

(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on September 12, 2006)



REPORT TO COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JULY 18, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor B.C. Lee, Chair
*Mayor Sam Sullivan
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Vice Chair
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Heather Deal
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic meetings of May 18 and June 13, 2006, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Annual Speed Hump Installation Program 2006, Addendum (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-30)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated July 5, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided information on resident survey results as follow-up to the 2006 Annual Speed Hump Installation Program approved by Council on May 16, 2006, and in addition, recommended that six locations in Table 1 from the 2006 Program be amended to reflect the full extent of the speed zones.

Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the report and together with Jerry Dobrovlny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, responded to questions regarding residents' survey response rate and support.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT six locations from Table 1 from the Annual Speed Hump Installation Program, 2006, approved by Council on May 16, 2006, be amended by extension of these segments to reflect the full extent of the speed zones, as detailed in the Administrative Report dated July 5, 2006, entitled "Annual Speed Hump Installation Program 2006, Addendum".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Truck and Bus Definitions (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated July 5, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services recommended revisions to the Street and Traffic By-Law pertaining to truck and bus definitions in order to provide consistency with other Municipal and Provincial regulations and by-laws for truck standards within the region, and to adjust the definition of a bus for consistency with the Passenger Transport Act. The City Manager supported the recommendations.

Pat Ryan, Assistant Traffic Management Engineer, reviewed the report and noted material on the proposed changes would also be made available in Punjabi and Cantonese. Mr Ryan, together with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, responded to questions regarding number of axles in the truck definition, potential impact on truck routes and signage costs.

MOVED by Councillor Louie
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Street and Traffic By-law No 2849 be revised to change the restriction on vehicles that must use truck routes from a Gross Vehicle Weight over 5,500 kg and more than 2 axles to any vehicle having a Gross Vehicle Weight over 10,000 kg consistent with a TransLink recommendation substantially as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated July 5, 2006, entitled "Truck and Bus Definitions".
- B. THAT the Street and Traffic By-law No 2849 be revised to change the definition of Bus from having a seating capacity of 10 persons including the driver to having a seating capacity of 12 persons including the driver consistent with the Passenger Transport Act substantially as shown in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated July 5, 2006, entitled "Truck and Bus Definitions".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Motor Vehicle Noise and Emission Abatement Bylaw (VanRIMS No. 08-4000-11)

The Committee had before it a Policy Report dated June 19, 2006, in which the Manager of Sustainability Group recommended replacement of the existing Vehicle Noise Abatement Bylaw with one that includes provisions to prohibit unnecessary vehicle idling.

The General Manager of Engineering Services supported the recommendations noting the changes will more fully support the current City- and Federally-funded idle-free initiative and education. The City Manager also supported the recommendations and highlighted benefits of the idle-free initiative.

Sean Pander, Climate Change Program Manager, reviewed the report and, together with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Doug Smith, Manager - Equipment Services, responded to questions regarding stakeholders, enforcement, education, COV fleet and emergency vehicles, transit and tour buses, parents waiting at schools, and reducing idling emissions of cruise ships, trains, and AirCare test locations.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Motor Vehicle Noise Abatement Bylaw No. 4338 be repealed and the Motor Vehicle Noise and Emission Abatement Bylaw, incorporating expanded limits on vehicle idling, generally as set out in Appendix A of the Administrative Report dated June 19, 2006, entitled "Motor Vehicle Noise and Emission Abatement Bylaw" be substituted for it; and

FURTHER THAT Council instruct the Director of Legal Services to bring forward for enactment the new Motor Vehicle Noise and Emission Abatement By-law generally as set out in Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Mayor Sullivan absent for the vote)

4. Adanac-Pender-Seaside Bike Route Connector (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services sought Council approval for funding to proceed with the implementation of a bike route connecting the ends of the Adanac Bikeway, at Union and Quebec Streets, with the Pender Street Bikeway, at Pender and Carrall Streets, and the Seaside Bikeway, at Quebec Street and Pacific Boulevard.

