Federal funding for Light Rail Transit (LRT). In June, 2014, staff submitted an application to P3 Canada and has since received confirmation that Surrey's application has been "screened in" and will move on to the next phase of the assessment process.

Surrey Rapid Transit Study:

- Staff is working with TransLink on the Phase 3A project which will refine conceptual designs and costs and advance the development of a business case to support the progression of the City's P3 Canada application for LRT.

2014 Bus Optimization:

- The following service improvements will occur in 2015:
 - Route 335** - Surrey City Centre to Newton will have three additional trips added during the rush hour period.
 - Route 319** - Newton to Scott Road Park and Ride will also have three additional trips added Monday to Friday between 3 pm and 6 pm.
 - Route 395** - Currently, rush hour service from White Rock centre and King George centre is drop-off only and does not pick-up riders. This service will change to allow pick-up and drop-off outside the White Rock area and King George station.
 - Route 395** - Willowbrook to Langley will extend the service.
 - Route 531** - White Rock Centre to Willowbrook will be converting to a shuttle bus.
- A night bus (when the skytrain stops running) connecting downtown Vancouver and Surrey Central will be implemented.

Light Rail Coalition:

- The Coalition has recently re-started activities and continues to support Surrey's LRT project and P3 application. In October, Scott Olson, the Chair of the Coalition presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and requested that the Province allocate funding to construct LRT in Surrey.

3. Fleetwood Greenway

The Transportation Planning Manager provided an update on the Fleetwood Greenway.

The following comments were made:

- The Fleetwood Greenway proposal was brought forward to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for discussion in 2013.
- An Open House was held in November, 2012 and had over 100 people attend. The high attendance indicated the community's interest in the proposal. Concerns from residents were expressed including public safety and loss of privacy.
- Several segments of Greenway in Fleetwood have been completed since 2008. The proposed route between 160 Street and 168 Street is on a FortisBC Right-of-Way. Fortis is in support of the project.
- Staff will re-initiate the project and recommend public consultation begin in early 2015. At that time, input on options such as fencing, lighting and pathway width, etc. will be sought from the community.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by Councillor Rasode
That the Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee recommend that Council endorse the implementation of the
Fleetwood Greenway between 160 Street and 168 Street, part of the City's approved
Greenway Network, and that through consultation in 2015, develop the design of
the route to respond to community and stakeholders concerns.
Carried

4. Pedestrian/Cyclist Road/Path Connections Signage

The Traffic Operations Manager provided an update on Pedestrian/Cyclist
Road/Path Connections Signage.

The following comments were made:

- The City has an existing policy to install "Cul-de-sac" or "No Exit" signs on no through roads.
- The Committee noted that it was misleading if there wasn't additional signage for pedestrians/cyclists and asked staff to review adding signage. Staff contacted other municipalities and reported that they do not typically sign neighbourhood pathways.
- It was recommended that staff implement some additional signage to support more strategic or formal routes. Staff will begin upgrading signage based on priority destinations, for example schools and parks.

5. School Travel Planning Update

The Transportation Planning Manager provided an update on School Travel
Planning.

The following comments were made:

- School Travel Planning is an important component of the Safe & Active Schools Program and complements the large levels of capital investments being made by the City in improving safety at schools.
- School Travel Planning encourages children, parents and teachers to be more active. More benefits include reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution and reducing traffic congestion around schools.
- The City has partnered with 24 elementary schools since 2009 with the program. Participation from schools has been on the increase each year despite the high demands on the time of teachers. This indicates the high value given to the program.
- Staff will continue with the program with year on year improvements and building relationships with other programs and agencies such as TravelSmart, ICBC etc.

6. Parking Update

The Parking Services Manager provided the following updates:

East Clayton Parking:

- A survey regarding the implementation of additional queuing streets has been developed. The survey letter is ready to be sent out immediately.
- There are 8 candidate streets being considered as part of this consultation. Additional streets have been identified by staff that could be considered in the future.
- In conjunction with the consultation, residents will also receive a brochure describing the new parking enforcement regulations for back lanes.
- A further update will be provided to the Committee.

