

**Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel
January 12, 2012 - Meeting Notes
Tom Davies Square Room C-12**

Present:

Daniel Barrette	Cortney St-Jean	Benjamin Reitzel	Nicole Good
Peter Clark	Robert Gauthier	Samantha Baulch	Barb McDougall-Murdoch
Mark Simeoni	Eric Sanderson	Deb McIntosh	Steve Reitzel
Carol Craig	Dave Kilgour	Donald Dennie	David Shelsted

Via Teleconference:

John Wesley McGraw

Guests - MMM Group:

Jim Gough & Dave McLaughlin

Regrets: Jessica Perry, Selene Yan

**Item 1 Transportation Master Plan
5:30-6:30 Public Information Centre (PIC)**

The group was provided with a general overview of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) by Jim Gough & Dave McLaughlin:

1.1 General Works

- Currently completed phase 1 of 4.
- PIC no.2 scheduled for spring 2012
- TMP will review policy, with emphasis on sustainability
- Important focus: Building infrastructure for people who will use it (think comfort)
- Field work completed via driving routes and identified problematic areas.

1.2 PIC no.1 Highlights

- Focus Board: Interests were in cycling and in reducing car travel
- Active Transportation (AT) Maps were provided for feedback (looked at adding/removing corridors)
- AT Board: showed numerous facility types of possible road cross-sections that could be implemented

1.3 TMP Questionnaire:

- CGS communications department currently looking into further advertising the questionnaire with potential for the following:
 - providing to key employers within the City (university/college, hospital, Vale, Xstrata, school boards, social planning council)
 - Facebook and other social media
 - There should be additional efforts made to reach out to focus groups (visually impaired, etc.) Deb offered her help and expertise in reaching out to these groups, due to her previous noteworthy experience with the SMP.
- Questionnaire will be available until spring.

- It was noted that the study is an engagement tool only. It is not statistically valid.

1.4 Considerations for SMAP Group: (*homework)

- In providing AT routes, keep open mind for best option vs. practical vs. none?
- Discussions took place on boulevard cycling...
 - This could result in 3 season use... consensus appeared to think that it's better than no infrastructure at all.
 - Maintenance issues noted: Street sweeping (generally happens Victoria weekend), sand/ice build up.
 - Current by-law states that this practice is illegal. This issue can be addressed via the facility types available.
- * MMM read the current TMP problem statement / strategic vision statement. This vision leads the TMP throughout the study and is an important statement. MMM Group asked that SMAP review and provide comments.
- * SMAP are specifically asked to review
 - Facility types proposed
 - Network features (Considering volume, density, key destinations, etc.)
 - Missing links (Sidewalks, existing & growth areas, etc.)
 - Transit stops and pedestrian crossing points.
 - Identify priorities (short – medium – long)
- David to provide the group with working documents for comments

1.5 Other Key Points

- AT features should ideally “piggy back” off road renewals (better cost/benefit)
- Nicole mentioned that she had completed a significant AT study for her previous studies. The study had noted a significant correlation with the “Suitability Assessment Form”
- Transit currently undertaking a “Trip Matrix” to help in improving the current system.
- Carpool hubs are included as part of the TMP
- Sharrows were completed on Regent Street.

2 Official Plan (OP)

- Mark Simeoni & Councillor Kilgour provided the group with a brief overview of the OP process. It is an open/public process, heavily advertised, and anyone who wishes to speak can contact the clerks office. It is also strongly recommended to provide written submissions.
- The Public Meeting will take place on Monday, January 23, 2012 @ 7:00pm
- Ben and Samantha are championing the presentation. Anyone wishing to input/provide thoughts should send them their info ASAP.
- Donald Dennie provided the group with an OP Statement document being made on behalf of the SMAP. This document highlights modifications to the current OP being requested. An emphasis was placed on revisiting current soft wording of “should and may” to stronger commitments of “will and shall”

- Key items for OP comments and submissions:
 - Review SMP and use key highlights for OP.
 - Provide “over-arching” goals and broader statements (approx.5).
 - The OP provides for policies and gives direction, the Transportation Plan will provide the specifics.
 - Consider that not all people see from the same angle (mining employers wanting faster and more roads vs. the SMAP interests)
 - Think strategically → to bring you to a firm conclusion.
 - Think clarity / clear statements → speak from the heart.

3 SMAP Sub-Groups

3.1 Education group

- Recently met with Robert Gauthier (Transit Services) who was presented their previous presentation for transit improvements.
- Robert informed us priority projects: re-doing the web-site and that a transit planner had been hired to
 - Review & compile available transit data
 - Revamp website
 - Complete an on-line trip planner
- See notes from Ben for additional info.

3.2 Infrastructure group

- The group is awaiting further development of the MTP as to not duplicate work being completed by MMM.
- It was discussed that the group can comment on existing/built conditions to identify facility types which can be built and are preferred or disliked.
- The active transportation map will be reviewed and commented.

4 Homework

- Provide input into the SMAP presentation for the official plan. Sub-committees should meet and forward input by early next week.
- Future meeting for review of Active Transportation Map. David Shelsted to follow-up on.

5 Next Meeting & Other

- Monday March 5, 2012-01-17
- The general public can access the SMAP site via “MySudbury.ca”. Steve R. Is coordinating and has uploaded SMAP documentation to date. Please forward all pertinent items to Steve.

Meeting minutes prepared by Daniel Barrette