Genevieve Tokgoz, Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the report, and together with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, and Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, responded to questions regarding bike boxes and TransLink funding, negotiations and timeline.

The following delegations spoke in favour of the report recommendations:

Richard Campbell, Director of Active Transportation, Better Environmentally Sound Transportation
Jack Becker, Director, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (*brief on file*)

Speakers' comments included:

- the proposed bike route is a critical connection to Downtown and the Seawall;
- recommend having bike lanes along the routes in both directions, as well as bike parking at Stadium Skytrain Station;
- preference is for a comprehensive network of continuous bike lanes in the neighbourhood to handle growth in population and cycling trips, encourage new inhabitants to cycle, and connect to the new Canada Line Station and local shopping;
- the Carroll Greenway not expected to be a commuter route; and
- cycling would be facilitated if developments along the street provided short-term parking.

Following the hearing of speakers, staff responded to questions pertaining to feasibility of north and southbound bike lanes on Abbott Street, availability of bicycle lock-up facilities, temporary facilities for events, bicycle security, bike parking and route signage, TransCanada Trail maintenance, and opportunities for bike facilities at Skytrain stations.

MOVED by Councillor Deal
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council approve the Adanac-Pender-Seaside Bike Route Connector as described in the Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, entitled "Adanac-Pender-Seaside Bike Route Connector", at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to be funded from the following sources:
 - \$25,000 from TransLink, secured through the 2005 Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program
 - \$25,000 from the 2006 Streets Basic Capital Budget for the Bicycle Network.
- B. THAT additional costs of \$1,000 related to the ongoing maintenance of the signage and paint markings be reflected in future operating budgets commencing in 2008, without offset, subject to the Budget Review process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-11)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided Council with an update on the progress of the City of Vancouver's 1999 Bicycle Plan and sought Council approval to use existing funding for cycling materials as part of the *One Day, One School* Pilot Program, additional bicycle parking, the bicycle monitoring program, expansion of the signal infrastructure at specified locations and the upgrading of existing bicycle routes.

Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the report and together with Jerry Dobrovoly, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, responded to questions regarding cycling promotion opportunities with schools and neighbouring municipalities, helmet awareness, staffing for promotional activities, bike racks as art, data for mode share and multi-modal trips, automated bicycle counters, prioritizing and public consultation process, bike lanes on 45th and 49th Avenues, the BC Parkway, retrofitting and new installations, cost-sharing, pedestrian amenities, and traffic calming on bikeways.

The following delegations spoke in support of the report recommendations:

Bonnie Fenton, Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee
Richard Campbell, Director of Active Transportation, Better Environmentally Sound
Transportation
Jack Becker, Director, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (*brief on file*)

Their comments included:

- pleased with the initiatives and would like this type of progress report done each year;
- much more bicycle parking is needed and the funding for bike racks needs to increase substantially;
- the development of routes needs to be incorporated into the Bicycle Plan and as opportunities occur, and there have been additional cycling and funding needs since the priorities were developed in 1999;
- besides infrastructure, a large scale social marketing campaign is required to achieve the goal of 10% cycling modal share by 2010, e.g. the *Cycle Instead* promotion of one trip per person per week by bicycle;
- continue the pilot initiatives in the report, especially pertaining to bike parking funding, lockers, racks, event parking, bicycle data collection, and broad social marketing of cycling as a mode of transportation;
- the forum for the development of the 1999 Plan was valuable and would be helpful again, to gather ideas on cycling infrastructure and promotion improvements;
- it is imperative to increase the number of people cycling and to provide it as an option, due to climate change concerns and gas prices;
- there are benefits to pushing for a modal share higher than 10%;
- concern expressed that more people with children are not cycling, possibly due to routes needing traffic calming;
- re-routing may be necessary as new developments negatively affect bikeways;

- use parking meter posts with rings as a solution to increase available bicycle parking;
- lack of secure bicycle parking at events and venues is an obstacle; and
- acknowledged the City's support in the Commuter Cycling Skills course offered in the region.

