

**The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver
INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Via WebEx**

MINUTES

Present: Anna Hardy
Bradley Cuzen
Brent Hillier
Chris Quigley
Christie Sacre
Dana Bourgeois
Ilana Baxter
Jonathan Arnold
Ron Spence
Councillor Tony Valente

Staff: Daniel Watson, Transportation Planner
Hayley Reiss, Committee Clerk – Secretary

Presenters: Andrew Devlin, Manager, Transportation Planning
Justin Hall, Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure
Kliment Kuzmanovski, Section Manager – Traffic Engineering
Mike Friesen, Manager, Strategic Initiatives
Heather Reinhold, Deputy Director, Strategic and Corporate Services

Absent: Bryan Fedirchuk (RCMP)
Mateusz Debicki
Maxwell Lai

1. CALL TO ORDER

The agenda for March 3, 2021 was adopted. The minutes of February 3, 2021 were approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

3. AAA MOBILITY LANE NETWORK

Manager, Public Realm Infrastructure and Manager, Transportation Planning presented the All Ages and Abilities (AAA) Mobility Lane Network.

Key points included:

- AAA mobility infrastructure provides safe and comfortable space for a range of active transportation users.
- Suitable AAA facilities include local street bikeways, protected bike lanes, and off-street pathways.
- Mobility lanes is a new term that captures the greater diversity of users on our corridors (i.e. a range of electric mobility devices, not just cyclists).
- In fall 2019, staff began identifying key areas to expand the AAA network and Council endorsed the Plan in late 2019.
- The Plan will be phased over the next two years and will:
 - Connect key destinations;
 - Fill gaps in high demand areas; and
 - Make high collision areas safer.
- Planning and Design will explore different options, considering diverse community and other street user needs of each corridor.
- Will gather input through public consultation and update Council throughout the process before finalizing the design to tender for construction.
- Phase 1 – Connectivity:
 - 1st Street Mobility Corridor, connecting 1st Street to 3rd Street;
 - Jones Avenue, connecting 21st Street up to the Highway 1 overpass; and
 - Casano/Loutet overpass, a pedestrian and cycling bridge over Highway 1, connecting Loutet to Lynn Valley.
- Phase 2 – East-West Connection:
 - Esplanade Complete Street Corridor, improving 3rd Street from Forbes Avenue through east Esplanade;
 - Mid-town connector, connecting the Casano/Loutet overpass through to the Marine/Keith/Bewicke intersection, which connects with the 1st Street Mobility Corridor; and
 - Upper Levels Greenway.
- Phase 3 – North-South Connection:
 - Chesterfield Avenue, connecting the SeaBus to mid-Lonsdale and the mid-town connector route; and
 - St. David's Avenue greenway, connecting the Spirit Trail through Moodyville.

Comments/Questions:

- More needs to be done to improve connection to Ironworkers Memorial Bridge.
- The road network in general does not benefit from having a very strong grid and there are gaps that still need to be completed.
- The District of North Vancouver (DNV) is completing a key connection in the Spirit Trail, between Lynn Creek Town Centre and Park & Tilford. More information is on the DNV's website: www.dnv.org/spirit-trail-lc.
- Are there plans to improve Jones Avenue, north of Highway 1 (i.e. improve lighting and AAA facilities)? **A:** Yes, there will be opportunities to improve this section of road in the future.

- What is the prioritization process? **A:** We study routes people are already using or desire to use. Other evaluation criteria include safety, connecting to critical destinations or major trip attractors in the region, and grant opportunities etc.
- The public may not fully understand the purpose of this type of infrastructure – it is important to educate and listen to residents through public consultations and as committee members, be the voice that represents the public at these meetings.
- Request to invite the DNV to ITC to do a presentation on their bike network.
- How does the Motor Vehicle Act relate to electrification of mobility? **A:** Staff are trying to design AAA facilities for the use of human powered and electric assist mobility devices – we are supportive of providing more options on our streets that give people alternatives to getting around depending on the type of trip they are taking. The BC Motor Vehicle Act currently does not recognize some electric powered devices (i.e. e-scooters or e-skateboards) as legal. The City has applied to the Province to allow the City to make e-scooters legal on our streets as part of a 2-year pilot.
- The City needs to do more to educate cyclists on how to communicate to pedestrians when they overtake them.
 - The Look Think Go program is a City campaign that encourages residents and visitors to use safe travel practices: <https://www.cnv.org/city-services/streets-and-transportation/look-think-go>
- The Upper Levels Greenway project will be coming to ITC for input this summer.

