



MINUTES of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via video conference.

PRESENT:

Voting Members:

J. Barnes
H. Escaravage
R. Gaspar
R. Harmston
N. Jensen
P. Jongbloed (Chair)
A. Keizer
A. Ramji

Staff:

S. Ahrabian, Manager of Engineering and Facilities
J. Hart, Project Manager – Major Projects, Engineering and Operations
S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations
A. Seed, Engineering Technologist

Council Liaisons:

Councilor Miyashita *

Guests:

P. Cohen, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority *

Regrets:

Councillor Hayes
G. Kirkland

Secretary:

T. McCaw, Committee Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the September 14, 2020 agenda for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 8, 2020 be adopted .

CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS**(1) Kennedy Rd. Overpass & Harris Road Underpass Update**

P. Cohen from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA) provided an update on the current status of the Kennedy Road underpass through a PowerPoint presentation which is included in the minutes as **Attachment 1**.

**Councillor Miyashita joined the meeting at 7:11p.m.*

Comments and questions from the Committee included:

- Concern was raised for road cyclists at the intersection of Ferryslip Rd and Kennedy Rd as they will have to begin using the shoulder to continue cycling and if a bike ramp on the south edge could be added to create a smooth transition to the MUP on Kennedy Road;
- The use/connectivity of the Lougheed multi-use path (MUP) and tie-in around Ferryslip/Kennedy Rd intersection and overpass was clarified;
- The Ferryslip/Kennedy Rd intersection controls will remain the same as it is today with a stop sign at Ferryslip Rd;
- The underpass is generally designed for a 75-year life expectancy;
- Concern was raised around having the MUP end at the Katzie Slough which will result in an unreasonable financial burden to the City to ensure that the MUP is useable with an extension along Kennedy Rd.; (*P. Cohen clarified that this is not in the current project scope*); and
- Barrier/divider between vehicle traffic and MUP to be considered. P. Cohen mentioned that there are limitations with widening the overall structure, but alternatives/trade-offs in widths of each component will be reviewed.

** P. Cohen exited the meeting 7:35 p.m.*

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations noted that at this time, there is no significant update for the Harris Road underpass. The focus is

currently on the Kennedy Road overpass and progressing technical details of the underpass. More of an update on Harris Road to be provided in the upcoming months.

(2) **New Member Introductions**

Introduction of new City Staff member S. Ahrabian, Manager of Engineering and Facilities.

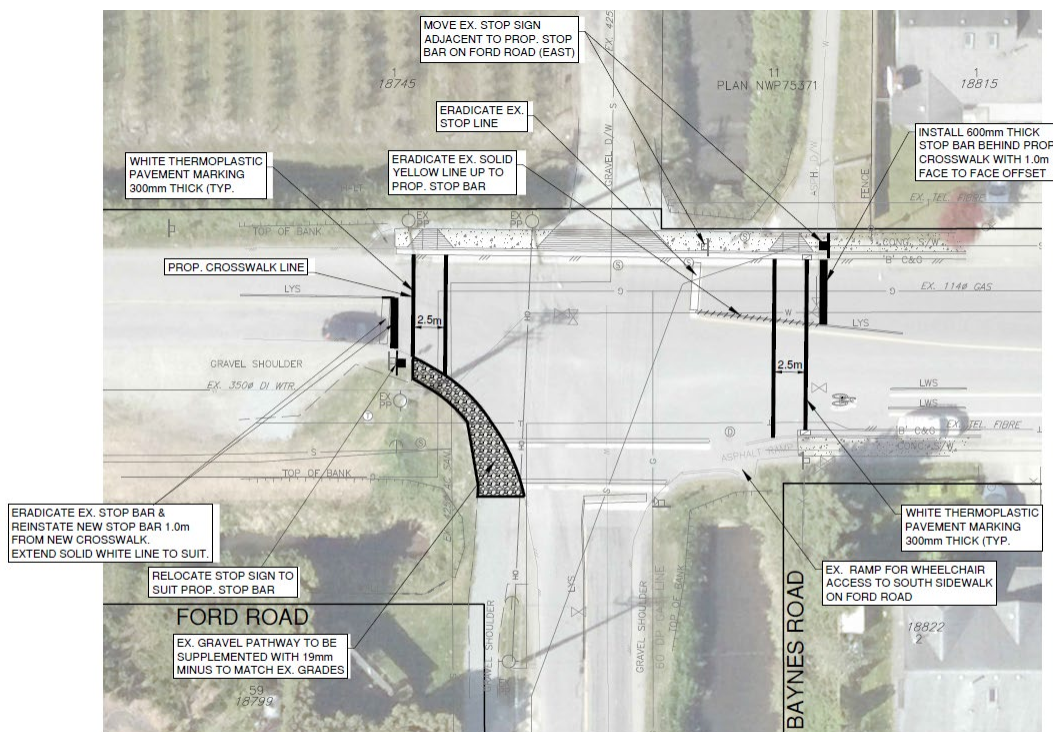
(3) **Update on 2020 Action Item Tracker**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided a brief verbal update on the ATAC Action Item Tracker, which is included in the minutes as **Attachment 2**.

