

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room 2 and via MS Teams
770 Vernon Avenue
Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 4:07 p.m.

Present: Councillor Teale Phelps-Bondaroff (Chair), Alexandre Beaubien, Janine Konkell, Rachel Corder (via Teams), Trevor Barry

Staff: Troy McKay, Senior Manager of Transportation and Development Services; Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner; and Colton Whittaker, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Colin Stepney, Liam Peta, Parker Little, Will Bowen

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by J. Konkell and Seconded by A. Beaubien: “That the Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held September 26, 2024 be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

CHAIRS REMARKS

The Chair welcomed committee members, and the following was noted:

- The Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP) was recently adopted by Council.
- The deadline for applying to the committee has been extended to October 30, 2024, at 9 a.m. Committee members were encouraged to re-apply.

TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

The Senior Transportation Planner presented on the Traffic Calming Policy (TCP) (PowerPoint on file). The following was noted in response to questions and during committee discussion:

- Various traffic-calming measures are being considered as part of the plan.
- Input from BC Transit is essential to assess the impact on bus services.
- Transparency and awareness around the prioritization of projects within the TCP could provide clarity to residents.
- A list of upcoming and current projects across the District is distributed to Community Associations. Publishing this list online, like building permits, could enhance accessibility for residents.
- Designs with longer sightlines and a wide gap between pedestrians and cars could further create a sense of safety.
- Residents can use the complaint process on the Saanich website to submit a “Report a Problem” form for various issues, including those related to road safety.
- A drop-down menu for roads and intersections on the “Report a Problem” form could

- reduce spelling errors and increase accuracy.
- Equity is a key focus when determining project prioritization.
- The Speed Limit Establishment Policy is connected to the TCP through the Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP), with road designs reviewed to align with speed reductions and discourage speeding.
- Projects along the same road are not always scheduled simultaneously, as doing so does not always result in cost savings.
- Although historical trends are an important factor, decisions should not be exclusively reactionary.
- Streets identified by staff as potential candidates for traffic calming measures are evaluated against a matrix to confirm suitability.
- A visual map displaying identified projects overlaid with an equity map could be an engaging tool for residents.
- Speed board meters function as dual-purpose tools, providing both traffic calming and data collection.
- No changes to road classifications are currently planned.
- Saanich cannot modify intersections that belong to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI).
- Modifying collector roads presents challenges due to their central role in the road network and high usage.

***The Senior Manager of Transportation and Development Services exited the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION INCENTIVES

The committee discussed the working group on road safety education incentives, and the following was noted:

- The working group has not yet met.
- This topic is referenced in the RSAP.
- The working group would like to convene to discuss ideas, including a potential cost reduction on insurance for participants who attend a safety webinar as an educational incentive.
- The working group plans to meet in the near future.

BC TRANSIT FLEET STATUS

The committee discussed the status of BC Transit's fleet, and the following was noted:

- The high costs of buses and existing supply chain issues were discussed.
- There is interest in understanding the reasons behind BC Transit's decision not to purchase additional buses.
- More information about BC Transit's procurement process would be appreciated.
- The Victoria Regional Transit Commission consists of Mayors and Councillors representing various municipalities.

MOVED by T. Barry and Seconded by J. Konkel: "That the committee postpone further discussion on this topic until the November 28, 2024 meeting."

CARRIED

***R. Corder exited the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

ACTION LIST

The committee reviewed the Action List and removed items that have been completed or are no longer relevant. The following was noted:

- The topic of right turns on red lights is addressed in the RSAP and was removed from the list.
- The Provincial Government may review Idaho stops in future engagement sessions to consider amendments to the *Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)*.
- The future of curb plunking is covered in the RSAP.
- The road classification system item was removed, as staff have indicated it will not be explored at this time.
- Parking demand management will remain an ongoing conversation.
- The topic of parking minimums and maximums was removed, as Council has already adopted a motion abolishing parking minimums for buildings with more than 12 units.
- School safety regarding drop-offs continues to be an ongoing discussion.
- The topic of wheelchairs and mobility scooters on AAA bike and roll routes was removed, as it is addressed in the RSAP.
- The item regarding the creation of an accident report platform was removed from the list, as it is addressed in the RSAP.
- Crosswalk education was removed from the list, as it has already been addressed.
- Public awareness of existing reporting and feedback mechanisms, as well as the problem area reporting dashboard, was removed, as it is addressed in the TCP.
- The topic of poles in sidewalks could be a discussion point for the Accessibility and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee.
- The topic of "carrot and stick" traffic fines was removed from the list.
- A review of bylaw enforcement was previously presented to the committee and has been removed from the list.

***The Senior Transportation Planner exited the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date will be on November 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Councillor Teale Phelps Bondaroff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Colton Whittaker, Committee Clerk