



City of Maple Ridge
Transportation Advisory Committee
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC),
held via Zoom teleconference on May 26, 2021 at 7:03 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Gordy Robson	Council Liaison
Eric Phillips, Vice Chair	Member at Large
Ineke Boekhorst	Member at Large
Pascale Shaw	School District No. 42 Board Trustee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Mark Halpin	Staff Liaison; Manager of Transportation
Stephanie Nichols	Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Vijay Soparkar	Member at Large
Jennifer Wright	Member at Large

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2.1 Strategic Transportation Plan Phase 2 Development

The Staff Liaison acknowledged that the Chair had recently resigned and that the position would be addressed at the regular meeting scheduled for June 23, 2021.

Mr. Halpin spoke to the purpose of the meeting advising the committee of the public engagement webpage available to the public until Monday, May 31, 2021.

Mr. Halpin introduced the consultant Allison Clavelle, Urban Systems and provided background information on the work plan for the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) development.

A. Clavelle spoke to the purpose of the Strategic Transportation Plan and provided a detailed presentation which included: project timeline, key transportation issues, infrastructure and network gaps, community engagement, TAC's role in development of the STP, gaps in the network, future project opportunities and infrastructure changes to improve safety. It was noted that 2019 data was used as a baseline due to the impact of COVID in 2020 on transportation.

Mr. Halpin advised that staff are currently working with TransLink to update the Area Transport Plan which will result in more frequency and bus hours. Ms. Clavelle acknowledged that this updated information will be reflected in the final STP.

The Staff Liaison clarified that there is a coordinated regional emerging modes.

After the presentation, the Committee was presented with the following questions and provided the following feedback:

1. What are top issues facing Maple Ridge now and into the future?
 - Intersection lighting needs to be upgraded throughout the City;
 - Bike safety training for kids;
 - Bike lane standard throughout City;
 - Increased enforcement of unsafe behaviors of drivers and cyclists;
 - Extension of transit routes throughout the City;
 - Additional charging stations and a standard rates;
 - Walking and wheeling graphics, especially at schools in East Maple Ridge;
 - Additional sidewalks;
 - Increased cycling infrastructure;
 - Park and Ride infrastructure, potentially at the parking lot across from the bus loop;
 - Additional crossing / access to Silver Valley/Fern Crescent.

Mr. Halpin provided a list of stakeholders engaged and advised that a report will be coming to Council in July. Mr. Halpin advised that the ATP is planned for Committee of the Whole on June 15, 2021.

2. Understanding that available capital is limited and different types of improvements can benefit different groups and at different intensities... What aspects of the transportation system should be given the highest priority moving forward?
 - Safety and movement of transportation;
 - Encourage walking, manual transportation modes to take more cars off the road;
 - Cost saving and quick solutions;
 - Increased signage throughout the City regarding cycling paths, public parking, how to avoid congestion, etc;
3. Thinking about cycling infrastructure overall, what is the relative importance of regional / longer distance connections compared to local neighbourhood connections to community destinations and commercial hubs?
 - Increased cycling infrastructure and encouragement of cycling;
 - Educate the public to get them out of their vehicles and start using other modes of transportation.
4. Thinking about cycling infrastructure retrofit to existing roads, what types of cycling infrastructure do you prefer? What is your perspective of the benefits and challenges of different types of infrastructure? Does your perspective change for infrastructure in new neighbourhoods?
 - Defer to cycling experts;
 - Multi-use paths are dangerous for all users, need dedicated lanes;
 - Divided pathways are great;
 - Connect infrastructure paths;
 - Standardization of different aspects on roadways throughout the community.
5. What are your thoughts on transit in Maple Ridge and are there areas where you would like to see improvements?
 - Albion / East Maple Ridge
6. The previous STP identified new connections and road network improvements for the medium and long terms that will be reconsidered as part of this plan. Which new

connections and / or major roadway capital improvements that should be considered as part of this work?

- Albion streets too narrow due to residents parking on both sides of the street;
- Review of large vehicle movement

Mr. Halpin advised that the Subdivision and Services Bylaw is currently under review

7. What should the City consider when planning for emerging trends in transportation such as electric and autonomous vehicles and advancements in micro-mobility?
 - No comments were received

3. QUESTION PERIOD

Steve Ranta

Mr. Ranta asked how GHG reduction goals will fit into the STP and what the larger vision is to move all modes of transportation throughout the City. Mr. Halpin advised that the next phase of the plan will include these details.

Jackie Chow

Ms. Chow asked why horse trails were included in the maps presented? Mr. Halpin advised that the GIS system picked these up on the cycling map layer and that this will be adjusted.

Mr. Halpin spoke to the next steps in the process and advised that over 200 survey responses had been received and the survey is open for another week

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm.



Mark Halpin, Acting-Chair,
Staff Liaison

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