

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Present:

Councillor Gill, Chair
Councillor LeFranc
Councillor Woods
K. Rana (Youth Rep.)

Absent:

R. Dhaliwal (Youth Rep.)

Staff Present:

F. Smith, General Manager, Engineering
J. Boan, Manager, Transportation
P. Bellefontaine, Manager, Transportation
Planning
P. Lee, LRT Program Manager
L. Blake, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. The committee is requested to pass a motion adopting the minutes of October 16, 2017

It was

Moved by Councillor LeFranc
Seconded by Councillor T. Gill

That the minutes of the Transportation and
Infrastructure Committee meeting held October 16, 2017, be adopted as presented.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS**

1. **Pattullo Bridge Update**

Philip Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation update regarding the Pattullo Bridge and highlighted the following information:

- Within the 2014 Mayor's Council Plan, a four lane bridge option was adopted, with the ability to expand to six lanes.
- In 2016, there was a tri-partite Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between TransLink, New Westminster and Surrey to guide the design development of the bridge and confirm that criteria would be developed for possible expansion to six lanes..
- In December 2016, Council approved a report recommending conditional support for a four lane bridge. The report indicated that Regional Mobility Pricing would be progressed in the five to seven year horizon, and that the triggers required to expand the bridge be resolved.

Procedural note: Councillor Woods arrived at 3:11 p.m.

- The Mayor's Council 10 Year Vision responds to Regional Transportation Strategy Objectives, and includes: a one-time 10% increase to the Major Road Network (MRN) and annual 1% increase thereafter; the completion of a Regional Goods Movement Strategy; the initiation of a Regional Road Network Strategy (RRNS); and, the establishment of the Mobile Pricing Commission.
- The RRNS would provide a framework for monitoring the network in terms of safety, mobility and asset condition, creates a regional wide framework for road performance, and establishes a response strategy and priorities for changes to the network. The Pattullo Bridge, King George Boulevard and Scott Road are examples of infrastructure that would be included within the RRNS.
- The initial scope for the RRNS has three hierarchies of responses: manage existing facilities, managing demand, and infrastructure investment. Staff provided clear feedback that for response strategies should not be considered hierarchical and all options would need to be assessed at the outset to define the best approach(es) to move forward with.
- The current goals defined by TransLink for the bridge replacement include providing a structurally sound bridge, balance regional transportation needs with regional livability, and improving safety through road design.
- The RRNS will provide a methodology and criteria to assess infrastructure across the region in a consistent and evidence based way.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff provided the following information:

- New Westminster has never indicated support for a six lane bridge. During initial discussions, New Westminster indicated that if a six lane bridge is pursued as an option, they would want an option such as a tunnel to run underneath their city.
- The future pathway for an expanded bridge would be cantilevered. The on-ramp on Surrey's side of the bridge can be widened; however, additional access to the middle of the bridge has not been discussed.

The Committee questioned if additional access to the middle of the bridge could be considered, and how the City could implement this access.

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

Committee:

1. Endorse the inclusion of the Pattullo widening triggers within the Regional Road Network Strategy development, including monitoring, the evaluation and response strategies.
2. Support staff working with TransLink and other municipalities in the development of the Regional Road Network Strategy through 2018.
Carried

It was Moved by Councillor LeFranc
 Seconded by Councillor Woods
 That the Transportation and Infrastructure
 Committee support staff investigating and pursuing a third lane in each direction to the halfway point of the Pattullo Bridge.
Carried

2. Light Rail Transit Update

This item was deferred to the December 11, 2017 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Overview of Potential TransLink DCC's

Fraser Smith, General Manager, Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of potential TransLink DCC's and highlighted the following information:

- The Regional Transportation Investments is TransLink's 10 year vision for multimodal transportation, and would include: new rapid transit in Surrey, Langley and Vancouver, a new Pattullo Bridge, upgrades to the SkyTrain and West Coast Express, a 25% increase in bus service, a 30% increase in HandyDART service, a new SeaBus with 10 minute frequencies, \$200 million for walking and cycling with 2700 kilometers of new bike lanes, and \$330 million for road upgrades and seismic investments.
- The program requires \$7.5 billion to implement through two phases of investment plans. Phase One regional funding sources include regional development cost charges (DCC), with a modest target of \$20 million annually, to increase as Phase One continues.
- In order to utilize DCC for the investment vision, Provincial approval must be received. The Mayor's Council and TransLink Board have requested written confirmation supporting the new DCC, and the introduction of required legislation by Spring 2018, with the intention of establishing the

DCC by 2020. A response from the Province has not yet been received at this time.

- Consultation regarding the potential DCC began in 2016. TransLink consulted various government agencies, the development industry and the public.
- Two collection options have been presented for the DCC: a uniform rate across the region, or a higher cost in parts of the region with a higher intensity of transit services. The feedback indicated a preference for a uniform option, with a clause that would allow a change to a tiered system if both the Mayor's Council and TransLink agree.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff advised that TransLink has conducted a study regarding the impact potential fare increases may have with respect to ridership. This information can be provided upon request.

The Committee noted the following comments:

- Support was expressed for the uniform rate collection option. It was noted that residents of areas that may not be receiving a higher intensity of transit infrastructure still use transit services, such as park and rides.
- Transit contributes to making the region livable.
- Free bus services, such as in downtown Seattle, have assisted in traffic reduction. Other cities, such as Portland, have engaged in corporate sponsorships for transit.
- The potential impact of low-income fares on ridership has not been studied at this point. It was suggested that lowering the barrier for low-income riders, such as expanding the concession age range, could increase ridership.

2. Road & Traffic Safety Levy Update
Jaime Boan, Manager, Transportation

This item was deferred to the December 11, 2017 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

3. Intersection Safety Update
Phillip Bellefontaine, Transportation Planning Manager

This item was deferred to the December 11, 2017 Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

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, December 11, 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 3:47 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Gill, Chair