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MINUTES of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to be held via Video Conference.

PRESENT:

Voting Members:

J. Barnes
D. Bennett
G. Jay
P. Jongbloed
A. Keizer
G. Kirkland

Council Liaisons:

Councillor Hayes

Staff:

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations
(Chair)
A. Torres, Acting Manager of Engineering and
Facilities

Regrets:

H. Escaravage
A. Evans
R. Gaspar
Councillor Miyashita
A. Ramji
G. Tejkel

Recording Clerk:

T. McCaw, Committee Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Item was deferred until quorum was achieved.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Agenda of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 08, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Item was deferred until quorum was achieved.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Update on Project List

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided an update on the ATAC Project List, which forms a part of the original minutes as **Attachment 1**. Some of the highlights included:

- A new column has been added to the Project List detailing items with potential grant opportunities;
- The City was successful in obtaining the grant through the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Program for an assessment of the active transportation network;
- The Parks Department is planning to collect data at various trails separate from this project, which will increase the number of locations; and
- The crosswalk relocation at 122nd Ave and 191B to be deferred to future years based on other priorities and available budget.

Committee members participated in a discussion, with the following main themes noted:

- It was recommended that if the crosswalk was relocated to the west side, the access trail into Hoffman Park be moved as well; and

- The crosswalk at the south end of Wildwood Cr was discussed as a medium priority.

**G. Kirkland joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.*

(2) **Action Item Tracker**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided an update on the ATAC Action Item Tracker, which forms a part of the agenda package.

Committee members participated in a discussion, with the following main themes noted:

- Clarification on eScooter and eBike awareness initiatives and timelines(*Staff mentioned that this topic could be revisited in late 2022 and more pilot projects and guidance may be available*); and
- Parking, pedestrian, and cyclist concerns were raised near Silver Bridge as a result of increased use (*Staff mentioned that an assessment of the crossings at Silver Bridge and S. Alouette Bridge was completed in late November 2020 and improvements were recently implemented. Signage, CMS boards and enforcement is also coordinated through the busy summer months*).

**P. Jongbloed joined the meeting at 7:27 p.m.*

(3) **Draft 2022 Work Plan**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided an update on the 2022 ATAC Work Plan, which forms a part of the agenda package.

(4) **Road and Rail Project Update**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided a brief verbal update on the current status of the Road & Rail Project. Some of the highlights included:

- Staff are currently working on the air quality and noise & vibration assessments, which are intended to be presented in the coming weeks. The assessments are focused on the ongoing rail operations through the City (separate from the Road and Rail Project). A third party review is being completed for the BKL noise & vibration assessment and mitigation proposed for the Road and Rail Project. The outcome of that review will also be presented shortly; and
- Port of Vancouver to potentially present to ATAC on the Harris Road Underpass in Q1/Q2 2022 for feedback. It is intended that this

would be more detailed on the slopes, width, lighting, signage, connectivity and other various components of the active transportation scope.

Committee members participated in a discussion, with the following main themes noted:

- Committee members raised questions around funding agreements, the noise and vibration study, and various components related to the Road and Rail Project; and
- Concerns were raised around the renderings released for the Harris Road underpass with the MUP being quite narrow (~2.5m) and the recommendation to widen the pedestrian and cyclist access through the underpass to 4m on each side was reiterated (*Staff noted there will be more engagement in 2022 to discuss the details further and that high-level parameters will be outlined in the Project Partnering Agreement (PPA), which will take into account design guidelines, budget and space constraints. More information on the PPA is anticipated to be presented near the end of the year).*

(5) **Grant Application Update**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided a verbal update on grant applications, which has been added into the Project Priorities List as **Attachment 1** and some of the highlights included:

- TransLink, ICBC and Accessibility grants are currently being reviewed; and
- Staff intends to bring forward a Decision Package for accessibility improvements at Heritage Hall during 2022 business planning and, if approved by Council, will likely be the initial priority for any available accessibility grants.

Committee members participated in a discussion, with the following main themes noted:

- The question was raised whether grant funding is available for the addition of more bicycle pushbuttons throughout the City (*Staff stated budgetary constraints do not allow for any additions in 2022; however, this will be revisited in years to come and a number of other intersections have been flagged as per the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan tracker).*

(6) **2022 Committee Calendar**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering & Operations, provided a verbal update on the draft 2022 Active Transportation Advisory Committee calendar.

- It was recommended that meeting dates for February 14, 2022 and November 14, 2022 be changed to February 7, 2022 and November 7, 2022 on the ATAC Committee calendar.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT:

- The 2022 Active Transportation Advisory Committee calendar be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

6. ROUND TABLE

The Committee engaged in a round table discussion. No motions or recommendations were made. Some of the comments included:

- Accessibility concerns were raised for the south sidewalk on Park Rd, specifically between Bonson Rd and 193rd St. It was recommended repairs be made to the sidewalk and that the grinding currently present is too steep in some areas and should be limited to 5-8% (*Staff indicated that the areas were previously reviewed/repared in compliance with sidewalk standards for tripping hazards and some additional repairs are planned for 2022; however, Staff will follow-up internally on the concerns of the degree of sloping and potentially select trees could be removed to accommodate localized sidewalk panel replacement*);
- The question was raised around who pays for the cost to repair and replace damaged bollards around the City (*Staff noted the City would reach out to ICBC to discuss potential cost coverages*);
- HUB Cycling expressed thanks for newly installed flashing beacon on Neaves Road at the S. Alouette Bridge;
- A good example of trail etiquette signage at the Port Coquitlam trail was mentioned (*Staff stated City will be working on updated dike signage in collaboration with the Parks Department, which will be brought before the Committee to review and discuss*).; and
- Update on 2022 committee member recruitment process was provided.

7. SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Staff to review sidewalk slopes along south side of Park Rd.
2. Staff to follow-up with ICBC on potential cost coverage for damaged bollards.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next *Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting* is set for February 7, 2022
at 7:00 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Tatiana McCaw, Committee Clerk II