

# *Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minutes*

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**Present:**

Councillor Gill, Chair  
Councillor LeFranc  
Councillor Woods  
R. Dhaliwal (Youth Rep.)

**Absent:****Staff Present:**

J. Boan, Manager, Transportation  
P. Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Manager  
P. Lee, LRT Program Manager  
S. Neuman, Manager, Design & Construction  
D. McLeod, Team Lead, Transportation Capital  
Planning & Programming  
D. Luymes, Manager, Community Planning  
C. Eagles, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. This item was deferred

**B. DELEGATIONS**

1. **Traffic Congestion in the Rosemary Heights Area**  
Gary Vlieg, Creative Transportation Solutions Ltd.  
File: 5400-80

In appearance as a delegation before the Committee to provide a presentation on traffic congestion in the Rosemary Heights area including 152 Street and 32 Avenue.

The delegation provided a Power-Point presentation on solutions to mitigate traffic congestion in South Surrey to and from Highway 99 as development in South Surrey grows.

The following comments were made:

- The traffic volume data used by the delegation was collected by the City of Surrey within the past two years. The delegation noted there are approximately 22 thousand vehicles a day on 152 Street but 40 Avenue only has 2 thousand so the road could accommodate up to 8X more traffic.
- The delegation noted that turning left onto King George Boulevard from 40 Avenue is challenging but a signal could be installed with no road improvements required for approximately \$350,000. There is 200 metres between the proposed signal at 40 Avenue to the Highway 99 SB to WB on-ramp, allowing enough distance for vehicles to maneuver safely to the on-ramp.
- The delegation also noted the option of signaling 40 Avenue at 152 Street to allow through traffic on 40 Avenue. This intersection upgrade would cost between \$350,000 and \$2 million.

- The Committee raised concerns of 40 Avenue being an Agricultural road with major ditches located on the sides. It was noted 40 Avenue is a narrow road with many cyclists, lots of movement of farm vehicles, and challenges with ongoing settlement of the soil underneath. The Committee also raised concerns of increasing traffic from Rosemary Heights using 40 Avenue, which create safety issues at the intersection of 176 Street, unless it were signalized.

The delegation noted their focus is moving traffic out of Rosemary Heights. The left turn onto King George Boulevard from 40 Avenue is too difficult for residents to access Highway 99 without signalization.

The Chair thanked the delegation and noted the Committee will review the plan and associated costs with Staff.

## C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

### 1. Pattullo Bridge Update

Philip Bellefontaine, Manager, Transportation Planning

The following comments were made:

- TransLink and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure are currently undertaking a due diligence review, focusing on a review of road connections to the bridge. In August, TransLink anticipates final procurement and hopes the Province will make a funding decision in December.
- The Committee expressed concern regarding removal of any of the planned bridge connections as they consider direct connectivity to the South Fraser Perimeter Road very important and believe that Bridgeview Drive congestion would be problematic. It was noted that regional traffic would be relying on city roads. It was also noted that traffic congestion at the intersection of King George Boulevard and 128 Street would impact local businesses.

The Committee requested staff to provide a more detailed briefing on the bridge connections to the Pattullo Bridge with clear visuals.

### 2. Surrey Light Rail Transit Update

Paul Lee, LRT Program Manager

The Province is currently finishing the due diligence process to prepare the Surrey Light Rail Transit (LRT) business case for submission to the BC Treasury Board this Fall.

To deliver the LRT project, staff are working closely with TransLink's Project Team and a group of consultants over the next two years. Further public engagement took place which staff received positive feedback from the public. The main issue received by the public was of congestion on 104 Avenue. Through the re-engagement of public consultation, staff are primarily providing public education on what LRT is.

The Committee noted that they have received a number of requests as to why the City of Surrey chose LRT over Skytrain. They requested that staff provide a package of material to the Committee members so that they could better respond to these enquiries.

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. 2017 Capital Program

Scott Neuman, Manager, Design & Construction

File: 5260-01

Staff provided a Power-Point presentation on the Capital Program process and included the Program's mission, goals, objectives and 2017 highlights. The Capital Program process is focused on design in year 1, obtaining applicable permits and property in year 2, with construction commencing in year 2 and 3. 2017 has a total of \$101 million in Capital Programs.

The following comments were made:

- It was noted that some funds for 2016 were not used as acquiring land for transportation purposes can take more than one year. Funding in the Capital Program also includes contributions by the Provincial Government and TransLink; additionally, developers add \$50 million per year in infrastructure.
- \$101 million will be delivered in 35 tenders which staff issue 100% of tenders by April 30 to secure quality contractors and better pricing. By giving early notice to contractors and issuing them over a few months, it reduces market flooding.

The Committee thanked staff for their strategic thinking to save funds and issuing tenders earlier for maximum efficiency. The Committee was impressed with Engineering Department's Capital Program process.

##### 2. 105 Avenue Corridor and Hawthorn Rotary Park Public Consultation Update

Doug McLeod, Team Lead, Transportation Capital Planning & Programming

File: 8740-01

Staff provided an update on the 105 Avenue Corridor and Hawthorn Rotary Park Master Plan public consultation. Over 2,000 homes received notification of the public consultation.

Staff were open and transparent about the project to the community; highlighting guiding principles for the project and the history of the planned road connection which dates back to the 1986 OCP and *Whalley Guildford Town Centre Plan*. 73 of the 104 completed surveys did not feel 105 Avenue would improve community access.

Staff noted that the City has a strategy to purchase additional land to replace what is being utilized for the 105 Avenue project and will be assessing options to mitigate other concerns raised by residents.

**3. 2017 Draft TIC Agenda Items**  
Jaime Boan, Manager, Transportation  
File: On-Table

Staff provided future agenda items for 2017; in response, the Committee requested information on traffic in general. The Committee raised concerns of congestion, N-S and E-W connectivity. Concerns were also raised about congestion and safety along 16 Avenue and congestion on King George Boulevard in Newton. Staff will respond to these comments and provide an update on key congestion points and infrastructure priorities to best manage traffic congestion.

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will be held on Monday, July 17, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in 2E Community Room A.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor LeFranc  
Seconded by Councillor Woods  
That the Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Councillor Gill, Chair