



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 18, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Fred Bass, Chair
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner, Vice-Chair
Councillor Tim Louis
*Councillor Anne Roberts
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth

ABSENT: Mayor Larry Campbell (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)
Councillor Raymond Louie (Leave of Absence - Civic Business)

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Term Report for April 2004 - July 2005 (File 3062-1)

The Committee had before it an Other Report dated September 21, 2005, in which the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) provided information on the activities of the BAC for the period of April 2004 to July 2005, requested that Council reconsider the allocation of \$4 million for the 2006-2008 Capital Plan, requested the BAC be consulted on any new development impacting existing or proposed bicycle routes, and requested that Council continue to direct staff to monitor the existing cycling network for increased car traffic due to new developments and changing traffic patterns.

The City Manager submitted the foregoing for information noting that Council made a decision on September 20, 2005, on the item requested for reconsideration with respect to the 2006-2008 Capital Plan.

Kari Hewett, Vice-Chair, BAC, provided an overview of the report and introduced Allison Felker, co-author of the report, and other members, liaisons and staff involved with the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

Bonnie Fenton, Chair, BAC, reviewed the Committee's goals and cycling vision for Vancouver. Ms. Fenton also noted there is ongoing consultation between the Downtown business community's Transportation Committee and the BAC regarding the Burrard Bridge lane issue and other downtown transportation matters. Ms. Hewett and Ms. Fenton also expressed concerns about new developments and construction making existing cycling routes dangerous.

The Chair noted Council cannot reconsider the amount allocated in the 2006-2008 Capital Plan as action has already been taken on the matter and the Capital Plan questions going to electors have been approved. Thus, he noted the report's Recommendation A can be received for information, and suggested that staff look for any additional funding to add to the bicycle network in the City.

Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Jim Hall, Neighbourhood Transportation Engineer, and Peter Sary, Neighbourhood Transportation Engineering Assistant, responded to questions regarding funding opportunities, cycling allowance around construction sites, access to Hillcrest Park, bicycle parking, signage, staffing and cycling facilities for visitors to City Hall.

Staff noted the review of the bicycle parking standards will be reported in 2006. Staff also agreed to report back on City Hall bicycle facilities such as additional racks and covered parking on the north and south side of the building.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee Report dated September 21, 2005, entitled "Term Report for April 2004 - July 2005", be received for information.
- B. THAT the Bicycle Advisory Committee be consulted on any new development that has an impact on existing or proposed bicycle routes; and
FURTHER THAT staff be directed to continue monitoring the existing cycling network for increased car traffic due to new developments and changing traffic patterns.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Vernon Drive and Pender Street Traffic Diverter (File 1773)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated October 3, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council approval and funding for a permanent traffic diverter at the intersection of Vernon Drive at Pender Street.

Jim Hall, Neighbourhood Transportation Engineer, and Vince Paccini, Engineering Project Coordinator - Streets Design, were present to respond to questions.

MOVED by Councillor Louis
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the temporary traffic diverter on Vernon Drive at Pender Street be made permanent as described in the Administrative Report dated October 3, 2005, entitled "Vernon Drive and Pender Street Traffic Diverter" and illustrated in Appendix A of the report.
- B. THAT the estimated cost of \$30,000 be provided for the permanent installation from the Streets Basic Capital Account CBEA5A - Local Area Traffic Plans and Other Improvements.
- C. THAT subject to the 2007 budget review, the Traffic Operations Maintenance Budget be increased by \$200, without offset and the Street Operations Maintenance Budget be increased by \$1600, without offset.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Windsor Bikeway - Signal at 25th Avenue (File 5222)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 29, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services advised Council on the monitoring of traffic impacts on the Windsor Bikeway and sought Council approval and funding for a pedestrian-cyclist traffic signal on 25th Avenue at Windsor Street.

Jim Hall, Neighbourhood Transportation Engineer, responded to questions regarding pedestrian visibility on 25th Avenue, slope and seasonal factors, and agreed to follow up with respect to landscaping of the median, and a warning about the visibility hazard at the time of equinox in new cycling maps.

