

(These Minutes to be adopted at the Regular Council meeting on July 10, 2007)



REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

JUNE 12, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Transportation and Traffic was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 9:35 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 Peter Ladner
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor Heather Deal (Civic Business)

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 meeting of April 17, 2007, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. 2007 Bicycle Plan Update: Vancouver's Bicycle Network (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 30, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided Council with an update on new cycling infrastructure and the expansion of the cycling network as approved within the City of Vancouver. The Committee also had before it a 2007 report on a survey of opinions of adults in the Greater Vancouver Regional District regarding factors influencing cycling.

Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the report and noted the City's bicycle route maps are also popular with pedestrians. He further noted staff will report in the Fall on a review of the monitoring of existing bicycle routes meeting current needs of cyclists.

Kay Teschke, Professor, University of British Columbia Department of Health Care and Epidemiology and Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Committee Member, presented results of a cycling ridership study conducted in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) and the implications for planning.

Ms. Edwards and Dr. Teschke, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Graeme Masterton, Manager - Transit Planning, TransLink, and Gary Vlieg, Manager - Roads and Infrastructure Planning, TransLink, responded to questions regarding separated bike lanes, safety and maintenance, funding for cycling facilities, electric bicycles, updating trip diary and mode share data, coordinating connections and markings with municipalities in the Region, bike racks on buses, bikes on Skytrain and Seabus, bridge access and grade, study timelines and opportunities for input into the Provincial Government's and TransLink's long-term transportation planning and advisory committee.

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT the Administrative Report dated May 30, 2007, entitled *2007 Bicycle Plan Update: Vancouver's Bicycle Network* and the University of British Columbia 2007 report entitled *Cycling in Cities: survey of opinions about factors influencing ridership* be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note from Meeting Coordinator: Part way through Item 2, the Committee agreed to deal with Items 2 and 3 concurrently. The minutes have been consolidated for clarity.

2. Yukon Bike Route (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)
- and
3. Cambie Street Bike Lanes (VanRIMS No. 13-5000-20)

The Committee had before it an Administrative Report dated May 31, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided information about issues which arose during the design and consultation for the Yukon Bike Route and sought Council's approval to proceed with the implementation of the route and funding to construct street improvements recommended as part of the Yukon Bicycle facility.

The Committee also had before it an Administrative Report dated May 31, 2007, in which the General Manager of Engineering Services provided a report back about incorporating bike lanes on Cambie Street, and recommended northbound bike lanes be implemented on Cambie Street between Kent Avenue and 29th Avenue, and that southbound bike lanes be implemented on Cambie Street between 49th Avenue and Kent Avenue.

Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, reviewed the Yukon Bike Route report and together with Jerry Dobrovlny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, responded to questions regarding 16th Avenue off-street connection option, parking, partial closure option, potential changes in cycling and vehicular traffic volumes, signal lights, and Canada Line precinct planning.

Bonnie Fenton, Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC), spoke in support of the Yukon Bike Route, however recommended Items 2 and 3 on the agenda be considered together to look at the larger picture of the Cambie Corridor, due to the proximity of Cambie and Yukon Street. She further noted the BAC recommends bike lanes be installed on the entire length of Cambie Street.

The Committee agreed that discussion and decision on the Yukon Bike Route be postponed until Council has heard staff presentations and delegations regarding both the Cambie Street Bike Lanes and Yukon Bike Route reports.

Arno Schortinghuis, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (VACC), noted the VACC supports the BAC Network Sub-Committee's recommendations regarding the Yukon Bikeway, with the proviso that traffic lights be installed at 16th Avenue and King Edward Avenue. He also expressed concern about the proposed bulge at 16th Avenue in that it may interfere with cyclists on 16th Avenue.

Paul Storer, Strategic Transportation Planning, reviewed the Cambie Street Bike Lanes report and together with Jerry Dobrovlny, Assistant City Engineer - Transportation, Scott Edwards, Manager - Greenways and Neighbourhood Transportation, and Lon LaClair, Strategic Transportation Planning Engineer, responded to questions regarding entrances and grade to bridges, vehicular traffic projections, off-street bike paths, road capacity and allocation options.

The following speakers spoke in opposition to the Cambie Street Bike Lanes report recommendations:

Bonnie Fenton, Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee
Jack Becker
Allan Buium, Chair, Riley Park/South Cambie CityPlan Steering Committee
Richard Campbell, Manager of Active Transportation, Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (*brief submitted*)
Lucas Schuller, Coalition of Progressive Electors (COPE)
Arno Shortinghuis, Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (*brief submitted*)
Maurizio Grande, Cambie Blvd. Heritage Society (*brief submitted*)
Brock Davies, Cambie Cycles

A summary of their comments follows:

