

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

A meeting held APRIL 24, 2006 in the Operations Board Room located at 877 Keil Street, White Rock, B.C.

PRESENT: Councillor Doug McLean, Chair
Haven Elliott
Don Griffith
Thaddeus Kearney
Phil LeGood
Orest Romaniuk

STAFF: David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations and Staff Liaison
Branca Verde, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Roger Emanuels
Alistair Johnston
Grant Meyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

1. AGENDA APPROVAL

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Transportation and Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for April 24, 2006 be approved as circulated with an agreement that the issue of Town Centre amendments will be added if time allows and that an update on the Translink Public Advisory Committee would be added under new business;

AND THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

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2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting held March 20, 2006 be adopted as circulated (with a minor amendment to correct the date of the next meeting in item 6 of the minutes).

M/S/C

3. MATTERS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

3.1 DRAFT STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The committee reviewed a summary of items in the Draft Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) along with a draft resolution for committee consideration. The committee discussed the items, including estimated costs, with an aim to determine priorities.

There was discussion over the impacts of new developments and it was suggested that revenues generated through development charges should be used to pay for some items in the draft STP such as the development of a multi-use greenway. There was debate over whether the development of a multi-use greenway should be a high-priority within the City's current five-year plan or categorized as an important initiative to be carried out if funding can be generated through new development.

There was discussion with respect to waterfront parking and the status of discussions with representatives of the Semiahmoo First Nations. The Staff Liaison advised that the Semiahmoo First Nations have been contacted and that they are considering options for the use of their lands.

There was discussion over the merits of including an overall "mission statement" for the Transportation Committee indicating that the committee's priority is to "move people rather than vehicles". It was noted that the draft STP includes goals in the introduction, and the committee concluded that these adequately reflect the goals of the committee.

The following motion was put forward:

RECOMMENDED THAT Council be advised that the Transportation and Safety Committee supports the goals identified within the Draft Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) for the improvement of the City's overall transportation network;

AND THAT the Transportation and Safety Committee support the consideration of a number of integrated initiatives and strategies as identified within the Draft Strategic Transportation Plan (STP), considering all modes of transportation;

AND THAT the Committee considers the following initiatives as important and a high-priority for inclusion in the City's current five year financial plan:

1. Road Network

- a. Expand road classification system
- b. Re-classify road network
- c. Enhance signage for visitors (\$227,500)
- d. Implement minor road improvements (including multi-way signage) (\$260,700)

2. Transit

- a. Enhance local service frequencies (Translink)
- b. Implement local circulator service (Translink)
- c. Implement evening dial-a-ride service (Translink)
- d. Expand regional services (Translink) {including service to post secondary campuses such as UBC and SFU}
- e. Enhance transit passenger amenities (\$185,000)

3. Walking and Cycling

- a. Expand sidewalk standards
- b. Expand sidewalk coverage (\$7,194,000)
- c. Improve pedestrian crossings (\$384,000)
- d. Enhance sidewalks in key areas (rehab/redevelopment)

- e. Expand bicycle network (\$353,000)
 - f. Enhance bicycle parking and other support strategies (\$100,000)
4. *Waterfront Parking*
- a. Manage parking supply (\$50,000 option only)
 - b. Manage parking demand
 - d. Develop integrated parking and transit strategies

AND THAT the Committee considers the following initiatives as important if the extra funding can be allocated (i.e. through development revenues) over the next five years:

- 1. *Walking and Cycling* - item g. Develop multi-use greenway (\$17,227,500)
- 2. *Waterfront Parking* - item a. Manage parking supply (\$2,000,000 option)
- 3. *Waterfront Parking* - item c. Plan for parking facilities (\$2,500,000)

AND THAT the Committee considers the following initiatives as lesser importance and could be postponed indefinitely:

- 1. *Transit* - item f. Plan for fixed transit/hillside connector (\$40,000,000)
- 2. *Transit* - item g. Plan for commuter rail (Translink)

AND THAT the Committee forwards these recommendations to Council for consideration;

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3.2 TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

The Staff Liaison provided a presentation on the Draft Traffic Calming Policy, including a review of a proposed four-phase approach for traffic calming in White Rock. The draft policy will be presented to Council and it was noted that the four-phase approach will be the key advantage in Council adopting this policy. Traffic calming initiatives may be raised by members of local communities or by the City. The City will ensure there is a public consultation process for capital road improvements as well.

There is approximately \$100,000, in capital funding for neighbourhood initiated traffic calming. Funding will be used for both the planning and actual construction. A local improvement model may also be used in some locations to advance the timing of a project but Council has not yet determined what funding model(s) will be considered.

The Chair noted that, if adopted, Council will likely implement a similar approach to that used for the community grant program (each request will be evaluated, with some approved in the current year budget and others postponed to the following year). The following motion was put forward:

RESOLVED THAT Council be advised that the Transportation and Safety Committee supports the Draft Traffic Calming Policy.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Committee member Thaddeus Kearney provided an update on the Translink Public Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is planning to carry out various surveys and consultation with developers to determine where transit demand may arise.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15th, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. The Chair requested that staff inquire about providing food at the next meeting.

6. **CLOSURE**

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:45 p.m.