4. SAFE MOBILITY STRATEGY AND KEY 2021 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Manager, Transportation Planning and Section Manager, Traffic Engineering presented the Safe Mobility Strategy and Key 2021 Safety Improvements.

Key points included:

- The Safe Mobility Strategy outlines the City's comprehensive approach to creating safer streets.
 - Designing safe streets – new and upgraded signals, crosswalks, cycling, and pedestrian infrastructure.
 - Encouraging safe speeds – reducing speed limits, new speed bumps and street design changes.
 - Promoting safe behaviour;
 - 2020: New regulations for stopping/impeding bus and cycling lanes.
 - 2021: Develop new regulations for e-scooters, update Street and Traffic Bylaw, school outreach, and cycling education.
 - Being evidence-based and accountable.
- The City prioritizes interventions to make streets safer.
 - Monitoring – data collection (resident input, ICBC data, speed, volume and observations).
 - Analyzing – studies (network screening, warrants, signal flasher crosswalks, speed humps etc.).
 - Prioritizing – data driven ranking for lighting upgrades, intersections etc.
 - Investing.

Comments/Questions:

- Are there plans to improve safety around the new Cloverley Elementary School once it is built? **A:** It is on our radar.
- Are raised crosswalks included in the safe mobility design features? **A:** Yes, in the next two weeks there will be three raised crosswalks placed on Grand Boulevard West at 15th, 11th and 9th Streets.
- Raised crosswalks give priority to the safety of pedestrians, which is important.
- Important to note that education around safe mobility should be an ongoing discussion.
- The City, in partnership with HUB Cycling, visit elementary schools and educate grade 5 and 6 students about bike safety.

*A. Devlin, J. Hall, and K. Kuzmanovski left the meeting at 7:25 pm.
H. Reinhold joined the meeting at 7:30 pm.*

5. HARRY JEROME COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE BIKE PARKING

Manager, Strategic Initiatives presented the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre (HJCRC) Bike Parking.

Key points included:

- Requesting a rezoning amendment for the staff bicycle parking at HJCRC, which currently offers 87 stalls on 21,800 square metres.
- Additional amendment to relocate the staff locker and shower facilities.
- The North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission confirmed they will only have 45 employees working on-site at any given time, so requiring 87 secured bike parking stalls is not necessary and can be a significant expense on a project of this scale.
- Goal is to provide one bike parking space for every employee with additional space for cargo bikes and trailers.

Comments/Questions:

- How safe is the bike parking facilities for employees? **A:** Cyclists will be able to park their bikes in a secured facility at individual bike locker stations with fob or code access.
- Are there shower and bathroom facilities for staff? **A:** Yes, 4 showers and 40 lockers for staff and additional lockers and showers for aquatic staff.
- ITC provided a recommendation for the HJCRC project at the February 3, 2021 meeting and made the following addition to the recommendation:
 - “The committee appreciates staffs diligence in returning to clarify the secure bike parking for employees and are in support of the proposed amendment.”

It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously:

THAT the Integrated Transportation Committee has reviewed and supports the Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre project and makes the following additional comments:

- The committee notes the importance of the active transportation connections, design of the 23rd Street frontage, and surrounding off-site improvement;
- The committee recommends that the City continue to advocate for improved active transportation connection across the Highway;
- The committee appreciates staffs' diligence in returning to clarify the secure bike parking for employees and are in support of the proposed amendment.

6. COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Key points included:

- At the February 8th Council meeting, Councillor Bell advanced a motion asking staff to report on an Adopt a Street trail program in the City.
- At the February 22nd Council meeting:
 - Public Hearing for 145-153 East 4th Street; a rental project that includes 69 rental units, seven of which will be mid-market rental (10% below the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation rates).
 - Council submitted a \$2.5M funding request under the federal COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Program for the Esplanade Complete Street project.
 - Capital Plan presented, which included funding for the Mobility Lane Network and Safe Mobility Strategy.
- At the March 1st Council meeting, there was a Public Hearing for Alcuin College to discuss the amendment to add a covered outdoor space and recreation facility, which was approved by Council.

7. ITC – ROSTER OF PROJECTS WORKSHEET

The committee reviewed the worksheet prior to the meeting.

Comments/Questions:

- None.

8. TRANSPORTATION EVENTS

- March 4, 2021 – HUB Cycling webinar: The Potential of Cargo Bikes for Business

9. ROUND TABLE

- C. Sacre noted the lighting through Grand Boulevard Park is now on.

- D. Bourgeois requested a presentation on traffic enforcement and safety.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.



Chair Signature

Avg 20, 2021
Date