- several speakers expressed support for bike lanes along the full length of Cambie Street to connect to Cambie Bridge;
- the number of adults wanting to learn how to ride a bicycle illustrates the proportion of population as potential cyclists is higher than 31%;
- there is mixed messages with the assumption of having the same number of vehicles while increasing underground transit capacity and Ecodensity creating a walkable and cycleable, people-focused city;
- reducing vehicle lane traffic will help tackle global warming, resource scarcity, and enable a liveable city, and with increased transit capacity, the ridership is expected to increase;
- courageous decisions are needed based on future needs, not past, and rationalization of our traffic patterns;
- supported enhancement of greenways and bikeways, and sustainable objectives;
- reducing the speed of traffic through Cambie Street would help address safety concerns and enhance pedestrian traffic;
- expressed concern about reduction in bus service and only one Canada Line station between Broadway and 41st Avenue and noted potential for a trolley along Cambie;
- supported a bike route along the length of Cambie Street if there was no parking during morning northbound traffic and parking was retained on the west side during afternoon rush hour for businesses;
- there are local examples of where road space has been successfully reallocated away from vehicle use, resulting in improved quality of life, shopping, streetscape and safety;
- recommended separated bike lanes, reallocating a lane of traffic rather than loss of parking, and more consultation with the public;
- this is the perfect opportunity to change people's habits and discourage people from driving; a bike route the full length would be consistent with Ecodensity goals and benefit Cambie businesses;
- the reduction in vehicles once Canada Line is completed provides an opportunity to reclaim Cambie Street while creating a superior cycling facility;
- expressed concern that the design would alter the award-winning boulevard and treescape and result in a loss of green space to asphalt, meanwhile two nearby bike routes would be safer for cyclists than a high traffic arterial street which seems to be everything to everyone;
- before the Canada Line, the three lanes of rush hour traffic was hard on merchants with traffic going too fast for restaurants and pedestrians, so taking a lane for a bike lane would help reduce speed; and
- suggest a bike lane from 19th Avenue downhill to the bridge as an improvement, and the Yukon Route would offer an alternative uphill route.

Following delegations, staff, along with Tom Timm, General Manager of Engineering Services, Chris Robertson, Planner - Rapid Transit Office, and Donny Wong, Engineer - Rapid Transit Office, responded to questions concerning potential impact of lane reductions, Cambie Village, parking, buses, road and sidewalk widening, heritage trees, traffic diversion, bike

route north of 10th Avenue, Cambie Street traffic volume, streetscape improvements and precinct planning timeline.

MOVED by Councillor Anton
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

- A. THAT the Yukon Bikeway be implemented as described in the Administrative Report dated May 31, 2007, entitled *Yukon Bike Route* at an estimated cost of \$476,000 with funding from the following sources:
 - \$238,000 from TransLink, secured through the 2007 Bicycle Infrastructure Capital Cost Sharing Program,
 - \$238,000 from the 2007 Streets Basic Capital Budget for the Bicycle Network.
- B. THAT, subject to the 2009 Budget review, Operating Budgets be increased, by \$8,100, without offset, commencing in 2009.
- C. THAT Council approve in principle the implementation of a bicycle facility on Yukon Street north of 10th Avenue extending to the Seaside Bikeway/Greenway and which provides connections to the Canada Line station at 2nd Avenue and the Cambie Street Bridge; and THAT staff report back on the detailed design, costs, and funding sources.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED BY Councillor Cadman

THAT the matter of the Yukon Bike Route and Cambie Street Bike Lanes be referred back to staff with instruction that a solution be brought forward for a comprehensive treatment of the Cambie streetscape as part of the Cambie/Canada Line restoration that will result in a separated north/south bike route from the Marine Drive Bridge connection to Richmond to the north side of the Cambie Street Bridge and into downtown.

referred

MOVED by Councillor Capri
THAT the Committee recommend to Council

THAT due to time constraints, the pending motions, discussion and decision be referred to a future meeting when transit staff are available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Councillor Chow absent for the Vote)

4. **Bus Lanes on Broadway - Progress Report** (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-20)

Due to time constraints, Council agreed to postpone this item to a future meeting when transit staff are available.

5. **Building Line Review of 41st Avenue, 49th Avenue, and SW Marine Drive west of Granville** (VanRIMS No. 13-1400-10)

Due to time constraints, Council agreed to postpone this item to a future meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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CITY OF VANCOUVER

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

JUNE 12, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 1:04 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 Peter Ladner
Councillor B.C. Lee
Councillor Tim Stevenson

ABSENT: Councillor George Chow
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Councillor Raymond Louie

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Ball

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic
June 12, 2007

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

1. 2007 Bicycle Plan Update: Vancouver's Bicycle Network
2. Yukon Bike Route
3. Cambie Street Bike Lanes
4. Bus Lanes on Broadway - Progress Report
5. Building Line Review of 41st Avenue, 49th Avenue, and SW Marine Drive west of Granville

Items 1 - 5

MOVED by Councillor Capri

THAT the recommendations and actions taken by the Standing Committee on Transportation and Traffic at its meeting of June 12, 2007 as contained in items 1 - 5, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Anton

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Councillor Cadman

SECONDED by Councillor Stevenson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

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