



Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Place: Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Present: Councillor Carol Day, Chair
Councillor Michael Wolfe
Councillor Chak Au
Councillor Kash Heed

Absent: Councillor Alexa Loo

Also Present: Councillor Laura Gillanders (by teleconference)
Councillor Andy Hobbs
Councillor Bill McNulty

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded
That the minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee held on April 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

The Chair advised of the following additions :

- Moray Channel Bridge be added as Item 3A;
- Signage in Steveston be added as item 3B;
- Demolition of House on Freshwater Drive be added as item 3C;
- Sewer Work on Steveston Highway and Gilbert Road be added at item 3D;

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- Traffic Alternatives on Steveston Highway and Mortfield Gate be added as item 3E; and
- BC Federation Of Labour Connecting BC Plan be added as item 3F.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1. **2024 ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES**

(File Ref. No. 10-6450-00) (REDMS No. 7640972)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) to facilitate the intersection upgrade at No. 5 Road and Westminster Highway the channelized lane at the north west quadrant of the intersection will be removed, (ii) staff will provide Committee with a memorandum regarding if the project scope will include a full sidewalk and bus shelter at the north west quadrant, (iii) the speed limit on No. 6 Road was reduced to 50 km/h from 60 km/h, and staff are not aware of any complaints regarding vehicle speed on No. 6 Road, (iv) No. 6 Road between Cambie Road and Bridgeport Road is scheduled to be repaved summer 2024, and (v) staff will report back with a memorandum to Committee with respect to repaving plans for Cambie Street to Steveston Highway.

It was moved and seconded

That the road safety initiatives, as outlined in the staff report titled “2024 Road Safety Initiatives” dated April 19, 2024 from the Director, Transportation, be received for information.

CARRIED

2. **ICBC-CITY OF RICHMOND ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – 2024 UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 10-6460-01) (REDMS No. 7605882)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) staff review the projects that are eligible for funding from ICBC and that can be completed within the year, (ii) projects that have been identified are dependent on the size of the capital program, (iii) staff work closely with school principals to identify what the schools need in terms of calming measures and what they would support, (iv) during a power outage the intersection signals equipped with the Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) system will work normally,

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(v) installation of the UPS system at all major intersections is part of the capital program; staff will provide a memorandum regarding timeline and plans for the upgrade, (vi) the approved funding for the Cambie Road and No. 5 Road intersection upgrade is \$2.76 million, and (vii) detailed designs of projects are completed once a project has been approved and most of the approved capital projects will have an original date of approval some years ahead of the actual construction and completion.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the proposed road safety improvement projects, as described in Attachment 2 of the staff report titled “ICBC-City of Richmond Road Improvement Program – 2024 Update,” dated April 19, 2024 from the Director, Transportation, be endorsed for submission to the ICBC 2024 Road Improvement Program for consideration of cost-share funding; and*
- (2) *That should the above applications be successful, the Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Planning and Development, be authorized to execute the cost-share agreements on behalf of the City, and that the Consolidated 5 Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) be amended accordingly.*

CARRIED

ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION

3. **CAMBIE ROAD AND NO. 5 ROAD INTERSECTION UPGRADE, NO. 2 ROAD MULTI-USE PATHWAY AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2022 – PROJECT UPDATE**

(File Ref. No. 10-6000-01) (REDMS No. 7618994)

In response to queries from Committee, staff advised that (i) the total budget for the project will be \$3.45 million dollars, (ii) all the external funding for the project has been secured, and (iii) most of the increases in the cost of the projects are due to increases in inflation and other pressures in the market.

It was moved and seconded

- (1) *That the increase in project budgets for the Cambie Road and No. 5 Road Intersection Upgrade, No. 2 Road Multi-Use Pathway and Active Transportation Program 2022 be approved as presented in the report “Cambie Road and No. 5 Road Intersection Upgrade, No. 2 Road Multi-Use Pathway and Active Transportation Improvement Program 2022 –Project Update” dated April 24, 2024 from the Director, Transportation and Director, Engineering; and*
- (2) *That the 5 Year Financial Plan (2024-2028) be amended accordingly.*

CARRIED

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3A MORAY CHANNEL BRIDGE

Staff advised Committee that the Moray Channel Bridge is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI). MOTI is conducting a planning study that was supported by Council in June of 2022. The ministry will be developing options for a preliminary business case for this project that is anticipated in Spring 2025. As this planning work progresses staff will provide updates at key milestone points to Council.

3B SIGNAGE IN STEVESTON

Discussion ensued regarding (i) implementing historic signage in Steveston, in particular at No. 1 Rd and Chatham Street and other key locations such as Garry Point Park, Britannia Shipyard National Historic Site, and Sea Island; (ii) implementing a historic signage policy working with the Steveston Historic Society.

Staff advised that a review of city-wide wayfinding is on-going and that Economic Development staff can provide Committee with more information on the matter.

3C DEMOLITION OF HOME ON FRESHWATER DRIVE

Discussion ensued with respect to the (i) good neighbor policy, (ii) the notification area and timeline required for notification of a demolition, and (iii) the rules and regulations contractors must follow during demolition.

As a result of the discussion Committee suggested that this item be referred to the next Planning Committee.

3D SEWER WORKS ON STEVESTON HIGHWAY AND GILBERT ROAD

Staff advised that the work being done is part of the Metro Vancouver Gilbert Trunk Sewer upgrade. Enabling work is being done by the city to allow Metro Vancouver to then do their work. These works are coordinated between Metro Vancouver and the City.

3E TRAFFIC ALTERNATIVES ON STEVESTON HIGHWAY AND MORTFIELD GATE

Discussion ensued with respect to the possibility of having no left turn into Mortfield Gate during busy traffic in the morning and afternoon. Staff advised that they can monitor the area for a couple of days to see if this is a real traffic issue and not just an intermittent one.

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3F ***BC FEDERATION OF LABOUR CONNECTING BC PLAN***

Staff advised that they will look into and forward Council more information about the BC Federation of Labour Connecting BC plan, which is a 10-year vision for public transit throughout BC.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded
That the meeting adjourn (5:08 p.m.).

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Councillor Carol Day
Chair

Raman Grewal
Legislative Services Associate