



City of Surrey

Council-in-Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
MONDAY, MAY 26, 2003
Time: 4:10 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Priddy - Chair
Mayor McCallum
Councillor Tymoschuk
Councillor Steele
Councillor Bose
Councillor Watts
Councillor Hunt
Councillor Higginbotham

Absent:

Councillor Villeneuve

Staff Present:

City Manager
City Clerk
General Manager, Planning & Development
City Solicitor
General Manager, Engineering
General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR

A. DELEGATIONS

1. Lina Halwani, P. Eng., Project Manager Ministry of Transportation File: 0550-20-10

Lina Halwani, P. Eng., Project Manager, Ministry of Transportation, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding the status of the Pacific Highway Crossing improvement project and the recommended alternative on which they are moving toward implementation. The delegation provided the following comments:

- That the purpose of the Highway 15 Border Crossing review process was to identify and evaluate alternatives for a southbound FAST truck lane and prepare designs.
- That the FAST truck lane is a PACE lane for trucks.
- That the review process would allow the organization to recognize the transportation issues in the area of the border crossing, for example: passenger vehicles, delays, buses, and accessing certain parts of the border.
- That truck operational issues and various classes of cargo at the border would be identified.
- That access to and from properties and neighbourhoods would also be examined.
- That an additional FAST lane highway would extend along Highway 15 from south of 4th Avenue to the border in terms of an additional fast lane on the highway itself.
- That there are also going to be improvements within the parking area for trucks at the U.S. border.
- That the initial concept was to add a lane on Highway 15 and an additional southbound lane from 4th Avenue to the border.
- That there would be designated right side lanes for broker and non-broker trucks.
- That FAST and empty trucks would use the left lane.

- That the pros of the original concept would be the reduction of the impact of truck queues on passenger vehicles, adjacent network and nearby land uses, separation of FAST and Empty trucks, and marginally improved access to parking area for broker trucks.
- That cons of the original concept would be free crossing of two truck lanes and non-broker trucks may block access to parking area.
- That the alternative concept of Highway 15 and the new connection parallel to 175A Street would feature broker and non-broker truck use of an additional southbound lane on Highway 15 from 4th Avenue to 2nd Avenue, 2nd Avenue to 175A Street, and a new roadway parallel to 175A to access improved parking area. FAST and empty trucks would remain in the curb lane along Highway 15, other traffic would remain in the two center lanes and extended NEXUS lane on left, and there would be no access to the parking area from Highway 15.
- That the pros would include improved access to parking, complete separation of broker and non-broker trucks, reduced highway widening costs, reduced impacts of truck queues on passenger vehicles, adjacent network and nearby land uses.
- That the cons would be that duty free crosses the FAST lane and trucks use a portion of 2nd Avenue.
- That the NEXUS lane concept features extending the left side of the NEXUS lane to the north of 2nd Avenue.
- That this concept would realign back-to-back northbound and southbound left turn lanes to the east, support one northbound lane from the border to north of 2nd Avenue, and maintain two northbound lanes north of 2nd Avenue.

B. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

C. CORPORATE REPORTS

D. DELEGATION REQUESTS

E. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

F. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Hunt

Seconded by Councillor Tymoschuk

That the Council-in-Committee meeting do

now adjourn.

Carried

The Council-in-Committee adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Chairperson