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MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Public Bike Share (PBS) System

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER: Councillor Geoff Meggs

WHEREAS in April 2005, Council approved the Community Climate Change Action Plan that identified the critical importance of encouraging and supporting active transportation if Vancouver is to meet its greenhouse gas reduction target for 2012;

AND WHEREAS City Council supported in principle the Bicycle Advisory Committee's 2005 vision to bring the City-wide cycling mode share up to 10% by 2010;

AND WHEREAS the 1997 Transportation Plan, adopted by Council in May 1997, identifies cycling as the second-highest priority transportation mode within the City;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vancouver Bike Program is aimed at better integrating cyclists into the existing transportation system and promoting and encouraging the use of bicycles as a safe and convenient mode of transportation;

AND WHEREAS Translink Public Bike Share (PBS) Feasibility Study identified eight areas in Metro Vancouver as possible areas and in particular Downtown Vancouver as the strongest candidate for initial implementation of a successful PBS;

AND WHEREAS based on experience elsewhere, it is estimated that up to 10% of trips made on a Vancouver PBS would shift from car trips and up to 50% from conventional transit trips, resulting in up to a 1 million kilometer reduction in auto use per year and 2.5 million transit trips per year would be shifted - freeing up conventional transit capacity to attract more drivers to transit;

AND WHEREAS these shifts will reduce auto congestion, air emissions, GHG emissions, noise and conserve energy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to explore opportunities to implement a large-scale demonstration of a Public Bike Share system by February 2010.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to develop and issue an RFP for a Public Bike Share system within Vancouver for implementation by the summer of 2010 and that staff report back on this RFP with respect to financial and staffing implications, as well as coordination with, or impacts to, existing contracts and business units.

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