Following the hearing of speakers, staff together with Sean Pander, Climate Change Program Manager - Sustainability Office, responded to questions pertaining to transportation demand management staffing, campaign partnerships, social marketing, forum costs and staffing, and use of meter posts for locking bikes.

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT Council receive the Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, entitled "Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps" for information as part of an update of the 1999 Bicycle Plan.
- B. THAT Council approve, in principle, the route development priorities for the Bicycle Network as described in Action Item 10 of the Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, entitled "Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps".
- C. THAT Council approve bicycle monitoring projects, as follows:
 - i. A pilot project for automated bicycle counts conducted at specified locations as described in Action Items 5 and 6 of the Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, entitled "Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps" with funding of \$90,000; and
 - ii. Expansion of the existing Bicycle Count Program with funding of \$50,000.
- D. THAT Council approve Bicycle Network infrastructure upgrades as described in Action Item 10 of the Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, entitled "Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps", with funding of \$250,000.
- E. THAT Council approve bicycle parking initiatives, as follows:
 - i. Installation of permanent bike racks as described in Action Item 4 of the Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, entitled "Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps", with funding of \$20,000; and
 - ii. Purchase of temporary special event bike racks as described in Action Item 4 of the report, with funding of \$6,000.
- F. THAT Council approve signal infrastructure modifications, to include:
 - i. Bicycle stencils at semi-actuated signals as described in Action Item 7 of the Administrative Report dated July 4, 2006, entitled "Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps", with funding of \$36,000; and

- ii. Bicycle push button installation at locations specified in Action Item 7 of the report, with funding of \$120,000.
- G. THAT Council approve funding for Vancouver Cycling Maps and other cycling materials to be distributed to students as part of the *One Day, One School* Pilot Program for active and safe trips to school, with funding of \$15,000.
- H. THAT staff report back to Council with updated target mode shares for all transportation modes, including cycling, as part of the 1997 Transportation Plan Update.
- I. THAT Council approve the following funding allocations to cover the total cost of \$587,000 for the projects included in Recommendations C through G:
 - i. Unallocated funding remaining from the closeout of the 2000-2002 Bicycle program - \$510,000;
 - ii. Unallocated funding for 2003 Bicycle Program - \$41,000; and
 - iii. Unallocated funding for 2004 Bicycle Program - \$36,000.
- J. THAT commencing in 2008, the annual Operating Budget be increased by \$10,000, without offset and subject to the 2008 operating budget review, for maintenance of upgraded pavement markings, signage, and signal infrastructure.
- K. THAT staff be directed to provide an annual report back regarding progress on cycling initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JULY 18, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 12:05 p.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:

- Mayor Sam Sullivan
- Councillor Suzanne Anton
- Councillor Elizabeth Ball
- Councillor David Cadman
- Councillor Kim Capri
- Councillor George Chow
- Councillor Heather Deal
- Councillor Peter Ladner
- Councillor B.C. Lee
- Councillor Raymond Louie
- Councillor Tim Stevenson

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Stevenson
SECONDED by Councillor Anton

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Application for 2006 UBCM Community Excellence Award - Transportation Plan Progress Report (VanRIMS No. 01-1500-10)

MOVED by Councillor Deal

THAT Vancouver City Council supports the City's application to the 2006 UBCM Community Excellence Awards for the City of Vancouver Transportation Plan Progress Report (May 2006).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic July 18, 2006

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

1. Annual Speed Hump Installation Program 2006, Addendum
2. Truck and Bus Definitions
3. Motor Vehicle Noise and Emission Abatement Bylaw
4. Adanac-Pender-Seaside Bike Route Connector
5. Bicycle Plan 1999, Progress Report and Next Steps

Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Ladner

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of July 18, 2006, as contained in items 1 - 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ball

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Capri
SECONDED by Councillor Cadman

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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