Taxi Licensing Process:

- Two taxi companies have expressed interest to receive additional licenses. The current process is for companies to apply and receive licences from the Passenger Transportation Board (PTB). The taxi company notifies the City of Surrey of the application and then after approval from PTB applies to the City for business and vehicle operating licensing.
- Staff recommended that the City undertake a review of the current process, including best practices from other cities, to determine whether improvements to the process should be made.
- The Committee noted that PTB and the taxi industry should be consulted to better inform this process.

Contractor Parking at New City Hall:

- Staff have reached out to contractors and advised them of the parking available for oversized vehicles. The overheight areas in the parkade are located on P1. Staff will be proceeding with a brochure that features contractor parking options. The brochure will be posted online and hard copies will be available at the information desks.
- Contractors will also be notified of the economical rates of \$75/month or \$1.50/hour.
- It was noted that contractors who use monthly passes and have multiple vehicles, have the option to add additional license plate numbers to the pass.

Newton Parking:

- A request to the Committee was received to deactivate the pay parking in Newton Town Centre. Most of the spaces were along 137 Street and 72 Avenue.
- Residents along 72A Avenue indicated that they wanted metered parking to remain on 72A Avenue with an all-day option at the \$2 rate.
- Staff met with the BIA to discuss keeping the "2 hour free" but, allow residents on 72 and 72A Avenue to have their \$2 a day parking. The BIA was not receptive even though stats in the past show all day parking being utilized.

The Transportation Manager provided the following updates:

Tandem Parking:

- There are a lot of different perspectives on tandem parking with many pro's and con's.
- Staff met with the Development Advisory Committee (DAC) to discuss the changes to the parking and the Committee expressed a lot of thoughts on it and acknowledged there are other forms of townhouses to provide similar density for a tandem parking model. Staff requested clarity on "other forms".
- Currently, in the absence of a new by-law, staff has been applying an upper limit of 75% tandem parking.

Rail Safety – CBPOA Feedback/Priorities:

Property owners in the Crescent Beach area have expressed a number of issues to the City, in regards to the speeding of trains around the curb entering Crescent Beach, noise from the rails and whistling cessation.

- *Speed Reduction* - a reduction of 10 miles per hour was requested, due to a number of decoupling incidents. Transport Canada has determined that these incidents have occurred due to how drivers are handling the curves and will be having a dialogue with the operators about speed. There is no intention to change the speed limits.
- *Rail Noise* – a recommendation that lubricant be applied through the curb to reduce the squealing. There is a variety of ways this can be done.
- *Whistle Cessation* – this is the biggest issue and the plan is to implement rail crossing improvements. With new regulations coming in from Transport Canada, there is a process to go through and there is a mandated resolution to the problem.
- Residents have also complained about coal dust settling on their porches. Although BNSF spray coal trains for dust suppression, this is done 500 km south of the border.
- Another concern raised is access for emergency vehicles in the event of derailment. There is a stop train protocol in place to ensure moving trains do not delay emergency services, and a protocol to break apart trains stopped more than 5 minutes at road crossings to minimize the impact. There are also protocols in place as well for evacuating the area.
- Ongoing dialogue will continue with residents and staff will continue to monitor the issues.
- White Rock City passed a resolution in support of a new track alignment. In dialogue with the railway companies and Transport Canada staff, there is no interest to undertake works towards track relocation at this time.
- Surrey will continue to work toward safety improvements but it is expected to be a lengthy process.

D. NEW BUSINESS

No new business items.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

No items referred by Council.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to be received.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

No information items.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is scheduled for **Monday, November 17 @ 2:30 pm** City Hall, 2E Community Room B.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

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

Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Transportation and Infrastructure Advisory Committee adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chair