An Open meeting of the Transportation Committee (Bicycle Advisory Group) was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Wednesday, 2013 February 13 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, In the Chair  
Mr. Peter Cech, Citizens’ Representative  
Ms. Maria Marano, Citizens’ Representative  
Mr. Robert Tan, Citizens’ Representative  

B.A.G.: Mr. Mike Peel, Bicycle Advisory Group  
Mr. Patrick Ryan, Bicycle Advisory Group  
Mr. Chris Siggers, Bicycle Advisory Group  

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Chair  
Councillor Richard Chang, Member  
Ms. Amber Keane, Citizens’ Representative  

STAFF: Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Traffic & Parking Management  
Mr. Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning  
Ms. Leah Libsekal, Transportation Planner  
Mr. Mark Dal-Santo, Traffic Technician  
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer  

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **MINUTES**

   (a) Minutes of the Transportation Committee Open Meeting held on 2012 November 14

   MOVED BY MS. MARANO:  
   SECONDED BY MR. TAN:  

   "THAT the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting held on 2012 November 14 be adopted."

   CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **DELEGATIONS**
The following wrote requesting an audience with the Transportation Committee:

(a) Nicholas Smith, Sustainable SFU
Re: Get OnBoard BC Campaign
Sustainable and Equitable Public Transit Funding in Metro Vancouver
Speakers: Nicholas Smith and Tessica Troung

(b) Darcy Olson
Re: Traffic and Transportation Issues
Speaker: Darcy Olson

MOVED BY MR. TAN:
SECONDED BY MR. CECH:

“THAT the delegations be heard.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(a) Mr. Nicholas Smith and Ms. Tessica Troung, Sustainable SFU, appeared before the Committee to share their ‘Get OnBoard Transit Advocacy Campaign’.

Sustainable SFU is a student-run non-profit organization that has partnered with Get OnBoard BC to advocate for sustainable and equitable funding mechanisms for public transit in Metro Vancouver.

Get OnBoard BC is a coalition campaign of partners who all have a vested interest in regional public transportation. The current membership is apprised of approximately 20 varied organizations which include; City of Vancouver, City of Surrey, Local 111 of the Canadian Auto Workers and the Sustainable Transportation Coalition.

In conclusion the speakers requested that the City of Burnaby support the Get OnBoard Advocacy Campaign by publicly endorsing the campaign and its goals.

The Committee thanked the speakers for their dedication and advocacy.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY MS. MARANO:
SECONDED BY MR. CECH:

“THAT the comments of the delegation be REFERRED to staff for report.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Mr. Darcy Olson, 4787 Brentlawn Drive, Burnaby, appeared before the Committee to discuss several issues of concern:

- Increasing flow of crude oil and the potential for an environmental disaster in Burrard Inlet;
- speed at which fully laden petroleum tanker trucks are travelling from the north foot of Willingdon Avenue to the Highway 1 entrance;
- audible signals at pedestrian crossings; and
- excessive litter at bus stops and bus shelters.

Mr. Olson advised the Committee that he has great concern regarding the dangers of fully laden petroleum tanker trucks travelling southbound on Willingdon Avenue from Hastings. The speaker suggested that a letter be sent to Chevron requesting that trucks voluntarily reduce their speed to 30 km/hr.

Mr. Olson’s second concern was in reference to the large amount of litter around bus stops and shelters, particularly on Willingdon Avenue.

The speaker also expressed concern with the proposed increase of oil tanker traffic into Burrard Inlet, enhancement of Kinder Morgan volumes of crude oil and the possibility of an environmental disaster in the Inlet. Mr. Olson requested that the City lobby all levels of government.

In conclusion, the speaker thanked the City’s first responders as well as community centre and public facilities employees.

The Committee made reference to Mr. Olson’s correspondence which was also received at the meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee on 2013 February 05, at which time a number of issues were addressed.

In response to Mr. Olson’s presentation, the Transportation Committee informed the speaker that Council has sent correspondence to Kinder Morgan, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government stating the City’s opposition to the Kinder Morgan expansion.

The Committee agreed that litter is a concern throughout the City. Several suggestions were made including an ‘Adopt a Street’ campaign, and contacting service groups or associations to assist with clean-up.

Staff undertook to contact Chevron Canada Ltd. to request that truck drivers voluntarily reduce their speeds to 30km/h when travelling with petroleum products.
3. BICYCLE ADVISORY GROUP

(a) New Business

Chris Siggers

Mr. Siggers advised the Committee that he had ridden on an urban trail (Green Timbers Greenway) to Golden Ears earlier in the week and noticed that approximately seven to eight kilometres of the urban trail along 96th Avenue in Surrey had been salted in anticipation of freezing weather. Mr. Siggers was pleased to see the level of commitment that the City of Surrey is taking in the maintenance of their urban trails.

Staff advised that sidewalks and urban trails are not currently salted in Burnaby.