MOVED by Councillor Roberts
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT a pedestrian-cyclist signal be installed on 25th Avenue at Windsor Street at a cost of \$100,000.
- B. THAT funding of \$50,000 be provided from the 2005 Basic Capital for the Traffic Signal program with 50% cost sharing from TransLink.
- C. THAT additional costs of \$2,500 related to ongoing maintenance be reflected in future operating budgets, subject to the 2007 budget review process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Ridgeway Greenway West Extension** (File 4889)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated September 29, 2005, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services, in consultation with the Director of City Plans, sought Council approval of improvements for pedestrians and cyclists along the Ridgeway Greenway from 18th Avenue and Dunbar Street to 37th Avenue and Yew Street, as well as associated off-greenway changes.

Scott Edwards, Structures and Greenways Engineer, Sandy James, Planner -Greenways/Projects, and Linda Chow, CE - Greenways, provided an overview of the report, and together with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, responded to questions regarding timelines, promotion in the region, route distance, and funding allocation.

Pamela McAllister spoke in favour of staff recommendations and described them as a start in addressing the number of accidents at the intersection of Quesnel Drive, 20th Avenue and Galiano Road (*brief - on file*). Mrs. McAllister expressed concern about the water hazard and slope at the intersection, speeding along Quesnel Drive, and possible increase in traffic up 20th and 21st Avenue. She proposed additional stop signs, speed humps, parking on both sides of Quesnel west of 24th Avenue to Blenheim Street, parking cost contribution from cyclists, and re-classifying Quesnel Drive north of King Edward to a residential street.

Staff responded to questions regarding traffic calming improvements and agreed to follow-up on concerns raised by the foregoing speaker.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the proposed pedestrian and traffic calming improvements for the Ridgeway Greenway and the off-greenway changes as described in the Administrative Report dated September 29, 2005, entitled "Ridgeway Greenway West Extension", at a estimated cost of \$946,000 to be funded from the following sources:
 - \$646,000 from 2002 Street Basic Capital - Greenways (CA3EA2HXX1)
 - \$250,000 from capital previously allocated in 2004 for Ridgeway Greenway(CB2EA2H003)
 - \$50,000 from 2004 Streets Basic Capital - New Traffic Signal Program (CB2EA3AX1).
- B. THAT additional costs of \$39,000 related to the ongoing maintenance of the greenway be reflected in future operating budgets commencing in 2007, subject to the 2007 Budget Review process.
- C. THAT Council approve the re-classification of Quesnel Drive north of King Edward Avenue to the category of Neighbourhood Collector.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Councillor Roberts absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON
TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

OCTOBER 18, 2005

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 10:50 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, following the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meeting, to consider the recommendations and actions of the Committee.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Ellen Woodsworth
Councillor Fred Bass
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Jim Green
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Tim Louis
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Sam Sullivan

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Deputy Mayor Woodsworth in the Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic
October 18, 2005

Council considered the report containing the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic. Its items of business included:

1. Bicycle Advisory Committee Term Report for April 2004 - July 2005
2. Vernon Drive and Pender Street Traffic Diverter
3. Windsor Bikeway - Signal at 25th Avenue
4. Ridgeway Greenway West Extension

Items 1-4

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of October 18, 2005, as contained in items 1-4, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Louis
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Leave of Absence - Mayor Campbell (File 1254)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT Mayor Campbell be granted Leaves of Absence for Civic Business from meetings on October 18, 2005, and October 20, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Leave of Absence - Councillor Green (File 1254)

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Bass

THAT Councillor Green be granted a Leave of Absence for Civic Business from the Standing Committee on City Service and Budgets meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2005.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

1. Heritage Property - 2936 West 4th Avenue (File 5051)

Councillor Green requested clarification from staff as to whether a heritage property at 2936 West 4th Avenue qualifies for a transfer of density.

2. Burrard Bridge Pilot Project (File 5752)

Councillor Green requested a thorough analysis of emergency vehicles' access be done as part of the evaluation of the Burrard Bridge lane re-allocation pilot project.

3. Taxicabs' Fuel Costs (File 2801)

Councillor Green requested staff report back on possible support for the cab industry facing increasing fuel costs.

4. Commercial Vehicle Parking (File 5652)

Councillor Green requested an information memo from staff regarding parking options for small contractors with commercial vans which are too high for parkades and whose work downtown requires more than 30 minutes for on-street parking.

The Council adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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