(4) **Update on 2020 Project List**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided a brief verbal update on the ATAC 2020 Project List. Highlights included:

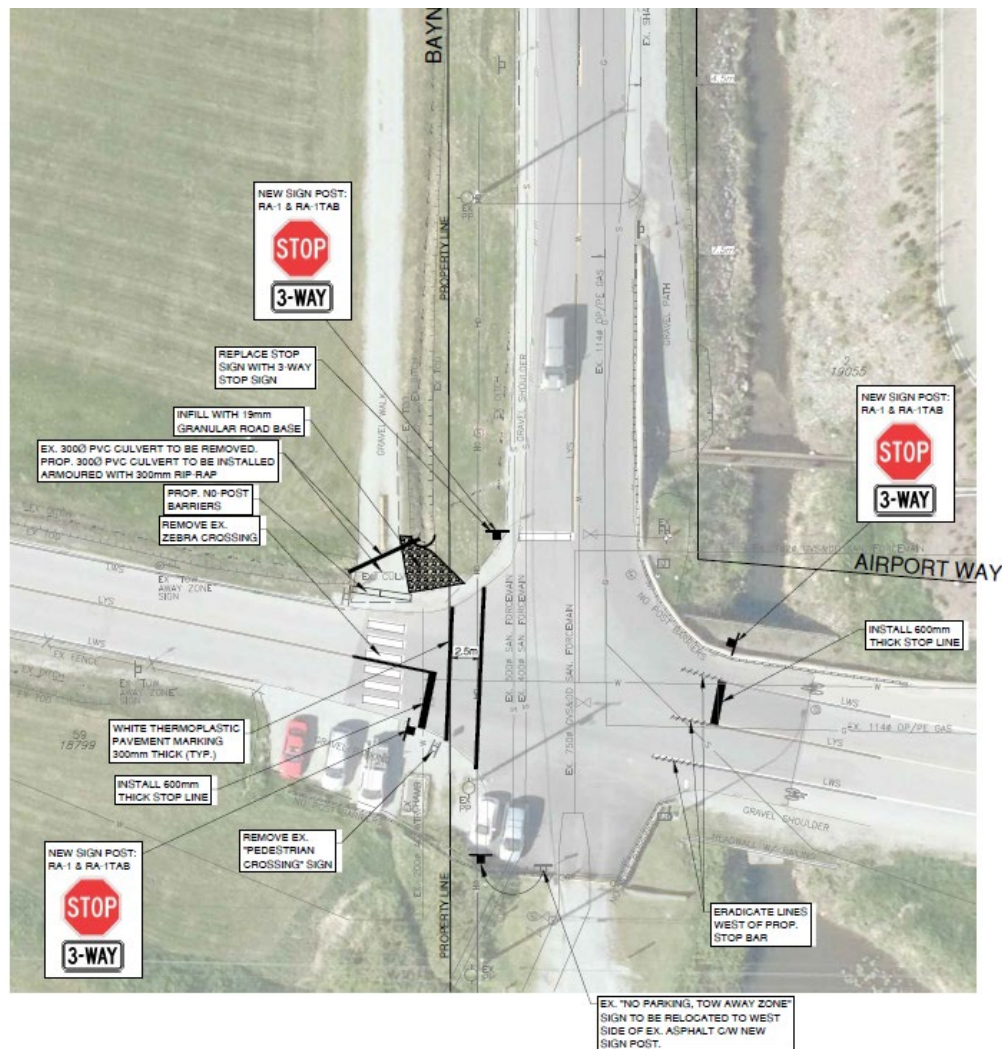
- City received the grant from TransLink for the bicycle push buttons and audibles with implementation planned for early 2021;
- The proposed design for the crosswalks at Ford Rd/Baynes Rd was discussed:



FORD RD. AND BAYNES RD. INTERSECTION - PLAN

SCALE: 1:250

- The proposed three-way stop sign design for Baynes Rd/Airport Way was discussed and comments were made regarding the location of parked vehicles/potential extension of gravel lot to the west and eliminating the condition of cars reversing into the crosswalk;
- Committee noted their main concern is the current lack of stop signs;
- Committee wants to ensure the proposed changes do not impact the Fire Department;



AIRPORT WAY AND BAYNES ROAD INTERSECTION - PLAN

* N. Jensen left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

- Design for other active transportation/traffic calming items are ongoing, including the right-turn lane on McMyn Rd into the Meadowvale shopping centre.

- City did not receive the grant for the Bike Network Review; however, there is opportunity to apply for another grant in Fall 2020; and
- Staff recommended that the improvement discussions for Airport Way between Southgate Rd and GE roundabout be put on hold as the widening of Airport Way is scheduled to occur sooner than originally anticipated and spending \$75k-\$100k on this project is not advisable at this time. Committee members are interested in the future designs of these improvements during the widening of Airport Way.

For more information, please refer to **Attachment 3**.

