

# Active Transportation Advisory Committee

## APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

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Meeting Attendees: Laura Coward; Margo Farren, Linda Ginenthal, Thomas Guerrero, Sally Lin, Anne Moon, Osmaan Sheikh, Chris Marks (late)

Regrets: Carolyn Gisborne, Councillor Loveday, Charles Vanderwilt, Councillor Isitt, Finn Kreisher,

### 1. Welcome, Attendance, & Acknowledgement

### 2. Adoption of Agenda

**Moved by Linda / Second by Os - CARRIED**

### 3. Adoption of January 2022 Draft Action Minutes

**Moved by Linda / Second by Os - CARRIED**

### 4. Resignation ATAC Member for Jordan Fraser

**Motion to accept resignation and extend thanks to Jordan for ATAC participation – Moved by Margo / Second Os - CARRIED**

- **Cook Street TES Concept Design**

Members reviewed the designs for a change to the Cook Street Temporary Extended Sidewalks. Previous feedback from ATAC helped to inform this design concept. These will be presented at a joint meeting of the Fernwood and North Park neighbourhood meetings in February 2022. If acceptable, there will be a two-phased implementation approach. Discussion included a reminder on the rationale for changes and background. Comments from ATAC members included:

- Overall support for improving the “look and feel” and desire to not go back to “business as usual” with cars parked along curb.
- Comment: people gather outside of the bakery; value in passenger loading next to daycare.
- Comment: Widening the sidewalk would match the curb bulge next to WIN store.
- Question: Who would add furniture / planters? Answer: to work with the FCA / NPNA and Businesses on.
- Question: Can the city consider switching the section of widened sidewalk further south to maximize sun exposure? Answer: The Accessible Parking Stall is the driving element on design on the block between Grant and North Park; it needs to be located at the south end to facilitate a proper curb cut.

- Question: Is there an option to remove RPO parking on east / west streets and turning them into time limited parking? Answer: Staff have proposed the idea of “flexible parking” for Villages (not just north park village) where parking on adjacent streets near villages is time limited during day and then RPO in evenings. This won’t be introduced yet but something under consideration. There was support from ATAC members for this concept.

## 5. Government Street Refresh Design

Members were given a presentation on Government Street Refresh and encouraged participation and promotion through the upcoming feedback process. Initial comments included:

- Looking forward to hearing feedback from broader public – this is an important street for everyone. Not just businesses.
- Tourist buses degrade the pedestrian experience, even for tourists
- This is an opportunity to create connection to Rock Bay / showcase Chinatown
- Government doesn’t need to be an AAA route but cycling should be allowed
- Sidewalk widening is a key priority in the northern 2 blocks
- Should the car-free hours start at 11am so that there is an ability for restaurants to use the space truly for the “lunch hour?”
- Is there a way to physically connect and invite between Chinatown Plaza and the Centennial Square?
- Will tour buses always be needed on Government? Why not other streets? Transit should be prioritized over visitors.
- Ideal to have the #14, #15, #24 and #25 continue to operate on Government
- The streetscape needs to be predictable and easy to navigate
- Excited about new trees; seating and bike parking
- Could this be bolder? Why are we keeping vehicles on the southern blocks at all?
- European approach would be a single consistent surface – seamless between travel areas and storefronts
- Want to see seating and planters and colour
- Could be conflicts between different users – message will have to be “GO SLOW” through physical treatments and signage
- Is the plaza at the south end going to be functional? It is more of a zone but not intended to be for festivals or events?
- Can there be better furniture?
- Still want to see playful elements for kids – not seeing that
- Will other streets be made into 2 way? Broughton or Langley?
- Go bolder – be brave.

## 6. Adjournment – Next meeting March 2022

**Moved Linda / Second Sally – CARRIED**