Mr. Siggers updated the Committee that he received information from the City of Surrey that bike lanes across the new Port Mann Bridge are anticipated to be completed in September 2013.

Mr. Siggers informed the Committee that he was invited to speak at a meeting of the Burnaby HUB, formerly the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition, to give an overview of his participation on the Transportation Committee’s Bicycle Advisory Group. The HUB is interested in obtaining representation on the Bicycle Advisory Group.

Patrick Ryan

Mr. Ryan queried the status (requested a resolution regarding) of restructuring of the Bicycle Advisory Group (B.A.G.). Many members of the B.A.G. are approaching their 12th year on the Committee and Mr. Ryan suggested that new members would bring new perspective to the Committee. Mr. Ryan also queried the option of full voting rights for B.A.G. members.

The Committee acknowledged that this request has been raised in the past and that staff and Council are currently working on the restructuring of the B.A.G.

Mr. Ryan thanked staff for the removal of the large hump on Still Creek Drive at Still Creek Avenue.

Mr. Ryan advised the Committee that buildings along the Central Valley Greenway, between Gilmore and Boundary, are very heavily graffitied.

Staff undertook to advise the Graffiti Coordinator.

Mike Peel

Mr. Peel queried if the Highway 1 overpass on Gilmore along the Sea to River Bike Route will be replaced.
Staff advised that it will not be replaced as part of the Highway 1 Project. Staff are currently investigating and evaluating several options.

Mr. Peel expressed concern regarding the transition area between the bridge deck and the road on bridges over Still Creek along the Central Valley Greenway. Mr. Peel advised that cracking is occurring in the transition area.

Staff advised that due to the nature of the soil in the area, it is challenging to develop structures that will not subside.

Mr. Peel suggested that staff investigate the possibility of removing the front and side panels on bus shelters at BCIT. He has noticed that students are not using the shelters, but instead lining up on the sidewalk outside of the shelters.

Staff advised that they had investigated the possibility of removing the panels; however, due to the newly implemented bus shelter program this shelter will be replaced.

Mr. Peel thanked the City for the new shelters which have been installed.

The Committee requested that staff investigate widening the sidewalk in the area of the BCIT when replacing the shelters. At times, the crowding of students spills over onto Willingdon Avenue.

Staff undertook to investigate the most appropriate design options for the area.

(b) Inquiries

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

4. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY MS. MARANO:
SECONDED BY MR. TAN:

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(a) Correspondence from Darcy Olson

Re: Traffic and Transportation Issues

Correspondence was received from Mr. Darcy Olson regarding traffic and transportation issues he would like addressed in 2013. This item of correspondence was referred to the Traffic Safety Committee regarding inconsistency in audio signals at pedestrian crossings, petroleum tanker trucks speeding on Willingdon Avenue, and litter at bus stops.
Mr. Olson’s concerns were raised and dealt with under the delegations portion of the meeting.

(b) Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk
Re: 4900 Block Woodsworth Street

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk regarding the Transportation Committee report on the 4900 Block of Woodsworth Street.

Council, at their meeting held on 2012 November 26, received the report and referred it back to the Committee for further review.

The Committee expressed concern regarding the possibility of ‘rat running’ along Woodsworth Street. The opening of Woodsworth Street would create a direct route from Wayburne Drive through to Canada Way, thereby increasing the traffic along this portion of Woodsworth Street.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY MS. MARANO:
SECONDED BY MR. TAN:

“THAT staff be requested to prepare an amended report which recommends public consultation on two options for the completion of Woodsworth Street, one would allow through traffic and one would not allow through traffic.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Peter Cech

Mr. Cech requested increased RCMP enforcement at the intersection at Gamma Avenue North and Cambridge Street. Mr. Cech advised motorists are not stopping at the stop signs thereby making conditions very dangerous for pedestrians. Mr. Cech also requested increased RCMP enforcement of the speed limits along Penzance Drive as well as Empire Drive.

Staff undertook to pass the request onto the RCMP, as well as providing Mr. Cech with a contact at the RCMP.

Maria Marano

Ms. Marano queried the feasibility of installing an advanced left turn signal westbound from Hastings onto Gamma Avenue southbound.

Staff advised that the advanced left turn signal eastbound from Hastings Street onto Gamma Avenue northbound was installed to assist bus traffic. Staff believe that implementing an
advanced signal to travel south onto Gamma from Hastings may encourage more traffic to the
eighbourhood south of Hastings Street.

Ms. Marano expressed concern regarding the construction on the Highway 1 overpass on
Willingdon between Still Creek Avenue and Canada Way. Ms. Marano thanked staff for
reinstalling the barrier between the southbound and northbound lanes at Still Creek Avenue
and Willingdon.

Staff advised that construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2013.

Robert Tan

Mr. Tan thanked staff for replacing the Laurel Street sign at Douglas Road.

6. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. TAN
SECONDED BY MS. MARANO:

“THAT the Open meeting do now adjourn.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Ms. Eva Prior       Councillor Dhaliwal
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER    IN CHAIR