

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

ACTION MINUTES

Meeting Attendees: Laura Coward; Margo Farren, Linda Ginenthal, Thomas Guerrero, Finn Kreisher, Sally Lin, Chris Marks, Osmaan Sheikh, Carolyn Gisborne, Councillor Loveday, Councillor Isitt (late)

ACTION MINUTES

Motion to Adopt September 2022 Agenda

Moved Os / Second Thomas
CARRIED

Motion to Adopt June 2022 Draft Action Minutes

Moved Margo / Second Chris
CARRIED

Receipt of ATAC Member Resignation

The committee thanked Charles Vanderwilt for his service on ATAC. He has moved out of Victoria.

ACTION: Sarah will update members at the next meeting about their completion of terms in 2023 and recruitment process for the next 2-year term.

Douglas Street RapidBus Update

Staff shared a presentation about the next steps in RapidBus delivery and invited members to watch formal BC Transit presentation at the October committee of the whole meeting.

Feedback included:

- Desire for large scale, creative solutions to make public transit the priority on Douglas
- Consider the impacts of moving more private vehicles on Blanshard
- Identify what changes on Douglas Street are need from land use perspective to support RapidBus
- Integration of cycling infrastructure on Douglas and trade offs
- Design flexibility – build for buses today but sky train tomorrow
- Design options – centre lane vs curb lanes vs turning restrictions.
- Innovations in transit shelters – attractive, digital, weather protection, accessible
- Accessibility of sidewalks on Douglas – room for improvement. People with lived experience and accessibility needs have many comments and have given BC Transit direct feedback through the Accessible Transit committee.
- Opportunity for upgrading the “tired” look of Douglas with new furniture, road paving, new trees, wider sidewalks

Staff confirmed that Douglas Street design concepts would be a future workshop for ATAC members.

RoundTable: Transportation Experiences & Highlights

Members were asked to share their highlights of mobility experiences over summer. Topics included:

- Ridehail services: convenience and affordability in other cities
- Seniors' education programs / transition programs to support car-free lifestyle
- LRT options in Ottawa
- Trails in rural communities and on islands like Hornby or Galiano
- Wide sidewalks and public seating in Vancouver
- Ferry / bus / bike connections to and from island
- Bus service to airports – there has to be better way in CRD.
- Trying Bike valet in Victoria
- Shared bike programs in Montreal, Vancouver, Seattle
- Vehicle parking programs and policies in Victoria
- Shared roadway designs in Cuba
- Behavior change programs focused on new residents in Portland

Opportunity for ATAC Closing Remarks – Outgoing Councillor Liaisons

Outgoing remarks from Councillor Isitt and Councillor Loveday. Emphasis on accomplishments, work to be done and thanked members for volunteering.

Motion to Adjourn

ACTION: Send date for October 2022 Meeting Date if it is happening.