(5) **Dike Connections across Harris Road (Silver Bridge) & Neaves Road (S. Alouette Bridge) and pedestrian/cyclist safety**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations, provided brief overview of the locations and concerns around pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Comments and questions from the Committee included:

- Previous to the fatality on August 4, 2020, no accidents had been recorded in these locations;
- There is an existing crosswalk at the south approach to Silver Bridge;
- Rapid flashing beacons are estimated at around \$30k and it may require 1 or 2 at each approach;
- The question was raised around adding a button for a flashing beacon to an area known to have poor sightlines and potential to cause a false sense of security should the pedestrian/cyclist not press the button assuming the driver is aware of the crosswalk;
- Committee members noted that speed in this area is a significant concern and suggested review of speed limits and associated pavement markings/signage;
- Lighting of area to be reviewed along with crossing options; and
- The importance of ATAC working with Parks and Recreation and their Master Plan was heavily stressed.

Staff recommended a review of the crossing options be explored for both bridges, with an estimated cost of \$10k and the results to be presented back to the Committee at the next meeting. It was also noted that traffic counts at this time may not be reflective of typical use during the sunny summer days, Staff to review any existing data and some assumptions may need to be made while reviewing options (i.e. higher use at Silver Bridge).

There was general consensus among the Committee to proceed with the review of both bridges and associated pedestrian/cyclist crossings. Priority of improvements to be revisited at next meeting.

(6) **Completion Schedule for bike lanes on Neaves Road**

S. Maki, Director of Engineering and Operations provided a brief verbal update on the bike lanes along Neaves Road. Highlights included:

- Bike lanes have been installed between Old Dewdney Trunk Road and the S. Alouette Bridge and from McNeil Road to the Sturgeon Slough;
- Bike lane installation between N. Alouette Bridge and McNeil Road is planned for 2024;
- Bike lane installation between S. Alouette Bridge and N. Alouette Bridge is planned for 2025; and
- Timing of bike lane installation is aligned with the paving work being completed in the area, aside from some localized roadwork patching next year.

(7) **Suggested MUP on Kennedy Road**

P. Jongbloed verbally presented a suggested addition of a multi-use path on Kennedy Road on the north side of the road between the Kennedy Rd Bridge at the Katzie Slough and the dike at Kennedy Road Pump Station and relocated of the existing road alignment to the south as there is a large right-of-way.

Comments and questions from the Committee included:

- Staff asked about prioritization compared to MUP along 193rd St.;
- Staff noted costs associated with this would be substantial, but possibly something to be considered in years to come or potential grant applications. Staff to add to the Project List; and
- Committee members raised the question to see if there was the possibility of a cost sharing opportunity with VFPA to share and contribute to the improvement and addition of the Kennedy Road bridge modifications in order to avoid bottlenecking in this area. *(Staff response: this is unlikely due to budgeting and schedule constraints for the project).*

(8) **Promoting Active Youth in the City**

A. Seed, Engineering Technician, provided a presentation with information recently received from TransLink and the RCMP, which is included in the minutes as **Attachment 4**. Highlights included:

- TransLink has reached out the City looking to receive feedback on the messaging they are looking to promote in our community;
- Looking for ways to engage with youth in the community and promote active youth; and
- Feedback was requested on specific areas of concern for the RCMP.

Comments and questions from the Committee included:

- The Committee supports the walking school bus approach; however, concerned with the timing of this approach considering we are in the middle of a pandemic;
- Committee anticipates a lot of feedback based on the bike network in Pitt Meadows and what is safe for riders and youth in the area;
- Committee believes both HUB and the Learn to Ride programs would be most beneficial for parents;
- It was noted there is an increase of cyclists riding on the sidewalk in Pitt Meadows;
- The Committee recommends waiting on reaching out to schools and local PAC's to engage the community due to the uncertainty during this time; and
- In the future, the Committee can reach out to local PAC's and see if there is any potential to possibly raise funds for new bike racks.

6. ROUND TABLE

The Committee participated in a brief round table of discussions. Highlights included:

- Concerns were raised around the increase of idling trains on the Harris Road train tracks;
- Request was made for Staff to reach out to CP regarding the increased whistling that is taking place on the train tracks; and
- A local cycling advocate has organized a cycling tour throughout Pitt Meadows for Staff, Council, and ATAC members, to highlight

current successes and significant potential of cycling for transportation in the City which has been scheduled for September 21, 2020 at 3:30 pm.

7. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S ACTION ITEMS

1. Staff to coordinate installation of 'single file' signage on the Airport Way on the approach to Golden Ears Way roundabout.
2. The discussion of reducing speed limits to 30 km/hr on side streets to be added to the November 9th, 2020 Agenda.
3. Staff to coordinate review of crossing options at the south Alouette Bridge and Silver Bridge.
4. Staff to reach out to CP regarding the increased whistling that is taking place on the Harris Road train tracks.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

*The next meeting for the **Active Transportation Advisory Committee** is set for **November 9, 2020** at 7:00 p.m.*